

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2544

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2635  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2020  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and  
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2635 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREARMS AMMUNITION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the licensing of sellers of ammunition and for  
the identification and proper permitting of purchasers  
or possessors of ammunition; and
- (2) Regulate ammunition in the same manner as firearms.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Office of the Mayor of the County of Hawaii and two  
individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to  
this measure from the National Rifle Association of America,  
Hawaii Firearms Coalition, KMConcepts, and two hundred eighty-  
eight individuals.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii has strong gun safety laws  
in place, leading to the State being having one of the lowest gun  
related crimes in the nation. Your Committee further finds that  
requiring firearms permits is one of the most effective ways of  
minimizing unlawful possession and use of firearms. However, your  
Committee notes that while firearms are regulated by state law,



there are no laws that regulate ammunition, which plays an equal role in the dangers of firearms. Your Committee believes that requiring licensure for sellers of ammunition will improve gun safety laws in the State, ultimately increasing the safety of the State's residents and visitors alike. This measure will require regulations on ammunitions, as there are on firearms, to provide a safe environment for residents and visitors of the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have prohibited any person from selling ammunition or shell casings for any firearm unless the purchaser first demonstrates that they are the registered owner of the firearm for which the ammunition or shell casings are to be purchased and all language relating to showing proof of firearm registration to purchase ammunition;
- (2) Requiring a purchaser of ammunition or shell casings to show, along with a valid government identification card, a valid permit to acquire firearms, a handgun safety training course affidavit, or a hunter education card;
- (3) Deleting language that authorized a registered owner to designate their spouse as an alternative on the gun registration only for the purposes of purchasing ammunition and language that required the spouse to have completed a background check and fingerprinting; and
- (4) 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. 2635, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2635, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Public Safety,  
Intergovernmental, and Military  
Affairs,

*Clarence K. Nishihara*

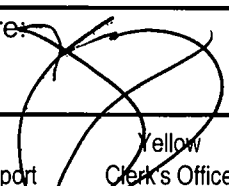
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CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate  
Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs**  
**PSM**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2635	PSM, JDC	2/7/2020		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene			✓	✓
FEVELLA, Kurt			✓	
<b>TOTAL</b>	3	0	1	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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