
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT TO IMPLEMENT IMPROVEMENTS TO STREAMLINE THE EXISTING GUN OWNERSHIP AND PERMITTING PROCESS, INCLUDING THROUGH THE USE OF ANY FORMS OF TECHNOLOGY, FOR LAW ABIDING CITIZENS IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii has some of the strictest gun ownership
2 laws in the nation; and

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4 WHEREAS, ownership of any type of gun in the State requires
5 a permit; and

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7 WHEREAS, while the annual permit for ownership of a long
8 gun, such as a shotgun or hunting rifle, allows the permit
9 holder to purchase as many long guns as the applicant wants
10 during that time period, the ownership process for a handgun
11 requires many more steps and is far more time-consuming; and

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13 WHEREAS, prior to the purchase of a handgun in the City and
14 County of Honolulu, an individual must first complete a federal
15 firearms form at the gun store before the purchase of the
16 handgun can be completed, obtain the serial number of the
17 handgun they wish to purchase at the gun store, apply for a
18 permit for the handgun at a Honolulu Police Department police
19 station, and wait fourteen days; and

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21 WHEREAS, because of delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic,
22 this already lengthy process has grown even longer; and

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24 WHEREAS, alternative methods, such as allowing individuals
25 to prefill a permit application prior to going to a police
26 station or permitting office, may reduce delays and improve the
27 gun ownership system; now, therefore,

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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
30 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session



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1 of 2021, that the Honolulu Police Department is requested to
2 implement improvements to streamline the existing gun ownership
3 and permitting process, including through the use of any forms
4 of technology, for law abiding citizens in the City and County
5 of Honolulu; and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
8 Resolution be transmitted to the Chief of Police of the Honolulu
9 Police Department.
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OFFERED BY:



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