



**TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE, 2020**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

S.B. NO. 2437, RELATING TO ELECTRIC GUNS.

BEFORE THE:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND
MILITARY AFFAIRS

DATE: Thursday, February 6, 2020 **TIME:** 1:15 p.m.

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Chair Nishihara and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General (Department) supports this bill with amendments.

The purpose of this bill is to protect the health and safety of the public by regulating the sale and use of electric guns.

The constitutionality of Hawaii's electric gun ban has been drawn into question by the United States Supreme Court decision in Caetano v. Massachusetts, 136 S. Ct. 1027 (2016). And a pending lawsuit in the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii, Roberts v. Ballard, 18-00125 HG-KSC, is seeking a declaratory judgment and injunction to invalidate Hawaii's electric gun ban. If Hawaii's electric gun ban is invalidated by the courts, there will be no regulations on the purchase, possession, and use of electric guns by the public.

This bill repeals Hawaii's ban on electric guns and creates a regulatory scheme that restricts the use of electric guns to self defense and requires sellers of electric guns to be licensees and keep records of inventory and sales. The bill also creates criminal offenses for the use or possession of electric guns in the commission of a misdemeanor or felony.

It is the Department's understanding that the county police chiefs support a regulatory scheme that would require electric guns that use projectiles, such as Tasers,

be subject to a permitting and registration process similar to firearms. The attached draft creates a permitting and registration process for electric guns that use projectiles while maintaining the licensing requirements for sales of electric guns that do not use projectiles.

We respectfully ask the Committee to pass this bill with the amendments contained in the attached draft.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTRIC GUNS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds the United States Supreme
2 Court decision in *Caetano v. Massachusetts*, 136 S. Ct. 1027
3 (2016), which overruled a decision of the Massachusetts Supreme
4 Judicial Court, has raised questions regarding the
5 constitutionality of bans on electric guns, and may make
6 amendments to Hawaii's law on electric guns advisable. The
7 purpose of the bill is to protect the health and safety of the
8 public by regulating the sale and use of electric guns.

9 SECTION 2. Chapter 134, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and
11 to read as follows:

12 **"PART . ELECTRIC GUNS**

13 **§134-A Definitions.** As used in this part:

14 "Cartridge" means any device or object that is designed to
15 be used with an electric gun to project a missile. "Cartridge"
16 includes but is not limited to a Taser cartridge.

1 "Electric gun" means any portable device that is designed
2 to discharge electric energy, charge, voltage, or current into
3 the body through direct contact or utilizing a projectile.

4 "Electric gun" includes but is not limited to devices commonly
5 referred to as stun guns. It does not include any automatic
6 defibrillator used in emergency medical situations.

7 "Electric projectile gun" means any electric gun that is
8 designed to discharge electric energy, charge, voltage, or
9 current into the body through a projectile. "Electric
10 projectile gun" includes but is not limited to a Taser.

11 "Law enforcement agency" means any county police
12 department, the department of public safety, the department of
13 the attorney general, the division of conservation and resources
14 enforcement of the department of land and natural resources, and
15 any other state or county public body that employs law
16 enforcement officers.

17 "Law enforcement officer" means a sheriff or deputy
18 sheriff, police officer, enforcement officer within division of
19 conservation and resources enforcement of the department of land
20 and natural resources, special agent of the department of the
21 attorney general, and any other public servant vested by law
22 with a duty to maintain public order, to make arrests for

1 offenses, or to enforce criminal laws, whether that duty extends
2 to all offenses or is limited to a specific class of offenses.

3 "Licensee" means a person licensed to sell or distribute
4 electric guns pursuant to section 134-E.

5 "Person" means an individual, firm, corporation,
6 partnership, association, or any form of business or legal
7 entity.

8 "Transfer" means the granting of possession or ownership to
9 another, and includes the granting of temporary possession to
10 another.

11 **§134-B Restrictions on use, sale, and transfer of electric**
12 **guns.** (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly or
13 recklessly use an electric gun for any purpose except:

14 (1) Self-defense;

15 (2) Defense of another person; or

16 (3) Protection of property of the person or of another
17 person.

18 (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly sell,
19 offer for sale, distribute, or otherwise transfer an electric
20 gun or cartridge without a license obtained pursuant to section
21 134-E.

1 It is an affirmative defense to prosecution pursuant to
2 this subsection, that the person is an adult employee of a
3 licensee acting within the scope of the person's employment.

4 (c) It shall be unlawful for a licensed person or employee
5 of a licensee to knowingly sell, distribute, or otherwise
6 transfer an electric gun or cartridge at a place other than the
7 licensee's designated place of business.

8 (d) It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly sell,
9 offer for sale, distribute, or otherwise transfer an electric
10 gun or cartridge to a minor.

11 (e) It shall be unlawful for any person, other than a
12 licensee, a law enforcement agency, or the army or air national
13 guard to knowingly or recklessly purchase, obtain, or otherwise
14 receive an electric gun or cartridge from a person who does not
15 have a license issued pursuant to section 134-E.

16 (f) Any person violating this section shall be guilty of a
17 misdemeanor.

18 **§134-C Permits to acquire electric projectile gun.** (a)

19 No person shall acquire the ownership of an electric projectile
20 gun, whether usable or unusable, serviceable or unserviceable,
21 registered by a prior owner or unregistered, either by purchase,
22 gift, inheritance, request, or in any other manner, whether

1 procured in the State or imported by mail, express, freight, or
2 otherwise, until the person has first procured from the chief of
3 police of the county of the person's place of business or, if
4 there is no place of business, the person's residence or, if
5 there is neither place of business nor residence, the person's
6 place of sojourn, a permit to acquire the ownership of an
7 electric projectile gun as prescribed in this section. When
8 title to any electric projectile gun is acquired by inheritance
9 or bequest, the foregoing permit shall be obtained before taking
10 possession of an electric projectile gun; provided that upon
11 presentation of a copy of the death certificate of the owner
12 making the bequest, any heir or legatee may transfer the
13 inherited or bequested electric projectile gun directly to a
14 dealer licensed under section 134-E without complying with the
15 requirements of this section.

16 (b) The permit application form shall include the
17 applicant's name, address, sex, height, weight, date of birth,
18 place of birth, country of citizenship, social security number,
19 alien or admission number, and information regarding the
20 applicant's mental health history and shall require the
21 fingerprinting and photographing of the applicant by the police
22 department of the county of registration; provided that where

1 fingerprints and a photograph are already on file with the
2 department, these may be waived.

3 (c) An applicant for a permit shall sign a waiver at the
4 time of application, allowing the chief of police of the county
5 issuing the permit access to any records that have a bearing on
6 the mental health of the applicant. The permit application form
7 and the waiver form shall be prescribed by the attorney general
8 and shall be uniform throughout the State.

9 (d) The chief of police of the respective counties may
10 issue permits to acquire electric projectile guns to citizens or
11 legal aliens of the United States of the age of eighteen years
12 or more.

13 (e) The permit application form shall be signed by the
14 applicant and by the issuing authority. One copy of the permit
15 shall be retained by the issuing authority as a permanent
16 official record. Except for sales to dealers licensed under
17 section 134-E, no permit shall be issued to an applicant earlier
18 than fourteen calendar days after the date of the application;
19 provided that a permit shall be issued or the application denied
20 before the twentieth day from the date of application. Permits
21 issued to acquire any electric projectile gun shall be void
22 unless used within ten days after the date of issue. Permits to

1 acquire an electric projectile gun shall require a separate
2 application and permit for each transaction. The issuing
3 authority shall perform an inquiry on an applicant by using the
4 International Justice and Public Safety Network, including the
5 United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement query, and the
6 National Crime Information Center, pursuant to section 846-2.7
7 before any determination to issue a permit or to deny an
8 application is made.

9 (f) In all cases where an electric projectile gun is
10 acquired from another person within the State, the permit shall
11 be signed in ink by the person to whom title to the electric
12 projectile gun is transferred and shall be delivered to the
13 person who is transferring title to the electric projectile gun,
14 who shall verify that the person to whom the electric projectile
15 gun is to be transferred is the person named in the permit and
16 enter on the permit in the space provided the following
17 information: name of the person to whom the title to the
18 electric projectile gun was transferred; names of the
19 manufacturer and importer; model; and serial number, as
20 applicable. The person who is transferring title to the
21 electric projectile gun shall sign the permit in ink and cause
22 the permit to be delivered or sent by registered mail to the

1 issuing authority within forty-eight hours after transferring
2 the electric projectile gun.

3 In all cases where receipt of an electric projectile gun is
4 had by mail, express, freight, or otherwise from sources without
5 the State, the person to whom the permit has been issued shall
6 make the prescribed entries on the permit, sign the permit in
7 ink, and cause the permit to be delivered or sent by registered
8 mail to the issuing authority within forty-eight hours after
9 taking possession of the electric projectile gun.

10 (g) No person shall be issued a permit under this section
11 unless the person, at any time prior to the issuance of the
12 permit, has completed an electric projectile gun safety or
13 training course, offered by the county, or approved by the
14 county, that focuses on:

- 15 (1) The safe use and handling of electric projectile guns;
16 (2) Current information about the effects, dangers, risks,
17 and limitations of electric projectile guns; and
18 (3) Education on the current state laws on electric
19 projectile guns.

20 (h) No person shall sell, give, lend, or deliver into the
21 possession of another any electric projectile gun except in
22 accordance with this part.

1 (i) No fee shall be charged for permits, or applications
2 for permits, under this section, except for a single fee
3 chargeable by and payable to the issuing county, for individuals
4 applying for their first permit, in an amount equal to the fee
5 charged by the Hawaii criminal justice data center pursuant to
6 section 846-2.7.

7 (j) Any person, including any licensee, violating
8 subsections (a), (f), or (h) shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

9 **§134-D Registration.** (a) Every person arriving in the
10 State who brings or by any other manner causes to be brought
11 into the State an electric gun of any description, whether
12 usable or unusable, serviceable or unserviceable, shall register
13 the electric gun within five days after arrival of the person or
14 of the electric gun, whichever arrives later, with the chief of
15 police of the county of the person's place of business or, if
16 there is no place of business, the person's residence or, if
17 there is neither a place of business nor residence, the person's
18 place of sojourn

19 Every person registering an electric gun under this
20 subsection shall be fingerprinted and photographed by the police
21 department of the county of registration; provided that this
22 requirement shall be waived where fingerprints and photographs

1 are already on file with the police department. The police
2 department shall perform an inquiry on the person by using the
3 International Justice and Public Safety Network, including the
4 United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement query, and the
5 National Crime Information Center, pursuant to section 846-2.7
6 before any determination to register an electric gun is made.
7 If the electric gun has no serial number, an application for a
8 permit pursuant to section 134-D shall be completed and the
9 permit number shall be entered in the space provided for the
10 serial number, and the permit number shall be engraved upon the
11 electric gun prior to registration.

12 (b) Every person who manufactures an electric gun shall
13 register the electric gun in the manner prescribed by this
14 section within five days of manufacture. A licensee shall not
15 be required to have the electric guns physically inspected by
16 the chief of police at the time of registration.

17 Every person registering an electric gun under this
18 subsection shall be fingerprinted and photographed by the police
19 department of the county of registration; provided that this
20 requirement shall be waived where fingerprints and photographs
21 are already on file with the police department. The police
22 department shall perform an inquiry on the person by using the

1 International Justice and Public Safety Network, including the
2 United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement query, and the
3 National Crime Information Center, pursuant to section 846-2.7
4 before any determination to register an electric gun is made.

5 If the electric gun has no serial number, an application for a
6 permit pursuant to section 134-D shall be completed and the
7 permit number shall be entered in the space provided for the
8 serial number, and the permit number shall be engraved upon the
9 electric gun prior to registration.

10 (c) Every person who acquires an electric projectile gun
11 pursuant to section 134-F shall register the electric projectile
12 gun in the manner prescribed by this section within five days of
13 acquisition. If the electric projectile gun has no serial
14 number, the permit number shall be entered in the space provided
15 for the serial number, and the permit number shall be engraved
16 upon the electric projectile gun prior to registration.

17 (d) The registration shall be on forms prescribed by the
18 attorney general, which shall be uniform throughout the State,
19 and shall include the following information: name of the
20 manufacturer and importer; model; serial number; and source from
21 which receipt was obtained, including the name and address of
22 the prior registrant. All registration data that would identify

1 the individual registering the electric gun by name or address
2 shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed to anyone,
3 except as may be required:

4 (1) For processing the registration;

5 (2) For database management by the Hawaii criminal justice
6 data center;

7 (3) By a law enforcement agency for the lawful performance
8 of its duties; or

9 (4) By order of a court.

10 (c) A licensee shall register electric projectile guns
11 pursuant to this section on registration forms prescribed by the
12 attorney general and shall not be required to have the electric
13 projectile guns physically inspected by the chief of police at
14 the time of registration.

15 (d) No fee shall be charged for the registration of a
16 electric gun under this section, except for a fee chargeable by
17 and payable to the registering county for persons registering a
18 electric gun under subsection (a) or (b), in an amount equal to
19 the fee charged by the Hawaii criminal justice data center
20 pursuant to section 846-2.7.

21 (e) Any person, including any licensee, violating this
22 section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

1 **§134-E License to sell or distribute electric guns; fee.**

2 (a) Any person desiring to sell, offer for sale, distribute, or
3 otherwise transfer electric guns or cartridges to a person in
4 the State, either at wholesale or retail, shall annually file an
5 application for a license to do so with the county in which the
6 person desires to conduct business or within the county to which
7 the person intends the electric guns to be distributed, using
8 forms prescribed by the county.

9 (b) If the applicant is an individual, the application and
10 supporting documentation must establish at least the following,
11 in addition to any other information the county may require:

12 (1) The legal name, date of birth, and the last four
13 digits of the social security number of the
14 individual;

15 (2) The street address, telephone number, fax number, and
16 email address of the individual;

17 (3) The name and location of the principal place of
18 business of the applicant and, if applicable, each
19 additional designated place of business from which the
20 applicant desires to sell electric guns;

21 (4) The applicant's Hawaii tax identification number;

22 (5) The applicant has had no convictions for any felony

offense; and

(6) Within the last three years, the applicant has completed an electric gun safety or training course, offered by the county, or approved by the county, that focuses on:

(i) The safe use and handling of electric guns;

(ii) Current information about the effects, dangers, risks, and limitations of electric guns; and

(iii) Education on the current state laws on electric guns.

(c) If the applicant is not an individual, the application and supporting documentation must establish at least the following, in addition to any other information the county may require:

(1) The name of the applying entity and any other name under which the applying entity does business, if applicable;

(2) The street address, telephone number, fax number, and email address of the applying entity;

(3) The legal name, date of birth, and the last four digits of the social security number of each of the principals or members of the applying entity;

1 (4) The street address, telephone number, fax number, and
2 email address of each of the principals or members of
3 the applying entity;

4 (5) The name and location of the principal place of
5 business of the applying entity and, if applicable,
6 each additional designated place of business from
7 which the applying entity desires to sell electric
8 guns;

9 (6) The applying entity is registered to do business in
10 the State;

11 (7) The applying entity is composed of principals or
12 members who have had no convictions for any felony
13 offense;

14 (8) The applying entity has a Hawaii tax identification
15 number;

16 (9) The applying entity has a federal employer
17 identification number; and

18 (10) Within the last three years, at least one principal or
19 member of the applying entity has completed an
20 electric gun safety or training course, offered by the
21 county, or approved by the county, that focuses on:

22 (i) The safe use and handling of electric guns;

1 (ii) Current information about the effects, dangers,
2 risks, and limitations of electric guns; and

3 (iii) Education on the current state laws on electric
4 guns.

5 (d) The applicant must certify that the applicant will
6 comply at all times with all provisions of law relative to the
7 acquisition, possession, storage, and sale of electric guns, and
8 must also certify that it is responsible for compliance by its
9 employees of all provisions of law relative to the acquisition,
10 possession, and sale of electric guns.

11 (e) Upon receipt of the completed application form and the
12 annual licensing fee of \$50 payable to the county, the county
13 shall review the application and may issue a license to the
14 applicant if it determines that the applicant meets all the
15 requirements of this section. If requested by the licensee, the
16 county shall also provide certified copies of the license to the
17 licensee.

18 (f) A license issued hereunder shall expire on June 30
19 next following the date of issuance of the license unless sooner
20 terminated. Application for renewal of license shall be filed
21 on or before July 1 of each year.

1 **§134-F The sale or transfer of electric guns.** (a) A

2 licensee shall post the license to sell or distribute electric
3 guns, or a certified copy thereof, in a location readily visible
4 to customers at each designated place of business. For internet
5 sales by a licensee, the license number shall be prominently
6 displayed and an electronic copy of the license shall be readily
7 accessible to the customer.

8 (b) An individual licensee shall complete, every three
9 years, an electric gun safety or training course, offered by the
10 county, or approved by the county, that focuses on:

11 (1) The safe use and handling of electric guns;

12 (2) Current information about the effects, dangers,
13 risks, and limitations of electric guns; and

14 (3) Education on the current state laws on electric
15 guns.

16 A licensee shall keep copies of the certificates of
17 completion of these training courses in the licensee's business
18 records.

19 (c) A licensee shall require employees who participate in
20 the sale or transfer of electric guns or cartridges, to
21 complete, every three years, an electric gun safety or training

1 course, offered by the county, or approved by the county, that
2 focuses on:

- 3 (1) The safe use and handling of electric guns;
- 4 (2) Current information about the effects, dangers,
5 risks, and limitations of electric guns; and
- 6 (3) Education on the current state laws on electric
7 guns.

8 A licensee shall not allow an employee to participate in
9 the sale or transfer of electric guns or cartridges until the
10 employee completes the electric gun safety or training course.

11 A licensee shall keep copies of the certificates of
12 completion of these training courses for each of these employees
13 in the licensee's business records.

14 (d) If there is no manufacturer serial number on an
15 electric gun or cartridge received into inventory by a licensee,
16 then the licensee shall engrave on the electric gun or cartridge
17 a legible unique serial number that begins with the licensee's
18 license number, followed by a hyphen and a unique identifying
19 number.

20 (e) A licensee shall keep records for all electric guns
21 and cartridges received into inventory within the State,
22 including:

1 (1) Information identifying the seller, distributor, or
2 transferor of the electric gun or cartridge; and

3 (2) The transaction record for the electric gun or
4 cartridge, including the date of receipt, a
5 description of the electric gun or cartridge, the
6 manufacturer's serial number or the unique identifying
7 serial number engraved by the licensee, and if
8 available, the manufacturer and the model number.

9 (f) Prior to completing a sale or other transfer of an
10 electric gun that does not require the purchaser to obtain a
11 permit, the licensee or an employee of the licensee shall
12 provide an informational briefing to the recipient that
13 includes, but is not limited to, the following:

14 (1) The safe use and handling of electric guns;

15 (2) Current information about the effects, dangers,
16 risks, and limitations of electric guns;

17 (3) Education on the current state laws on electric
18 guns; and

19 (4) The proper disposal of electric guns.

20 (g) Upon completion of the informational briefing, the
21 licensee shall provide a certification of informational briefing
22 that is signed and dated by the recipient and the person who

1 provided the briefing acknowledging the completion of the
2 briefing and that the recipient understood the briefing and
3 includes the names of the recipient and the person who provided
4 the informational briefing, and the date of the briefing. The
5 form of the certification shall be as provided by the county
6 office that issued the license to the licensee.

7 (h) A licensee shall keep a record of the information
8 provided to recipients during the informational briefings.

9 (i) A licensee shall keep records of all sales,
10 distributions, and other transactions of electric guns and
11 cartridges sold in the State or to a recipient in the State,
12 including:

13 (1) The recipient's name, date of birth, address, and
14 telephone number;

15 (2) A copy of the recipient's government-issued
16 identification card or document;

17 (3) The transaction record for the electric gun or
18 cartridge, including the date of the transaction, a
19 description of the electric gun or cartridge, name of
20 the manufacturer, serial and model numbers, and if
21 necessary, the unique serial number engraved by the
22 licensee; and

1 (4) A copy of the certification of informational briefing
2 signed and dated by the recipient and the person who
3 provided the briefing.

4 (5) For sales of an electric projectile gun, a copy of the
5 permit.

6 (6) For sales of a cartridge, a copy of the registration
7 for an electric projectile gun.

8 (j) A licensee shall also keep a record of the licensee's
9 current inventory of electric guns and cartridges.

10 (k) During normal business hours, a licensee shall allow
11 the chief of police of the appropriate county or designee to
12 inspect the licensee's books and records for all records
13 required to be kept by the licensee for electric guns and
14 cartridges. At the discretion of the chief of police of the
15 appropriate county or designee, the inspection of the records
16 may be conducted via facsimile transmittal of the records.

17 (1) A licensee shall keep records required by this section
18 for a minimum of ten years. If a licensee, as a result of death
19 or dissolution, cannot maintain the records, the records shall
20 be turned over to the chief of police of the appropriate county
21 or designee.

1 (m) When displaying or storing electric guns or cartridges
2 at designated places of business, a licensee shall display or
3 store the electric guns and cartridges in a locked cabinet or
4 area not accessible to the general public.

5 (n) During normal business hours, a licensee shall allow
6 the chief of police of the appropriate county or designee to
7 physically inspect all electric guns and cartridges in the
8 possession and control of the licensee wherever they may be
9 located within the State.

10 (o) A licensee shall only sell or transfer a cartridge to
11 a person who presents an original registration for an electric
12 projectile gun that is in the person's name.

13 (o) Any person, including any licensee, violating this
14 section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

15 (p) A license may be suspended or revoked for a violation
16 of any of the requirements of this section.

17 **§134-G Disposal of electrical gun.** A person who is not a
18 licensee pursuant to section 134-E may sell or otherwise
19 transfer an electric gun or cartridge to a licensee or may
20 surrender the electric gun or cartridge to the chief of police
21 of the appropriate county or designee. The chief of police may
22 either destroy the electric gun or cartridge, or utilize the

1 electric gun or cartridge for educational purposes. The chief
2 of police shall maintain records of all surrendered electric
3 guns and cartridges, including their disposition.

4 **§134-H Ownership or possession prohibited.** (a) No person
5 who is a fugitive from justice shall own, possess, or control an
6 electric gun.

7 (b) No person who is under indictment for, or has waived
8 indictment for, or has been bound over to the circuit court for,
9 or has been convicted in this State or elsewhere of having
10 committed a felony, or any crime of violence, or any illegal
11 sale of any drug shall own, possess, or control an electric gun.

12 (c) No person who:

13 (1) Is or has been under treatment or counseling for
14 addiction to, abuse of, or dependence upon any
15 dangerous, harmful, or detrimental drug, intoxicating
16 compound as defined in section 712-1240, or
17 intoxicating liquor;

18 (2) Has been acquitted of a crime on the grounds of mental
19 disease, disorder, or defect pursuant to section 704-
20 411; or

21 (3) Is or has been diagnosed as having a significant

1 behavioral, emotional, or mental disorders as defined
2 by the most current diagnostic manual of the American
3 Psychiatric Association or for treatment for organic
4 brain syndromes;

5 shall own, possess, or control an electric gun, unless the
6 person has been medically documented to be no longer adversely
7 affected by the addiction, abuse, dependence, mental disease,
8 disorder, or defect.

9 (d) No person who is less than twenty-five years of age
10 and has been adjudicated by the family court to have committed a
11 felony, or two or more crimes of violence, or an illegal sale of
12 any drug shall own, possess, or control an electric gun.

13 (e) No minor shall own, possess, or control an electric
14 gun.

15 (f) No person shall possess an electric gun that is owned
16 by another, regardless of whether the owner has consented to
17 possession of the electric gun.

18 (g) No person who has been restrained pursuant to an order
19 of any court from contacting, threatening, or physically abusing
20 any person or from possessing or owning a firearm, shall
21 possess, control, or transfer ownership of an electric gun, so
22 long as the protective order, restraining order, or any

1 extension is in effect, unless the order, for good cause shown,
2 specifically permits the possession of an electric gun. The
3 restraining order or order of protection shall specifically
4 include a statement that possession, control, or transfer of an
5 electric gun by the person named in the order is prohibited.

6 Such person shall relinquish possession and control of any
7 electric gun owned by that person to the police department of
8 the appropriate county for safekeeping for the duration of the
9 order or extension thereof.

10 In the case of an ex parte order that includes a
11 restriction on the possession, control, or transfer of an
12 electric gun, the affidavit or statement under oath that forms
13 the basis for the order shall contain a statement of the facts
14 that support a finding that the person to be restrained owns,
15 intends to obtain or to transfer, or possesses an electric gun,
16 and that the electric gun may be used to threaten, injure, or
17 abuse any person. The ex parte order shall be effective upon
18 service pursuant to section 586-6.

19 At the time of service of a restraining order involving
20 electric guns issued by any court, the police officer may take
21 custody of any and all electric guns in plain sight, those

1 discovered pursuant to a consensual search, and those electric
2 guns surrendered by the person restrained.

3 For the purposes of this subsection, good cause shall not
4 be based solely upon the consideration that the person subject
5 to restraint pursuant to an order of any court, including an ex
6 parte order as provided for in this subsection, is required to
7 possess or carry an electric gun during the course of the
8 person's employment. Good cause may include but need not be
9 limited to the protection and safety of the person to whom a
10 restraining order is granted.

11 (h) Any person disqualified from ownership, possession,
12 control, or the right to transfer ownership of an electric gun
13 under this section shall surrender or dispose of all electric
14 guns in compliance with section 134-G.

15 (i) For the purposes of enforcing this section, and
16 notwithstanding section 571-84 or any other law to the contrary,
17 any agency within the State shall make its records relating to
18 family court adjudications available to law enforcement
19 officials.

20 (j) Any person violating subsection (a) or (b) shall be
21 guilty of a class C felony. Any person violating subsection

1 (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), or (h) shall be guilty of a
2 misdemeanor.

3 **§134-I Exemptions.** (a) Sections 134-B, 134-C, 134-D, and
4 134-H(f) shall not apply to:

5 (1) Law enforcement agencies and law enforcement officers
6 acting within the course of their employment; and

7 (2) The army or air national guard and its members when
8 they are assisting civil authorities in disaster
9 relief, emergency management, or law enforcement
10 functions, subject to the requirements of section
11 121-34.5;

12 provided that the electric guns shall be acquired by the law
13 enforcement agencies or the army or air national guard and not
14 individual law enforcement officers or members of the army or
15 air national guard, and shall remain in the custody and control
16 of law enforcement agencies, or the army or air national guard.

17 (b) Law enforcement agencies that authorize use of
18 electric guns by its law enforcement officers and the army or
19 air national guard shall provide training from the manufacturer
20 or from a manufacturer-approved training program, as well as by
21 manufacturer-certified or manufacturer-approved instructors in

1 the use of electric guns prior to deployment of the electric
2 guns and related equipment in public.

3 (c) The law enforcement agencies that authorize use of
4 electric guns by its law enforcement officers and the army or
5 air national guard shall maintain records regarding every
6 electric gun in its custody and control. The records shall
7 report every instance of usage of the electric guns; in
8 particular, records shall be maintained in a similar manner as
9 for those of discharging of electric projectile guns. The law
10 enforcement agencies and the army and air national guard shall
11 annually report to the legislature regarding these records no
12 later than twenty days before the beginning of each regular
13 session of the legislature.

14 (d) The licensing requirement of sections 134-B(b) and
15 134-E shall not apply to the sale of electric guns and
16 cartridges by the electric gun manufacturers distributing
17 directly to law enforcement agencies, or the army or air
18 national guard.

19 **§134-J Storage of electric gun; responsibility with**
20 **respect to minors.** (a) No person shall store or keep any
21 electric gun on any premises under the person's control if the

1 person knows or reasonably should know that a minor is likely to
2 gain access to the electric gun, unless the person:

3 (1) Keeps the electric gun in a securely locked box or
4 other container or in a location that a reasonable
5 person would believe to be secure; or

6 (2) Carries the electric gun on the person or within such
7 close proximity thereto that the minor cannot gain
8 access or control of the electric gun.

9 (b) Any person violating this section shall be guilty of a
10 misdemeanor.

11 **§134-K Carrying or use of electric gun in the commission**
12 **of a separate misdemeanor.** (a) It shall be unlawful for a
13 person to knowingly carry on the person or have within the
14 person's immediate control or intentionally use or threaten to
15 use an electric gun, whether operable or not, while engaged in
16 the commission of a separate misdemeanor, provided that a person
17 shall not be prosecuted under this subsection when the separate
18 misdemeanor is a misdemeanor defined by this chapter.

19 (b) A conviction and sentence under this section shall be
20 in addition to and not in lieu of any conviction and sentence
21 for the separate misdemeanor; provided that the sentence imposed

1 under this section may run concurrently or consecutively with
2 the sentence for the separate misdemeanor.

3 (c) Any person violating this section shall be guilty of a
4 class C felony.

5 **§134-L Carrying or use of electric gun in the commission**
6 **of a separate felony.** (a) It shall be unlawful for a person to
7 knowingly carry on the person or have within the person's
8 immediate control or intentionally use or threaten to use an
9 electric gun, whether operable or not, while engaged in the
10 commission of a separate felony, provided that a person shall
11 not be prosecuted under this subsection when the separate felony
12 is a felony defined by this chapter.

13 (b) A conviction and sentence under this section shall be
14 in addition to and not in lieu of any conviction and sentence
15 for the separate felony; provided that the sentence imposed
16 under this section may run concurrently or consecutively with
17 the sentence for the separate felony.

18 (c) Any person violating this section shall be guilty of a
19 class B felony."

20 SECTION 3. Section 121-34.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
21 amended to read as follows:

1 **"§121-34.5 Use of electric guns.** Members of the army or
2 air national guard who have been qualified by training and are
3 authorized by their commanders may use electric guns, as
4 specifically provided in section [~~134-16(c) and (d)~~], 134-I,
5 when assisting civil authorities in disaster relief, emergency
6 management, or law enforcement functions; provided that
7 "training" for the purposes of this section means a course of
8 instruction or training in the use of any electric gun
9 authorized pursuant to this section, that is provided or
10 authorized by the manufacturer or is manufacturer-approved or is
11 an electric gun training program approved by the army or air
12 national guard, prior to deployment or issuance of electric guns
13 and related equipment."

14 SECTION 4. Section 134-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended by deleting the definition of "electric gun":

16 [~~"Electric gun" means any portable device that is~~
17 ~~electrically operated to project a missile or electromotive~~
18 ~~force. It does not include any electric livestock prod used in~~
19 ~~animal husbandry and any automatic external defibrillator used~~
20 ~~in emergency medical situations.]~~

21 SECTION 5. Section 134-3.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
22 amended to read as follows:

1 **"§134-3.5 Disclosure for firearm permit and registration**
2 **purposes.** A health care provider or public health authority
3 shall disclose health information, including protected health
4 care information, relating to an individual's mental health
5 history, to the appropriate county chief of police in response
6 to a request for the information from the chief of police;
7 provided that:

8 (1) The information shall be used only for the purpose of
9 evaluating the individual's fitness to acquire or own
10 a firearm or electric gun; and

11 (2) The individual has signed a waiver permitting release
12 of the health information for that purpose."
13

14 SECTION 6. Section 134-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

16 "(c) Any person who violates section 134-2, 134-4, 134-10,
17 or 134-15[, ~~or 134-16(a)~~] shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Any
18 person who violates section 134-3(b) shall be guilty of a petty
19 misdemeanor and the electric projectile gun shall be confiscated
20 as contraband and disposed of, if the electric projectile gun is
21 not registered within five days of the person receiving notice
22 of the violation."

SECTION 7. Section 134-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is repealed.

~~["§134-16 Restriction on possession, sale, gift, or delivery of electric guns. (a) It shall be unlawful for any person, including a licensed manufacturer, licensed importer, or licensed dealer, to possess, offer for sale, hold for sale, sell, give, lend, or deliver any electric gun.~~

~~(b) Any electric gun possessed, offered for sale, held for sale, sold, given, lent, or delivered in violation of subsection (a) shall be confiscated and disposed of by the chief of police.~~

~~(c) This section shall not apply to:~~

~~(1) Law enforcement officers of county police departments;~~

~~(2) Law enforcement officers of the department of public safety;~~

~~(3) Conservation and resources enforcement officers of the department of land and natural resources;~~

~~(4) Members of the Army or Air National Guard when assisting civil authorities in disaster relief, emergency management, or law enforcement functions, subject to the requirements of section 121-34.5;~~

~~(5) Law enforcement officers appointed by the director of transportation pursuant to section 266-24; and~~

1 ~~(6) Vendors providing electric guns to the individuals~~
2 ~~described in paragraphs (1) through (5);~~
3 ~~provided that electric guns shall at all times remain in the~~
4 ~~custody and control of the law enforcement officers of the~~
5 ~~county police departments, the law enforcement officers of the~~
6 ~~department of public safety, the conservation and resources~~
7 ~~enforcement officers of the department of land and natural~~
8 ~~resources, the members of the Army or Air National Guard, or law~~
9 ~~enforcement officers appointed by the director of~~
10 ~~transportation.~~

11 ~~(d) The county police departments of this State, the~~
12 ~~department of public safety, the department of land and natural~~
13 ~~resources, the army and air national guard, and the department~~
14 ~~of transportation shall maintain records regarding every~~
15 ~~electric gun in their custody and control. The records shall~~
16 ~~report every instance of usage of the electric guns; in~~
17 ~~particular, records shall be maintained in a similar manner as~~
18 ~~for those of discharging of firearms. The county police~~
19 ~~departments, the department of public safety, the department of~~
20 ~~land and natural resources, the army and air national guard, and~~
21 ~~the department of transportation shall annually report to the~~

~~legislature regarding these records no later than twenty days before the beginning of each regular session of the legislature.~~

~~(e) The department of land and natural resources, the department of public safety, and the department of transportation shall ensure that each of its conservation and resources enforcement officers and law enforcement officers who is authorized to use an electric gun and related equipment shall first receive training from the manufacturer or from a manufacturer approved training program, as well as by manufacturer-certified or approved instructors in the use of electric guns prior to deployment of the electric guns and related equipment in public. Training for conservation and resources enforcement officers of the department of land and natural resources, law enforcement officers of the department of public safety, and law enforcement officers of the department of transportation may be done concurrently to ensure cost savings.~~

~~(f) No later than June 30, 2018, the conservation and resources enforcement program of the department of land and natural resources shall meet the law enforcement accreditation or recognition standards of the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., in the use of electric guns.~~

1 ~~(g) No later than June 30, 2024, the law enforcement~~
2 ~~officers appointed by the director of transportation shall meet~~
3 ~~the law enforcement accreditation or recognition standards of~~
4 ~~the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies,~~
5 ~~Inc., in the use of electric guns."]~~

6 SECTION 8. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
7 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
8 begun, before the effective date of this Act.

9 SECTION 9. In codifying the new sections added to chapter
10 134, Hawaii Revised Statutes, by section 2 and referenced in
11 section 3 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute
12 appropriate section number for the letters used in designating
13 the new sections in this Act.

14 SECTION 10. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 11. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Report Title:

Electric Guns

Description:

Repeals section 134-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the current law that bans electric guns, and replaces it with a law that restricts the use, storage, transfer, and disposal of electric guns, regulates the sale of electric guns, requires training and education on electric guns, prohibits certain individuals from the possession and use of electric guns, prohibits the use of electric guns in the commission of crimes, and requires permits and registration of electric projectile guns.

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February 5, 2020

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara
Chairperson and Committee Members
Committee On Public Safety, Intergovernmental, & Military Affairs
415 South Beretania Street, Room 229
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

RE: SENATE BILL 2437, RELATING TO ELECTRIC GUNS

Dear Senator Nishihara:

The Hawai'i Police Department supports Senate Bill 2437, with its purpose to repeal the ban on electric guns and establish a regulatory structure for the sale and transfer of electric guns by licensed persons.

It is our understanding that some recent court decisions have likened electric guns to firearms. In view of those court decisions, we believe prudence dictates that the way we regulate electric guns needs refinement.

We believe electric guns that shoot out projectiles should be subject to a permitting and registration process to ensure those who acquire them are doing so for lawful purposes. We further believe electric guns that do not shoot out projectiles should remain subject to licensing requirements attendant to their sales.

It is for these reasons, we urge this committee to approve this legislation.

Thank you for allowing the Hawai'i Police Department to provide comments relating to Senate Bill 2437.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Bugado, Jr.
KENNETH BUGADO JR.
DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF

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February 5, 2020

The Honorable Clarence Nishihara
Chairman, Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 214
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairman Nishihara:

On behalf of our members in Hawaii, I would like to communicate our opposition to Senate Bill 2437 (SB 2437).

The Supreme Court ruled that electric gun bans were unconstitutional in *Jaime Caetano v. Massachusetts*. While it is encouraging that the State is seeking to comply with Supreme Court precedence by repealing Hawaii's gun ban, SB 2437 is far too restrictive a regime.

We encourage the legislature to fully repeal the ban on electric guns without simultaneously creating onerous restrictions on their ownership and use.

Sincerely,

Daniel Reid
Western Regional Director
NRA-ILA



The Honorable Clarence Nishihara, Chair
The Honorable Glenn Wakai,
Vice Chair Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

State Capitol, Room 229
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

HEARING: Thursday, February 06, 2020, at 1:15pm

RE: SB2437

•Aloha Members of the Senate Committee,
The Hawaii Firearms Coalition OPPOSES SB2437.

Hawaii Firearms Coalition is opposed to the changes being proposed to Hawaii's electric weapons laws because;

- This bill would severely hamper the public ability to own and use a electric
- weapon for self-defense.
- The training required does not exist.
- Training would be costly.
- It prevents the gifting of electric weapons to a loved one or friend.
- The registration system would be burdensome to stores.
- Bill prevents online purchases.
- No other state has these requirements.
- Cheaper and/or easier to purchase a firearm,
- Items are not or can not be serialized.
- Impossible to enforce.
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Andrew Namiki Roberts

Director Hawaii Firearms Coalition

info@hifico.org

February 5th, 2020

To: Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental,
And Military Affairs
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

RE: SB2437, Relating to Electric Guns

FIGHT CRIME. FIND YOUR STUFF.



Dear Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai and Committee Members,

I fully support SB2437 which repeals the ban on electric guns. Establishes a regulatory structure for the sale and transfer of electric guns by licensed persons. Allows for the use of electric guns for self-defense, defense of another person, and protection of property. Restricts the use, storage, transfer, and disposal of electric guns. Requires training and education on electric guns. Prohibits certain individuals from possessing and using electric guns. Prohibits the use of electric guns in the commission of crimes.

I am the founder and administrator of Stolen Stuff Hawaii (SSH). SSH is Hawaii's largest anti-crime Facebook group with over 131,000 plus vetted Hawaii-based members and growing. Our mission is to use the power of social media to help those who have been victimized by crime by helping them to locate their stolen property, provide emotional support, as well as awareness.

Our reach and influence are substantial, with members located throughout the State of Hawaii in all counties and districts. The majority of our members reside on Oahu, meaning we have just under 10% of the population in our group.

Through this group, I witness the victimization of our community every day. I experience their pain and tragedy as they are held hostage, without defense by the crime in our community. The criminals who would do them harm through robbery and violence are many and it is a recurring experience told time and time again by the members of my group. You only have to visit our group and read the posts to understand our situation.

Our community currently has inadequate defense against such felons...only pepper spray is currently allowed. It is absolutely vital that we provide a measure of protection for the innocent members of our society. In fact, Hawaii and Rhode Island are currently the only states that do not allow some form of stun gun for defense. This is a severe injustice and a travesty for the defense of law-abiding citizens.

Therefore, I absolutely support the legalization of electric guns, aka stun guns, for the defense of our community.

Please give our community a way to defend themselves against the vicious criminals who would do them harm. Please support SB2437. Our community is watching this topic with great interest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael J. Kitchens', written over the printed name.

Michael J. Kitchens
Creator & Administrator,
Stolen Stuff Hawaii

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/stolenstuffhawaii/
mikek@stolenstuffhawaii.com](https://www.facebook.com/groups/stolenstuffhawaii/mikek@stolenstuffhawaii.com)

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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 12:36:02 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mark Masuda	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

All law abiding people should have the right and the ability to protect themselves and their families from criminal attack

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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 12:19:19 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gena Whitten	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please do not allow electric guns. Enough guns already and enough danger to the public. Mahalo

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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 11:08:01 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Blaine De Ramos	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB2437

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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 9:46:21 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ramiro Noguero	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 10:00:59 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Edward Gutteling, M.D.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

RE: SB2347 RELATING TO ELECTRIC GUNS.

Repeals the ban on electric guns.

As a practicing orthopedic surgeon in Hawaii for 28 years, and before that for 5 years in inner city Newark NJ, I am well experienced with caring for tragic gun trauma.

Meaningful self-defense is a human right.

This non-lethal addition to arming our citizens for self-defense has already passed legal tests in other parts of the country.

Banning such weapons has not made our community safer, but less-safe, especially for those least able to physically defend themselves.

The Supreme Court will be ruling shortly on this matter as well.

Please support this common-sense measure.

Yours sincerely

Edward Gutteling, M.D.

Hilo

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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 6:33:58 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Markos Cabaong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 8:49:14 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Soon	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 9:57:26 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
James Logue	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Being that Hawaii does not realistically allow conceal carry I feel the best option is to allow citizens to be able to defend themselves with stun guns. The criminals are running the streets with machetes, knives, and illegal firearms and it's unfair to the hard working, tax paying public that we are just left to be victims, even in our own homes. With an inability for the State or counties to get a grip on escalating crime it is only right that we empower our citizens to defend themselves. From the female bartenders leaving work at 3:30 in the morning to the kupuna walking in Chinatown in the middle of the day.

Once the citizens are able to fight back, criminals will have to think twice as they will be unsure as to who is armed or not. It makes their job harder and may even prevent an unarmed kupuna from being a target.

Please do something for the average citizens and allow us the ability to no longer be victims in paradise.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 6:21:23 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Higa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the bill to allow the use of electric guns. This bill should also be extended to allow for the use of stun guns for self defense and protection of an individual that does not wish to shoot projectiles but wishes to be armed with a device that will also provide the same results as an electric gun.

The wording that describes what a seller must do to educate a new purchaser is far over reaching and puts excessive liabilities and responsibilities on the seller. If it is a private party/individual who just wants to get rid of it and sells it to anyone, they should not have to be responsible for the education of anyone else. They should not have to repeatedly file for a license if they wish to sell the electric gun. It is outrageous for more controls and stipulations to be on non lethal means of self defense than an actual firearm. These types of self defense weapons are along the lines of mace and pepper spray and incapacitate an attacker. This list of requirements puts excessive burden on people who need the protection and ability to defend themselves against attackers who are physically stronger than they are. The streets of Hawaii are no longer safe for our own people, our visitors, and our law enforcement. Lawmakers need to allow other means of non lethal self defense to curb violence without this problem escalating to any type of lethal self defense.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 9:27:45 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christian Awaya	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the use of electric guns because there are too many crack heads, criminals, and mentally ill out here committing crime on unsuspecting, unprotected citizens.

I am in favor of SB 2437 because I believe disabled and senior citizens have the right to self defense. Too many seniors have been beat up, hurt and killed RECENTLY. I am a former U S MARINE and police officer in North Carolina, New York Guardian Angles Hawaii branch, local community and member of tht Church of Jesus Christ of latter day saints.

I am Chuck Wheatley. THANK YOU. ALOHA!

Local community volunteer--' 😊

From: [Ninja Forms TxnMail](#) on behalf of [Barry Aoki](#)
To: [PSMTestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 9:31:26 AM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Barry Aoki

I SUPPORT SB2437

Since the State of Hawaii doesn't support self protection with a firearm, this will at least allow law abiding citizens to have some protection.

Electric guns (ie Taser) do not always work but at least this is better than nothing.

SUPPORT SB2437

Sincerely,
Barry Aoki

If you have any questions I can be reached at barry.aoki@yahoo.com or
The above testimony was written and submitted by Barry Aoki

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Submitted on: 2/3/2020 9:38:03 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brian Isaacson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The only problem with this bill is that it doesn't go far enough in allowing ordinary honest citizens from using electric guns to defend themselves and others if they so choose, and thus should be amended to allow them to do so.

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Submitted on: 2/3/2020 11:21:01 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
keoni de la cruz	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill as it is a less lethal option to using a firearm and would be much more effective than pepper spray. Axion the maker of civilian tasers has a use and drop civilian model and they replace the unit free of charge. Please consider passing this bill as public safety is paramount for the state as crime rises.

mahalo,

keoni de la cruz

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Submitted on: 2/3/2020 12:56:32 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Urasaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 7:57:32 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marc	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I support SB2437 to support the peoples right to self defense and giving them another option when running away is not possible. While I support our police department, it is not feasible for an officer to be at every location every time a crime is committed. The people need the ability and the fighting chance to defend themselves and their property. I have young children that I would like to take out more often without having to be worried if I am equipped enough to protect them should anything happen.

Please consider passing this bill with some amendments regarding section 134-B(a). Please consider an additional exception for testing of and training with the electric guns, otherwise practice shooting a target with a taser will be considered illegal. We should promote training and being proficient with these tools instead of only using it for the first time when we need it.

Thank you,**Marc**

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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 7:13:59 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Daren Gono	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

With recent violent crimes I would like to be equipped to somewhat defend myself if a criminal is armed.

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Submitted on: 2/3/2020 2:50:47 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carl Matthew Jellings	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

From: [Ninja Forms TxnMail](#) on behalf of [Bobby Smith](#)
To: [PSMTestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 8:50:28 AM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Bobby Smith

I STRONGLY OPPOSE this bill. I would like for the lawmakers to provide at least one statistic in which an "electric gun" has been used in the commission of a crime in Hawaii. Especially by any person who is a law-abiding and responsible gun owner. And I don't understand why our politicians are so hell-bent on disarming a Hawaii society where there have been such a large number of increases of violent crimes.

If you have any questions I can be reached at smithtkd1@yahoo.com or

The above testimony was written and submitted by Bobby Smith

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From: [Ninja Forms TxnMail](#) on behalf of [Josiah Karnuth](#)
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Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 7:38:04 AM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Josiah Karnuth

Any law restricting an American citizen's second amendment right is unconstitutional.

Lawmakers should be working to promote and sustain our freedoms, not diminish and remove them. Do not make the many law abiding citizens who choose to practice their second amendment right into criminals. It is a proven fact that restrictive firearm laws do not improve public safety, in fact they help to further endanger the public. Please reject any and all bills that will infringe on our right as Americans to keep and bear arms. Mahalo.

If you have any questions I can be reached at thekarnuths@gmail.com or

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To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Nathan Roldan

I support this bill. It gives citizens another tool to protect themselves with from criminals. I have family that has been robbed. A taser may have been a deterrent.

If you have any questions I can be reached at nr24769@hotmail.com or

The above testimony was written and submitted by Nathan Roldan

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Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 5:44:17 AM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Joshua Sykes

I strongly support SB2437. With crime in the State of Hawaii on the rise and Law Enforcement stretched to the thin citizens should be afforded the means to protect themselves and their families.

If you have any questions I can be reached at sykesjoshua@aol.com or

The above testimony was written and submitted by Joshua Sykes

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Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 1:06:48 AM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Jay Adams

Strongly Oppose sb2437 bill. To protect myself and my family from homeless people with a one way ticket flown here to Hawaii from other states in the mainland payed buy somebody to come here.

If you have any questions I can be reached at anykinestuff@yahoo.com or

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From: [Ninja Forms TxnMail](#) on behalf of [Ryan Matsumoto](#)
To: [PSMTestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:14:51 PM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Ryan Matsumoto

Hi,

This is unnecessary because why does an individual need training? My parents who are in their 60's will not take training to own an electric gun. This law is clearly designed to put roadblocks up to prevent law abiding citizens from owning an electric gun. They have the right to protect themselves because law enforcement clearly cannot protect everyone. Thus this law will prevent many people who need them from obtaining an electric gun.

Thank you,

Ryan Matsumoto

If you have any questions I can be reached at ryanm.matsumoto@gmail.com or

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Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 9:34:58 PM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From ALEXANDER IBI

This is a great idea. This could be a less lethal way to still be able to provide yourself some personal protection.

If you have any questions I can be reached at honkykatonky@gmail.com or

The above testimony was written and submitted by ALEXANDER IBI

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To: [PSMTestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 9:25:10 PM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Addison Caluya

Given the state's current stance on CCW permitting for non LEOs I feel this measure would at least afford some individuals (elder, or those with diminished physical capacity) some modicum of options in terms of self defense. I strongly urge the consideration of SB2437 to allow law abiding citizens more flexibility in exercising their right to self defense.

If you have any questions I can be reached at addison.caluya@gmail.com or

The above testimony was written and submitted by Addison Caluya

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Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 9:01:18 PM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Donald Denison

Because democrats think these stupid laws up. Go after the criminals not law abiding citizens.

If you have any questions I can be reached at chromewarrior555@msn.com or

The above testimony was written and submitted by Donald Denison

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Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 9:04:06 AM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Traci Powers

I support the repeal of the ban on electric guns for use in self-defense, defense of others and defense of property.

If you have any questions I can be reached at traci@powersfitness247.com or

The above testimony was written and submitted by Traci Powers

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SB-2437

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 10:33:09 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
brian wong	Testifying for HRA	Oppose	No

Comments:

SB-2437

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 10:50:57 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brandon Allen Kainoa Leong	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose.

SB-2437

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 12:50:35 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shaun Woods	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

OPPOSE SB 2437.

The state oversteps its authority when it passes laws against buying, selling, and owning things. Commerce and possession are individual rights, and they should not be subject to anyone's approval other than that of the consenting parties.

SB-2437

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 12:54:05 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Layne Hazama	Testifying for Hawaii Rifle Association	Oppose	No

Comments:

Oppose SB 2437

SB-2437

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 2:33:54 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Linda Castro	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

SB-2437

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 6:02:50 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Peter J Long Jr	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This could be a step in the right direction of making concealed carry somewhat more possible than it presently is. However, there is little if any justification for the high application fee to obtain a CCW permit. And, even with submitting that fee, there is no reasonable assurance that the permit will actually be obtained and no recourse for refund if it is denied.

SB-2437

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 4:45:51 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
George Pace	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Ridiculous red-tape that serves no purpose other than to continue the traitorous and contemptuous attempt by Hawaii progressive politicians to restrict ownership and possession of weapons in direct and obvious violation of their oath of office to abide by the Constitution which guarantees that government agents may not violate our natural rights, including the right to keep and bear arms for, among other purposes, self-defense and militia action.

Amend to delete any and all restrictions on the ownership of all weapons suitable for militia action, including electric weapons.

SB-2437

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 8:38:47 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gavin Lohmeier	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

although its a good idea, there are too many restrictions on the use of electric devices to get any benefit

SB-2437

Submitted on: 2/3/2020 10:28:53 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Peter J Long III	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I wish to submit this testimony in OPPOSITION to the passage of this proposal. Electric guns are legal in much of the country without the overly restrictive requirements that come along with the bill. It's replete with red tape and restrictions and for that reason I say we mix this flawed idea and wait for SCOTUS to broaden their availability and guidelines for use.

SB-2437

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 8:55:39 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brendon Heal	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am writing this testimony in opposition of ALL THESE ANTI GUN BILLS.

Did any of YOU politicians come up with any bills to stop criminals, or at least curb their criminal behavior? Or are YOU just going to concentrate on making LAW ABIDING CITIZENS, exercising their RIGHTS, into criminals?

Is lying, stealing, and cheating a way of life for these career politicians? YOU rob and steal from us 'legally', and whatever is left YOU leave to the other criminals to steal and kill us. Furthermore, with these bills, you do not care that we will not be able to defend ourselves from either.

Do you all have any integrity? I took an oath, YoU ALL need to follow that oath.

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, and that I will faithfully discharge my duties as..... to the best of my ability."

I take my promise and oath VERY SERIOUSLY, if you have any integrity left, you will OPPOSE this legislation.

Very serious VOTER
Brendon Heal

From: [Ninja Forms TxnMail](#) on behalf of [Davin Asato](#)
To: [PSMTestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 10:20:54 AM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Davin Asato

I oppose. Why should training be required for non lethal protection and who will conduct these trainings? Someone should be able to immediately purchase and keep one if they feel their life is in danger without having to wait for a training course and paying costly prices to do so.

If you have any questions I can be reached at davin.asato@gmail.com or

The above testimony was written and submitted by Davin Asato

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From: [Ninja Forms TxnMail](#) on behalf of [Gary Fuchikami](#)
To: [PSMTestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 9:18:34 AM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Gary Fuchikami

I would like this bill to specify what "electric guns" are. If it includes civilian Tasers, then I'm for it. Since you refuse to issue concealed carry permits to ordinary civilians, the use of civilian tasers would be welcome as it's effectiveness is much, much greater than "stun guns" whose electrodes are too close together to have any real effect on immobilizing a person. Note also that even civilian tasers shoot out "confetti" with ID codes on them identifying which taser it was fired from so it's easily traceable. This would permit us to have some form of defensive tool that is in theory a non-lethal weapon (unless the criminal has a pacemaker or other cardiac problem). Thank you!

If you have any questions I can be reached at wh6c@yahoo.com or

The above testimony was written and submitted by Gary Fuchikami

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Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 9:20:13 AM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Cyril Moniz

I agree the ban should be repealed.

If you have any questions I can be reached at cyril.moniz@gmail.com or

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From: [Ninja Forms TxnMail](#) on behalf of [James Palicte](#)
To: [PSMTestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 9:31:49 AM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From James Palicte

Aloha,

I am writing to provide testimony in opposition to SB2437. There are parts of this bill that I agree with and that I am certain are a step in the right direction for law-abiding citizens to be able to better defend themselves. For one, repealing the ban on electric guns and allowing electric guns to be used in self defense, defense of others, and defense of property. If this law can be further vetted as to not unduly burden a law-abiding citizen financially as well as removing/thorough vetting of any restrictions on the use, storage, transfer, and disposal of electric guns, I would be in full support of this proposed bill. Further, law-abiding citizens who already possess the licenses to own long guns and handguns, should not be further unduly burdened to undergo additional training in the use of electric guns. Most if not all electric guns/tasers/stun guns come with a manual that clearly describes the safe operation of the device in a way that is suitable for the general public. Again, this bill is headed in the right direction, but please listen to your constituents and uphold your oaths office and to the constitution of the United States as well. I urge you to seek input from organizations such as the Hawaii Rifle Association as well as the Hawaii Firearms Coalition for feedback on how to further improve this bill to a point we can all agree on. I would have much more peace of mind if I was able to carry such an implement on my person to defend my life and the lives of my family.

Mahalo,

-James P.

If you have any questions I can be reached at dewd019@gmail.com or

The above testinony was written and submitted by James Palicte

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To: [PSMTestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 9:32:58 AM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Ramiro Noguerol

Hawaii is already one of the most restrictive states when it comes to firearms. I can't believe that government officials keep trying to restrict law abiding citizens to defend themselves even with non lethal weapons, this is just mind blowing!. Go ahead and keep giving criminals a free pass to do their ways.

If you have any questions I can be reached at ramironoguerol@hotmail.com or

The above testimony was written and submitted by Ramiro Noguerol

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To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Ramiro Noguerol

Thanks for giving law abiding citizens the possibility to protect them selves and loved ones.

If you have any questions I can be reached at ramironoguerol@hotmail.com or

The above testinony was written and submitted by Ramiro Noguerol

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Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 9:51:36 AM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From James Rankin

This is a simple infringement on the 2nd Amendment and yet another means to keep lawful and goodly contributing citizens from being able to equalize themselves against violent and tyrannical persons.

If you have any questions I can be reached at heart4pahoa@gmail.com or

The above testimony was written and submitted by James Rankin

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From: [Ninja Forms TxnMail](#) on behalf of [Noah Drazkowski](#)
To: [PSMTestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 10:47:11 AM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Noah Drazkowski

Makes the restriction to buy a taser more difficult than a firearm and Hawaii is already one of the most difficult states to acquire a firearm. This bill sets unrealistic expectations of law abiding citizens.

If you have any questions I can be reached at noahdrazkowski@hotmail.com or

The above testimony was written and submitted by Noah Drazkowski

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From: [Ninja Forms TxnMail](#) on behalf of [Michael Rice](#)
To: [PSMTestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 11:15:58 AM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Michael Rice

I oppose this bill because it requires training that does not exist and requires registration of an object that cannot be registered (no serial numbers on tasers and stun guns). It would also prevent me from giving a taser to someone who wants to defend themselves in a non-lethal manner and prevents me from purchasing tasers online.

If you have any questions I can be reached at michaelirice@outlook.com or

The above testimony was written and submitted by Michael Rice

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Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 11:31:43 AM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Erik Castaldo

Not only is this bill unenforceable, puts an unnecessary strain on our firearms division, and requires training that doesn't exist, it severely limits peoples access to the most effective non-lethal means of self defense. What in the world could be the purpose of this? We should be encouraging non-lethal means, not discouraging them.

If you have any questions I can be reached at castaldoerik@gmail.com or

The above testinony was written and submitted by Erik Castaldo

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Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 12:01:35 PM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Damien Montiho

Electric guns are a very viable self defense tool against someone much larger. If training is made available this would provide for a non-lethal self defense option for those unwilling or uncomfortable with owning a gun.

If you have any questions I can be reached at dporrasmontiho@gmail.com or

The above testimony was written and submitted by Damien Montiho

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From: [Ninja Forms TxnMail](#) on behalf of [George Carvalho](#)
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Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 12:05:09 PM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From George Carvalho

Finally some simple sense for law abiding taxpayers!! Yeah! Thank You

If you have any questions I can be reached at puhionui@gmail.com or

The above testimony was written and submitted by George Carvalho

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From: [Ninja Forms TxnMail](#) on behalf of [Kyle Gusman](#)
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Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 12:16:00 PM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Kyle Gusman

I OPPOSE THIS BILL BECAUSE :

- This bill would severely hamper the public ability to own and use a taser for self defense.
- The training required does not exist.
- Training would be costly.
- It prevents gifting of tasers to a loved one or friend.
- Registration system would be burdensome to stores.
- Bill prevents online purchases.
- No other state has these requirements.
- Cheaper and/or easier to purchase a firearm,
- Items are not serialized.
- Impossible to enforce.

Kyle K Gusman
Senate District 5
Wailuku Maui Hawaii

If you have any questions I can be reached at kimokg3@gmail.com or
The above testimony was written and submitted by Kyle Gusman

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Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 12:17:44 PM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Chirsty Gusman

I OPPOSE THIS BILL BECAUSE :

- This bill would severely hamper the public ability to own and use a taser for self defense.
- The training required does not exist.
- Training would be costly.
- It prevents gifting of tasers to a loved one or friend.
- Registration system would be burdensome to stores.
- Bill prevents online purchases.
- No other state has these requirements.
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- Items are not serialized.
- Impossible to enforce.

Christy Kajiwaru Gusman
Democratic Party Of Hawaii
Wailuku District Chair
Senate District 5

If you have any questions I can be reached at ckgusman@gmail.com or
The above testimony was written and submitted by Chirsty Gusman

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Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 12:21:52 PM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Willow Aureala

While I greatly appreciate repealing the ban on electric guns as a means for self-defense, this bill is too restrictive and prohibitive. There is no training in place. One could not give a friend or loved one a gift of an electric gun, the already burdensome requirements for other self-defense measures is ridiculous to add electric guns to the list! People in rural areas, especially, need to be able to purchase items online. NO OTHER STATE has such requirements as outlined in this bill and there is NO REASON for such burdensome laws!

If you have any questions I can be reached at willow@yahoo.com or

The above testimony was written and submitted by Willow Aureala

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From: [Ninja Forms TxnMail](#) on behalf of [Stanley Mendes](#)
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Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 12:52:14 PM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Stanley Mendes

Strongly oppose SB2437

If you have any questions I can be reached at bhunter808@hotmail.com or

The above testimony was written and submitted by Stanley Mendes

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From: [Ninja Forms TxnMail](#) on behalf of [Joshua Stueber](#)
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Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 1:42:47 PM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Joshua Stueber

I do support repealing the current ban on electric guns. I support the people rights to defend themselves with whatever tool they choose to do so

If you have any questions I can be reached at jstuebs@gmail.com or

The above testinony was written and submitted by Joshua Stueber

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From: [Ninja Forms TxnMail](#) on behalf of [Michael Moylan](#)
To: [PSMTestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 2:02:07 PM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Michael Moylan

I, Michael Moylan, OPPOSE SB2437. "The right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

- 1) This bill would severely hamper the public ability to own and use a taser for self defense.
- 2) The training required does not exist.
- 3) Training would be costly.
- 4) It prevents gifting of tasers to a loved one or friend.
- 5) Registration system would be burdensome to stores.
- 6) Bill prevents online purchases.
- 7) No other state has these requirements.
- 8) Cheaper and/or easier to purchase a firearm.
- 9) Items are not serialized.
- 10) Impossible to enforce.

If you have any questions I can be reached at xstretch101@yahoo.com or

The above testimony was written and submitted by Michael Moylan

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From: [Ninja Forms TxnMail](#) on behalf of [Daniel Yoro Sr.](#)
To: [PSMTestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 2:16:58 PM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Daniel Yoro Sr.

Dear Mr. / Mrs. Official,

I am writing you asking that you oppose any and new gun restriction proposals. Support, stand and protect the 2nd amendment rights of the people, not infringe and restrict. Rights that weren't given by you and should not be restricted by you. Hawai'i has and already is one of the most strictest states in the nation regarding gun laws and ownership. Passing any more will not make any change, but turn many law abiding citizens into criminals. You'll have thousands overnight. Laws will not stop the acts of a madman. Assault is an action, it could be done with bats, sticks, knives, hammers, vehicles and even empty handed, I don't see you go after those. Inanimate objects are harmless without the intentions behind it. On the flip side they can be used for good. Tools to build, fix and repair, sport, family time and protection. Please oppose ANY gun control measures, they will not stop shootings, they will only harm law abiding citizens as myself.

Sincerely,

Daniel Yoro Sr.

If you have any questions I can be reached at bibinkarules@yahoo.com or

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From: [Ninja Forms TxnMail](#) on behalf of [wyatt lee](#)
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Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 3:13:12 PM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From wyatt lee

I oppose this measure!

If you have any questions I can be reached at aliinui10@gmail.com or

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From: [Ninja Forms TxnMail](#) on behalf of [Marion Ceruti](#)
To: [PSMTestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 3:18:40 PM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Marion Ceruti

I oppose SB2437 because it would severely hamper the public ability to own, use, and transfer a taser for self defense. Training required in the bill is not available and a custom-training course would be too expensive. No other state requires the registration of tasers, prevents online purchases, and prohibits giving, as a gift a taser to another person.

Tasers and stun guns are not as effective as firearms, especially when there is a substantial disparity of strength, such as when an elderly, female and/or disabled person uses a weapon in self defense against a young, able-bodied, male criminal.

Legalizing stun guns is a great idea but delete all of the training and registration requirements. Moreover, there is no need to prohibit the use of electric guns in crime. Assault with any weapon is already illegal. Modify this bill or vote NO.

If you have any questions I can be reached at ceruti@earthlink.net or

The above testimony was written and submitted by Marion Ceruti

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Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
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To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From David Barbieto

I strongly opposed this bill

If you have any questions I can be reached at dbarbietoiii@gmail.com or

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To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Rudolph Pangelinan

I oppose this bill.

This bill is impossible to enforce.

Hampers public their ability to own and use a taser for self defense.

Training would be costly and no such training exists on the island as we speak.

Registration would be burdensome and no other state has this requirement, why would the State of Hawaii do this?

Let solve other social problems like mental health and homelessness.

If you have any questions I can be reached at rpangelinan@rlp-hi.com or

The above testimony was written and submitted by Rudolph Pangelinan

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From: [Ninja Forms TxnMail](#) on behalf of [Michael Regan](#)
To: [PSMTestimony](#)
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To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Michael Regan

No other state has this requirements. The cost of training would be costly and registration would be burdensome to store owners. This bill would hamper the ability of the public to own and use a taser for defense.

If you have any questions I can be reached at mregan001@hotmail.com or

The above testinony was written and submitted by Michael Regan

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From: [Ninja Forms TxnMail](#) on behalf of [Isaiah K-Aloha](#)
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Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 3:52:08 PM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Isaiah K-Aloha

What will we have to defend ourselves with when the corrupt government and deep state decides its time to take over the general population.

If you have any questions I can be reached at isaiahkaloha52@gmail.com or

The above testimony was written and submitted by Isaiah K-Aloha

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To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From WILLIAM RACOMA

I ALREADY CANNOT USE DEADLY FORCE TO PROTECT MYSELF, FAMILY OR OTHERS FROM RAPE, SODOMY, KIDNAPPING ETC... FROM AN ARMED ATTACKER BECAUSE OF THE STATES VIOLATION OF MY GOD GIVEN CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT, YOU EVEN DENY ME THE RIGHT TO DEFEND MYSELF, FAMILY OR OTHERS WITH NON-LETHAL FORCE.

THERE IS NO TRAINING AVAILABLE TO CONFORM WITH THIS LAW AND TRAINING WOULD BE AN EXPENSIVE UNNECESSARY COST.

If you have any questions I can be reached at HALELAIE@AOL.COM or

The above testimony was written and submitted by WILLIAM RACOMA

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From: [Ninja Forms TxnMail](#) on behalf of [Sean Lee](#)
To: [PSMTestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 4:02:40 PM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Sean Lee

Do not pass people have the right to protect themselves and their families

If you have any questions I can be reached at Creatureboy808@yahoo.com or

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From: [Ninja Forms TxnMail](#) on behalf of [Walter Philbrook](#)
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To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Walter Philbrook

This bill is going to far,for something that is not considered lethal.

If you have any questions I can be reached at philbrookwalter@juno.com or

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From: [Ninja Forms TxnMail](#) on behalf of [Rawlins Lanoza](#)
To: [PSMTestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 4:41:09 PM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Rawlins Lanoza

This bill would severely hamper the public ability to own and use a taser for self defense.

The training required does not exist.

Training would be costly.

Registration system would be burdensome to stores.

No other state has these requirements.

Cheaper and/or easier to purchase a firearm,

Items are not serialized.

Impossible to enforce.

If you have any questions I can be reached at rcrsvc8182@gmail.com or

The above testimony was written and submitted by Rawlins Lanoza

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From: [Ninja Forms TxnMail](#) on behalf of [William Chase](#)
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Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 4:45:46 PM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From William Chase

Opposed, do not the regulation.

If you have any questions I can be reached at wmc@hawaii.edu or

The above testimony was written and submitted by William Chase

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From: [Ninja Forms TxnMail](#) on behalf of [Shirley Lanoza](#)
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To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Shirley Lanoza

This bill would severely hamper the public ability to own and use a taser for self defense.

The training required does not exist.

Training would be costly.

It prevents gifting of tasers to a loved one or friend.

Registration system would be burdensome to stores.

Bill prevents online purchases.

No other state has these requirements.

Cheaper and/or easier to purchase a firearm,

Items are not serialized.

Impossible to enforce.

If you have any questions I can be reached at lanoza808@hawaiiantel.net or

The above testimony was written and submitted by Shirley Lanoza

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From: [Ninja Forms TxnMail](#) on behalf of [Mitchell Weber](#)
To: [PSMTestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 5:10:38 PM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Mitchell Weber

I OPPOSE SB2437,

although I do agree with the ban of electric guns being repealed I do not support SB2437 in its current form. Electric guns are a common less/non lethal self defense tool and crime deterrent. Restricting the and licensing the sale/possession of them needlessly puts innocents/minors in danger, I would prefer you pass SB2743.

If you have any questions I can be reached at Mdotweber@icloud.com or

The above testimony was written and submitted by Mitchell Weber

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From: [Ninja Forms TxnMail](#) on behalf of [Jerry Yuen](#)
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Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 5:29:01 PM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Jerry Yuen

I strongly oppose SB2437. I am a certified firearms instructor for the Marines and Hawaii Army National Guard and the President of the Pu'uloa Rifle and Pistol Club. Hawaii is the only State in the US that bans the use of less than lethal electric devices for civilian self defense. These are proven tools that even the military and law enforcement agencies train and use. The law abiding civilian person should have access to these items for personal defense and the defense of family. The requirements for training and certification the civilian in this State does not exist. Most of these devices are not serialized. This proposed bill is not enforceable and will do nothing to deter crime.

If you have any questions I can be reached at jerry.t.yuen@gmail.com or

The above testimony was written and submitted by Jerry Yuen

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Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 6:01:44 PM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Joseph Rodrigues II.

OPPOSE

If you have any questions I can be reached at ar15teckarmalite@gmail.com or

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From: [Ninja Forms TxnMail](#) on behalf of [Richy Chang](#)
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Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 6:04:53 PM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Richy Chang

This bill restricts the possession and use of a nonlethal defensive tool. Passing this bill will put people at risk of robbery, rape, sexual assault, and other forms of harm to a victim.

I strongly oppose this bill

If you have any questions I can be reached at inchang.1391@gmail.com or

The above testimony was written and submitted by Richy Chang

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Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 6:05:12 PM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Jacob Lunz

This bill is restrictive in nature and all but prevents individuals from defending themselves using non-lethal methods. In a self-defense situation an individual should be able to use whatever means necessary in order to defend their life following the escalation of force being dealt to them. This bill will be costly, time consuming for citizens and authorities, and almost impossible to monitor.

If you have any questions I can be reached at jacoblunz@gmail.com or

The above testimony was written and submitted by Jacob Lunz

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Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 6:31:18 PM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From James Rzonca

I am against this bill and any other bill that is eroding our rights as clearly stated in the United States constitution. Hawaii gun laws already severely infringe on our right to bear arms. The Constitution very clearly states that our right to bear arms “shall not be infringed”.

Registrations, permits, etc are obvious infringements already. Adding more to this is just a slap in our face and the faces of our founding fathers. If Hawaii law makers can’t comprehend something so simple as “shall not be infringed” then we need new ones! After all the 2nd amendment was included in the constitution so the people (us) can fight back against a tyrannical government. How many of our rights must this government take away before we consider it tyrannical?

If you have any questions I can be reached at jamesrzonca@yahoo.com or

The above testimony was written and submitted by James Rzonca

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Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 6:52:32 PM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Samuel Webb

I oppose this bill, because it would make owning a less than lethal option more restrictive than a firearm.

If you have any questions I can be reached at sebb67@yahoo.com or

The above testimony was written and submitted by Samuel Webb

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From: [Ninja Forms TxnMail](#) on behalf of [anthony kaauwai](#)
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To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From anthony kaauwai

I am opposed to this bill. it makes it difficult for law abiding citizens to protect themselves from the criminal element in Hawaii. no on training in Hawaii, I wouldn't be able to buy on for a female cousin, niece or friend who needs one to protect themselves.

If you have any questions I can be reached at tktrailer@yahoo.com or

The above testimony was written and submitted by anthony kaauwai

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Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 7:19:22 PM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Alvin Rodrigues

I oppose bill SB2437

THE TRAINING REQUIRED DOESN'T EXIST.

NO ONE OF THE OTHER 49 STATES HAS THESE REQUIREMENTS.

If you have any questions I can be reached at al_bkk@yahoo.com or

The above testimony was written and submitted by Alvin Rodrigues

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From: [Ninja Forms TxnMail](#) on behalf of [Marc Bertram](#)
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Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 7:57:16 PM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Marc Bertram

I strongly oppose this bill..

First off why cant i defend myself with a non lethal weapon.

Second why doesnt any other state have these requirements..

If you have any questions I can be reached at marcb44@hotmail.com or

The above testinony was written and submitted by Marc Bertram

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From: [Ninja Forms TxnMail](#) on behalf of [Lindy Lau](#)
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Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 8:00:00 PM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Lindy Lau

This bill would severely hamper the public ability to own and use a taser for self defense.

The training required does not exist.

Training would be costly.

It prevents gifting of tasers to a loved one or friend.

Registration system would be burdensome to stores.

Bill prevents online purchases.

No other state has these requirements.

Cheaper and/or easier to purchase a firearm,

Items are not serialized.

Impossible to enforce.

If you have any questions I can be reached at kanakanui65@yahoo.com or

The above testimony was written and submitted by Lindy Lau

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To: [PSMTestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 8:03:56 PM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Will Yokoyama

Although I would like to have additional non-lethal self defense options here in Hawaii I oppose this bill as it is currently worded and urge you to do the same.

This bill is does nothing but create difficulties for both the private citizen and businesses.

Electric “guns” are not regulated in any other state as this bill would require. Nor are they serialized which would make registration of each device very difficult. Mace and Pepper Spray are not regulated in the same way.

If you have any questions I can be reached at beats2and4@gmail.com or

The above testimony was written and submitted by Will Yokoyama

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From: [Ninja Forms TxnMail](#) on behalf of [William Carreira](#)
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Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 8:08:59 PM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From William Carreira

I am writing to oppose bill SB2437. This bill would gravely hamper the public ability to own and use a taser for self defense. Moreover, the training that would be required does not exist to the public. This bill also prohibits online purchases and should a citizen want to purchase a taser on-island there exists a registration system that will quickly become burdensome to stores. Finally, no other state has these requirements which should be a hint to the impossibility of enforcement.

Sincerely,
William K. Carreira
Waipahu, HI

If you have any questions I can be reached at will.carreira@gmail.com or

The above testimony was written and submitted by William Carreira

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To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Jacob Bruhn

I oppose SB2437. This bill would hamper the public ability to own and use a taser for self defense. And no other state has these requirements.

If you have any questions I can be reached at rockpounda@yahoo.com or

The above testimony was written and submitted by Jacob Bruhn

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From: [Ninja Forms TxnMail](#) on behalf of [Jeffrey Fujimoto](#)
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Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 8:46:37 PM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Jeffrey Fujimoto

I Strongly oppose this bill, SB2437

Passing this bill would be further evidence that the GOVERNMENT does not want us to protect ourselves.

Even with less than lethal means.....

Cmon Really People?!!!!

If you have any questions I can be reached at jefffujimoto@yahoo.com or

The above testinony was written and submited by Jeffrey Fujimoto

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From: [Ninja Forms TxnMail](#) on behalf of [Rylan Fujii](#)
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Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 8:47:35 PM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Rylan Fujii

Tasers are a good non lethal self defense mechanism especially for women of any age especially nowadays with all these sex traffickers

If you have any questions I can be reached at rylanfujii@yahoo.com or

The above testinony was written and submitted by Rylan Fujii

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From: [Ninja Forms TxnMail](#) on behalf of [Jonagustine Lim](#)
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Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 9:15:00 PM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Jonagustine Lim

I write in strong opposition to SB2437.

This bill severely hampers the public's ability to own an use a taser for self defense.

If you have any questions I can be reached at jonagustine_lim@yahoo.com or

The above testinony was written and submitted by Jonagustine Lim

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From: [Ninja Forms TxnMail](#) on behalf of [Gregory Michael Shiwota](#)
To: [PSMTestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 9:59:32 PM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Gregory Michael Shiwota

Oppose

If you have any questions I can be reached at orca@orcaindustries.com or

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From: [Ninja Forms TxnMail](#) on behalf of [Chris Redeker](#)
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Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 10:01:06 PM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Chris Redeker

I oppose bill SB2437 because you have made this law to darn complicated, I run a gun shop and after reading the requirements for me to sell stun guns and people to buy them I would simply rather not deal with stun guns. It will literally be less work for me to sell some one a gun for self defense than for me to sell them a stun gun which completely defeats the purpose of this law which is to encourage people to use less lethal methods of self-defense. Make the law more like the process to buy a long gun in the state and it would actually make more sense for people to buy them instead of real guns.

If you have any questions I can be reached at credeker@hawaii.edu or

The above testimony was written and submitted by Chris Redeker

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From: [Ninja Forms TxnMail](#) on behalf of [Cheryl Tanaka](#)
To: [PSMTestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 10:11:34 PM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Cheryl Tanaka

Strongly Oppose

Stun Guns/Tasers are easier to operate then pepper spray, cheaper to purchase than a gun.

Criminals will not follow the law, other states are legal to have stun guns/tasers. As a female I would feel safer using a Stun gun/taser because I will have a higher contact rate instead of just aiming for the eyes with pepper spray

If you have any questions I can be reached at localaznchick05@aol.com or

The above testimony was written and submitted by Cheryl Tanaka

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From: [Ninja Forms TxnMail](#) on behalf of [Kimo Galon](#)
To: [PSMTestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 10:16:28 PM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Kimo Galon

I oppose SB2518. This in no way benefits the constitutional right to bear arms in Hawaii.

SB2518 basically passes the buck from the chief of police to the AG. Written should be amended to state Hawaii as a “shall issue” State. Hawaii is the only state with no reciprocity and zero carry/ conceal carry permits. training for tasers does not exist and it would add on to cost for the owners which Hawaii already is too expensive to live. Do we have sacrifice our safety to eat and live safely? No other state requires such red tape

If you have any questions I can be reached at kimo.galon@gmail.com or

The above testinony was written and submitted by Kimo Galon

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SB-2437

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 12:44:35 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lyle Hlromoto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

SB-2437

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 3:28:05 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
MORGAN CUIZON	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

SB-2437

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 3:59:33 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Vern Hiromoto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 4:00:46 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tom Lodge	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Oppose.

Complex. Can or No can? Treat it as a firearm. Period.

SB-2437

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 10:17:18 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Benel Piros	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill due to the training requirements to obtain and keep an electric gun are unrealistic.

SB-2437

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 10:31:39 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joseph P. Picon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

My name is Joseph Paez Picon, a registered voter and citizen of Hawaii.

I oppose SB2437. It infringes on my right to keep and bear arms. It limits, undermines and encroaches on my Second Amendment rights, which is illegal for this state's legislature to do.

This bill would severely hamper the public ability to own and use a taser for self defense.

The training required does not exist, and would be costly when it came available.

It prevents gifting of tasers to a loved one or friend.

The registration system would be burdensome to stores and to me.

This bill prevents online purchases.

There is no other state that has these requirements.

These are non-lethal, cheaper and/or easier to purchase than a firearm, so you should be making it easier for the public to obtain these, not harder.

These items are not serialized.

Please vote down SB2437.

SB-2437

Submitted on: 2/4/2020 10:53:21 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Fred Delosantos	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please oppose SB2437. This bill makes it too burdensome to be practical as a non-lethal self-defense means for ordinary Hawaii law-abiding citizens. I guess that is the bill-originators intent.

SB-2437

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 7:21:23 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kainoa Kaku	Testifying for Hawaii Rifle Association	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

This is just an attempt to put ridiculous restrictions on the ability to carry a stun gun.

SB-2437

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 8:54:33 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joel Berg	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Oppose SB 2437

This bill would create a burdensome collection of hurdles to electric gun ownership which is a nation wide recognized less lethal and effective tool for self defense. An era of increasingly brazen criminals the proliferation of tasers among law abiding citizens would be a valuable tool in preventing the repeated victimization of women and the elderly, our states most vulnerable populations. Beyond an age restriction to prevent minors from purchasing tasers I can see no meaningful benefit to such excessive and regulations.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 8:50:04 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
tony frascarelli	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Oppose this measure as it would limit the ability of myself and my family to protect ourselves in this time of increasing criminal activity against seniors on Oahu, increase costs and add other unrealistic requirements. With HPD continuing to deny concealed weapons permits to applicants, obtaining a stun gun or Taser would at least afford this senior some degree of safety. Legislators should focus on measures that would keep criminals off the streets and make it easier for seniors to obtain self protection devices.

SB-2437

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 9:32:42 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Thomas Moriyasu	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Will this stop a criminal? Will a criminal follow this law? Will this help people?

Asking these 3 questions, which is the basic question any state lawmaker should ask themselves before approving anything.

This law fails all three of these questions. A criminal will not be stopped by this law, nor will a criminal follow this law. What is frustrating is that YOU want to make it harder for people to have the means to defend themselves? Who are these laws for? I really question the intent of our state leaders because right now, they do not have my safety in mind. Just money as this bill will only generate money for the state.

SB-2437

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 10:42:19 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marcus Tanaka	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

I oppose this bill because the training required does not exist. And the cost is too high. It's cheaper to buy a handgun.

SB-2437

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 10:57:44 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kenny Kwan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

SB-2437

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 11:03:27 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
christy gusman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I OPPOSE THIS BILL BECAUSE:

- This bill would severely hamper the public ability to own and use a taser for self defense.
- The training required does not exist.
- Training would be costly.
- It prevents gifting of tasers to a loved one or friend.
- Registration system would be burdensome to stores.
- Bill prevents online purchases.
- No other state has these requirements.
- Cheaper and/or easier to purchase a firearm,
- Items are not serialized.
- Impossible to enforce.

CHRISTY KAJIWARA GUSMAN

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII
SENATE DISTRICT 5 - DISTRICT CHAIRPERSON

SB-2437

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 11:19:11 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
brooks	Testifying for Hawaii Rifle Association Member	Oppose	No

Comments:

SB-2437

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 11:20:35 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Craig Kashiwai	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

SB-2437

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 11:57:37 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carol Thomas	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

SB-2437

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 12:59:51 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Todd Yukutake	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

I oppose SB2437 due to the overregulation compared to other states.

Electric guns are widely available in almost all other states. You can even buy one on Amazon and have it delivered to your home. The training requirements, restrictions, and business regulations are unnecessary.

Please amend this bill to reflect a similar bill SB2743 which removes the ban on electric guns without restrictions.

Todd Yukutake

Resident of Aiea, Senate District 16

SB-2437

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 12:33:33 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tom Galli	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

While legalizing electric guns in the state is greatly to be desired, the restrictions imposed by this legislation are onerous.

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To: [PSMTestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 12:59:36 PM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Isaiah Daquioag

I oppose SB2437. Electric guns should be available to the public and not be treated like actual firearms. They shouldn't be restricted or need classes to be obtained.

If you have any questions I can be reached at isaiahdaquioag@gmail.com or

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To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From jaelynn call

I strongly oppose this bill

If you have any questions I can be reached at jaekdccall@yahoo.com or

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Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 10:51:33 AM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Raphael Luis

I oppose

If you have any questions I can be reached at raphael.luis2000@gmail.com or

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Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 11:38:11 AM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Joshua Doctor

I oppose this bill because not all law abiding citizens can use a firearm to protect themselves due to a physical injury, i know plenty of people who are law abiding citizens who can't use firearms anymore due to physical injury, and tasers are a less lethal option for self defense.

If you have any questions I can be reached at joshuadoctor96@gmail.com or

The above testinony was written and submitted by Joshua Doctor

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Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 11:40:11 AM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From James Edwards

I don't agree with the registration or training aspect. Makes it too hard and expensive to defend yourself and others. Makes it easier to just buy a gun.

Less than lethal options for self defense should be more easily obtainable.

If you have any questions I can be reached at hawaiihort@yahoo.com or

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Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 11:40:49 AM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Justus Ibana

I oppose

If you have any questions I can be reached at justus.ibana4@gmail.com or

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Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 12:04:56 PM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Forrest Shoemaker

these are some reasons why I oppose this bill: This bill would severely hamper the public ability to own and use a taser for self defense. The training required does not exist literally making it a scheme to prevent ownership. It prevents gifting of tasers to a loved one or friend.

Registration system would be burdensome to stores. Cheaper and/or easier to purchase a firearm,

Items are not serialized and Impossible to enforce.

Again a Bill poorly written but perhaps with good intentions (?).

If you have any questions I can be reached at shoebedo@hawaiiantel.net or

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Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 12:23:52 PM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From James Ryan

I strongly oppose SB2437. More properly identified as electro-shock weapons, Tasers are generally regarded as less-than-lethal self-defense weapons. Placing onerous purchasing, training, permit and registration restrictions on Tasers will keep them out of the hands of the people who need them most: domestic abuse victims, business owners, street crime victims, even ordinary citizens. I doubt that local certified training programs for electro-shock weapons even exist. This bill is more about restricting access to legitimate self-defense weapons and money-grabbing than it is about reducing crime. OPPOSE THIS BILL!!!

If you have any questions I can be reached at jrwjryan@gmail.com or

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Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 12:37:04 PM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Ronald KeelingJr

I disagree with this bill

If you have any questions I can be reached at rkeelingjr@yahoo.com or

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Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 12:38:07 PM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Sebastian Simon-ganti

I oppose of SB2437. I feel that we should be able to own electric guns without having to go through all the requirements mentioned. They shouldn't be regulated. They are not real firearms and are non-lethal. They are a great choice for people who choose to not own firearms or don't meet age requirements yet

If you have any questions I can be reached at ssimonganti@gmail.com or

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From: [Ninja Forms TxnMail](#) on behalf of [Marc Shimatsu](#)
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Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 12:44:26 PM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Marc Shimatsu

I oppose this bill because the required training for use currently does not exist and prevents gifting to loved ones. Enforcement is also extremely difficult, if not impossible, and also puts extreme burden on stores for registration.

If you have any questions I can be reached at tazman_269@hotmail.com or

The above testimony was written and submitted by Marc Shimatsu

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From: [Ninja Forms TxnMail](#) on behalf of [David Sumikawa](#)
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Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 12:52:58 PM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From David Sumikawa

I oppose the bill. It is a violation of the 2nd amendment.

If you have any questions I can be reached at davesumi@gmail.com or

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To: [PSMTestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 12:59:30 PM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Leif Akaji

I oppose this bill because;

- 1) Standards set would be more stringent than firearms for a less lethal option.
- 2) Punishes those afraid of firearms by not being able to defend themselves
- 3) Would be set a strange precedent which I feel makes Hawaii look foolish

If you have any questions I can be reached at leifjakaji@hotmail.com or

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Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 11:44:34 AM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Kyle Nakamura

Strongly oppose this. Electric guns are a good non-lethal option for everyone. They would make our environment much safer for everyone.

If you have any questions I can be reached at kyle@kylenakamura.com or

The above testimony was written and submitted by Kyle Nakamura

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Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 11:14:37 AM

To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Woody Child

Training would be costly

If you have any questions I can be reached at wcinkona@usa.com or

The above testimony was written and submitted by Woody Child

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Philip yee	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha

I support this bill. As a legal gun owner, I should have the right to defend myself with an electric gun.

Thank you.

SB-2437

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 2:56:04 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Calvin Kajiware	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

- This bill would severely hamper the public ability to own and use a taser for self defense.
- The training required does not exist.
- Training would be costly.
- It prevents gifting of tasers to a loved one or friend.
- Registration system would be burdensome to stores.
- Bill prevents online purchases.
- No other state has these requirements.
- Cheaper and/or easier to purchase a firearm,
- Items are not serialized.
- Impossible to enforce.

SB-2437

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 3:11:50 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stephanie Manera	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 4:08:13 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Steven Dong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I fully support the repeal of the earlier ban on electric guns for self-defense and defense of another person and protection of property. Use of electric guns for the purpose of self defense provides individuals the means to defend themselves with a non-lethal device. Ever since an unfortunate incident in a supermarket parking lot my now 87 year old mother has been fearful of going out and fearful of potential intruders in her home. The ability of our Kapuna and law-biding citizens to defend themselves and protect their lives in the face of danger should be the right of ever citizen in United States. We realize the police can not be everywhere, so give us the tools to defend ourselves in the face of stronger, younger assailants who intend to do violence & harm. We see that violent crime is on the rise. Allow us to be able to defend ourselves. Please support the use of electric guns.

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Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Korynn Grenert	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Electric guns could save lives.

LATE

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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 5:13:11 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Josh	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 5:24:03 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Steven Decker	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I have been working in Kalihi for 6 years and have run into a number of dangerous and threatening situations being violated on more than one occasion. Walking alone to your vehicle at night and having a group of teens armed with skateboards surround you asking for a few dollars makes you feel very vulnerable and at a violent person's or gang's mercy. Having never before feeling the need to be armed, this resurgence of violent robberies and thefts in the past few months, I feel that an electric stun gun could help me defend myself and prevent personal harm or death.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tyler D.V Del Rosario	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair

Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

Introducer(s): Representatives RUDERMAN, KEITH-AGARAN, Moriwaki, Riviere

Tyler Del Rosario, US Citizen, Ewa Beach - Combat Veteran

Wednesday, February 5, 2019

Opposing SB2437, Relating to Electric Guns, Electric Guns; Licenses; Regulation; Prohibition.

Hello Committee Representatives. My name is Tyler Del Rosario I am a US Veteran who has served in combat tours and an owner of firearms. I am testifying to oppose SB2437, Relating to Electric Guns, Electric Guns; Licenses; Regulation; Prohibition. SB2437 would severely hamper the public ability to own and use a taser for self-defense, a less-lethal means to protect themselves without owning a firearm. In addition, SB2437 would be costly for training and training to use would not be required as it is manageable to use. It would also prevent gifting these self-defense tools to loved ones or friends who feel susceptible to danger.

SB2437 would hamper commercial stores with registration systems, even nationally when it can prevent online purchases for those seeking to defend themselves, whereas no other state has these requirements. Electric guns are the cheaper and easier way to purchase a firearm and do not require to be serialized. It is also impossible to enforce this bill if it comes to effect. No owners would want to give up their right to protect themselves under the 2nd amendment. I urge the committee to reconsider SB2437. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

SB-2437

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Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bill Richter	Testifying for Lessons in Firearms Education	Oppose	No

Comments:

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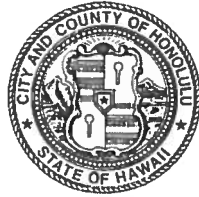
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Matt	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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February 6, 2020

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The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
and Members
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental,
and Military Affairs
State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Nishihara and Members:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 2437, Relating to Electric Guns

I am David Nilsen, Major of the Records and Identification Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports Senate Bill No. 2437, Relating to Electric Guns.

The Honolulu Police Department supports Senate Bill No. 2437, with several concerns. This bill fails to provide for a permitting process to ensure a person prohibited in Section 134F, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), from owning an electric gun, does not receive one. Additionally, there is no provision to HRS 134-3.5 that allows medical providers to release the medical information necessary to enforce the mental health prohibitions of Section 134F.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David P. Nilsen".

David P. Nilsen, Major
Records and Identification Division

APPROVED:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Ballard".

Susan Ballard
Chief of Police

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Submitted on: 2/6/2020 9:16:16 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/6/2020 1:15:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Keoni Tamashiro	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Keoni Tamashiro. I respectfully ask that you folks repeal the use and possession of Electric guns for defense. The crime has been spiraling as of late and something besides OC spary to protect onesself would be bennificial, it could prevent someone from getting badly beaten or possibly killed giving them a fighting chance to stay alive.

From: [Ninja Forms TxnMail](#) on behalf of [Richard Monroe](#)
To: [PSMTestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Thursday, February 6, 2020 1:28:26 AM



To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Richard Monroe

I oppose SB2437 for these reasons:

1. It violates Fourth Amendment as well as Second Amendment property rights.
2. It violates the oath of the Senators to uphold the Constitution of the United States.
3. Fears and feelings do not override personal inalienable rights.
4. It criminalizes law-abiding citizens.
5. It reduces the nonlethal options for self-defense.
6. It reduces the options of people who either cannot afford or are not interested in owning traditional firearms for self-defense.
7. Crimes they may be used in are already illegal.
8. It would hamper the local economy by creating extra hoops to jump through. Putting undue stress on already struggling local businesses.
9. The items are not serialized.
10. The state bureaucracy does not have the time or resources to create and maintain yet another tracking system. I put forth "they've got better things to do."
11. It is impossible to enforce. It will create untold problems for people. Such as unknowingly breaking laws. Example: having to store items properly, carrying violations, etc. This will definitely add to the backlog of the already overwhelmed court systems. And it will irritate our Police Officers who already have enough to do fighting real crimes involving actual victims. Trust me, this is something to consider because they vote too.

Additionally, I call upon our local Senate representatives and lawmakers to support your local community in protecting ALL our constitutional rights. As well as to continually oppose any violations to it. I also invite and encourage the free exercise of those rights by all.

Lastly, I recommend and encourage the senators and lawmakers to reduce and eliminate useless gun laws from the books. Let that be your legacy. Your community will thank you for it and remember you fondly.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

If you have any questions I can be reached at richardmonroe247@gmail.com or

The above testimony was written and submitted by Richard Monroe

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Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 1:40:27 PM



To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Nicholas Poole

By voting this bill into you would cause unnecessary burdens to those trying to protect themselves. The training suggested doesn't exist anywhere in the state.

If you have any questions I can be reached at mr.gq79@yahoo.com or

The above testimony was written and submitted by Nicholas Poole

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Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 1:55:47 PM



To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Paul Baillie

I support the US constitution and object to any infringement of my rights, Guaranteed therein, And strongly oppose this Legislation. Please do not allow any vested interest to get their agenda passed into law. We need ample time for Transparency and Public debate and feedback not a back door rush to pass new Laws !

If you have any questions I can be reached at baillieandsons@yahoo.com or

The above testimony was written and submitted by Paul Baillie

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To: [PSMTestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB2437
Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 2:05:22 PM



To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Damian Bissonnette

This bill would severely hamper the public ability to own and use a taser for self defense.

The training required does not exist.

Training would be costly.

It prevents gifting of tasers to a loved one or friend.

Registration system would be burdensome to stores.

Bill prevents online purchases.

No other state has these requirements.

Cheaper and/or easier to purchase a firearm,

Items are not serialized.

Impossible to enforce.

If you have any questions I can be reached at damianbissonnette@gmail.com or

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To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From travis montgomery

THIS BILL IS RETARDED THERE IS NO ABSOLUTLY NO TRAING FOR ELECTRICE GUNS EVEN IF THEY MADE ONE IT WOULD BE COSTLY. AND IT IS WAY CHEAPER THAN A FIREARM

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To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

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From Calvin Kajiwarara

I OPPOSE THIS BECAUSE

- This bill would severely hamper the public ability to own and use a taser for self defense.
- The training required does not exist.
- Training would be costly.
- It prevents gifting of tasers to a loved one or friend.
- Registration system would be burdensome to stores.-
- Bill prevents online purchases.
- No other state has these requirements.
- Cheaper and/or easier to purchase a firearm,
- Items are not serialized.
- Impossible to enforce.

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To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

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From Miki Jones

Aloha, I oppose this bill. Mahalo.

If you have any questions I can be reached at ambubunny@gmail.com or

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To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

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From Raymond Ishii

I am opposed to SB2437 unless it is modified.

As currently written, it gives the facade of finally allowing the law abiding citizens the ability to defend themselves from criminals. But by adding the bureaucratic provisions of banning on line sales which takes away the ability to buy one cheaply through Amazon, requiring training which does not exist, and all the other provisions in the bill would discourage the law abiding citizens from attempting to obtain a electric gun.

A better bill would simply repeal the current law and give the citizens of the state a useful tool to deter criminals from preying on them.

If you have any questions I can be reached at ray38super@gmail.com or

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To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Tyler Del Rosario

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

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Tyler Del Rosario, US Citizen, Ewa Beach - Combat Veteran

Wednesday, February 5, 2019

Opposing SB2437, Relating to Electric Guns, Electic Guns; Licenses; Regulation; Prohibition.

Hello Committee Representatives. My name is Tyler Del Rosario I am a US Veteran who has served in combat tours and an owner of firearms. I am testifying to oppose SB2437, Relating to Electric Guns, Electic Guns; Licenses; Regulation; Prohibition. SB2437 would severely hamper the public ability to own and use a taser for self-defense, a less-lethal means to protect themselves without owning a firearm. In addition, SB2437 would be costly for training and training to use would not be required as it is manageable to use. It would also prevent gifting these self-defense tools to loved ones or friends who feel susceptible to danger.

SB2437 would hamper commercial stores with registration systems, even nationally when it can prevent online purchases for those seeking to defend themselves, whereas no other state has these requirements. Electric guns are the cheaper and easier way to purchase a firearm and do not require to be serialized. It is also impossible to enforce this bill if it comes to effect. No owners would want to give up their right to protect themselves under the 2nd amendment. I urge the committee to reconsider SB2437. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

If you have any questions I can be reached at tdrdr14@gmail.com or

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To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2437.

From Peri-Ann Barros-lee

Another way to make money off of us we can't even purchase stun guns in hawaii it would be better with the rise in robberies for everyone to be able to get one to defend themselves

If you have any questions I can be reached at kimiemieko@gmail.com or

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To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

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From Tim Soderholm

I oppose SB2437. While it would be a step in the right direction, it doesn't go far enough; "electric guns" are arms as contemplated by the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. Thus, the restrictions that would continue to exist on the right to keep and bear "electric guns" would continue to be unconstitutional.

If you have any questions I can be reached at tsoderholm@icloud.com or

The above testimony was written and submitted by Tim Soderholm

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To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

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From Michael Burnham

Repeals the ban on electric guns only to establish an onerous regulatory structure for use. It might as well be MAY carry.

If you have any questions I can be reached at mabhawaii@hotmail.com or

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To the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,

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From Rikki Rutt

I am strongly opposed to this bill it will only effect law abiding citizens like me and not discourage criminals who are most likely to use firearms in a negative manner.

If you have any questions I can be reached at rikkirutt@yahoo.com or

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