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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO SUBMIT A REPORT
TO THE LEGISLATURE ON ALL CURRENT STATE GUN CONTROL LAWS,
HOW THEY COMPARE WITH CURRENT FEDERAL REGULATIONS, DATA ON
FIREARM DISCHARGES, AND DATA ON GUN CRIME IN HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, the country has seen numerous high profile
2 shootings over many decades; and
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4 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii has some of the most
5 comprehensive gun control laws, as well as geography that
6 affords the State the unique opportunity to effectively enforce
7 gun control laws within state boundaries; and
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9 WHEREAS, recent shootings have forced the State to evaluate
10 existing statutes to ensure that they are as adequate and
11 appropriate today as they were when originally enacted; now,
12 therefore,
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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
15 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018,
16 that the Legislative Reference Bureau is requested to compile
17 and submit a report to the Legislature regarding existing gun
18 laws and firearm data for Hawaii; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as part of its report, the
21 Legislative Reference Bureau is requested to include the
22 following:
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24 (1) All statutes involving restrictions on:
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26 (A) The ownership and use of certain types of
27 firearms;
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29 (B) Modifications to firearms; and
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31 (C) Accessories or ammunition for firearms,
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1 including statutes that address the caliber or rate of
2 fire of a firearm or prohibited attachments or
3 accessories for a firearm;
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5 (2) Statutory penalties for the illegal use or possession
6 of a firearm;
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8 (3) The various processes that citizens of the State must
9 complete with respect to obtaining different types of
10 firearms, including pistols and rifles, and obtaining
11 a license to carry a concealed weapon;
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13 (4) Circumstances in which an individual may be
14 dispossessed of a firearm or lose the right to possess
15 a firearm, including circumstances involving the
16 individual's mental health, conviction for a felony
17 offense, or arrest or conviction for domestic
18 violence;
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20 (5) Data on the total number of instances of violent crime
21 in the State over the past decade and, of that number,
22 the number of instances involving a firearm, the
23 number of deaths attributed to a firearm, and the
24 number of firearms deaths caused by an accident or
25 accidental discharge of a firearm;
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27 (6) With respect to the number of instances of violent
28 crime in which a firearm was used, the number of
29 individuals that had already been previously
30 prohibited from owning or possessing a firearm,
31 differentiated by the reason the individual was
32 prohibited from owning or possessing a firearm,
33 including reasons involving the individual's mental
34 health, conviction for a felony offense, or arrest or
35 conviction for domestic violence;
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37 (7) Aggregate data on the number of registered firearm
38 owners in the State and the total number of legally
39 permitted firearms; and
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- 1 (8) A comparison of state statutes, rules, and regulations
2 to existing federal statutes, rules, and regulations
3 where parallel comparisons are available; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to assist the Legislative
6 Reference Bureau, the following entities are requested to
7 provide information, upon request, to the Bureau, including:
8 statistical data; information on federal, state, and county
9 practices and procedures with respect to firearms importation,
10 permitting, registration, licensing, and use; and the
11 disposition of criminal offenses:
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- 13 (1) The Honolulu Field Office of the United States Federal
14 Bureau of Investigation;
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16 (2) The Honolulu Satellite Office of the United States
17 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives;
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19 (3) The Judiciary of the State of Hawaii;
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21 (4) The Department of the Attorney General; and
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23 (5) The respective police departments of the City and
24 County of Honolulu, County of Hawaii, County of
25 Kauai, and County of Maui; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
28 Bureau is requested to submit a report of its findings and
29 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
30 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
31 the Regular Session of 2019; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
34 Resolution be transmitted to the Special Agent-in-Charge of the
35 Honolulu Field Office of the United States Federal Bureau of
36 Investigation; the Resident Agent-in-Charge of the Honolulu
37 Satellite Office of the United States Bureau of Alcohol,
38 Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives; the Governor; the Chief
39 Justice of the Supreme Court of Hawaii; the Attorney General;
40 the mayors of the respective counties; the police chiefs of the



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1 respective counties; and the Director of the Legislative
2 Reference Bureau.
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