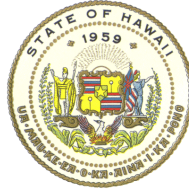


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**Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on  
WATER & LAND**

**Tuesday, March 15, 2022  
8:30 AM**

**State Capitol, Conference Room 430, Via Videoconference**

**In consideration of  
SENATE BILL 3298, SENATE DRAFT 1  
RELATING TO SHOOTING FACILITIES**

Senate Bill 3298, Senate Draft 1 proposes to: 1) Establish a working group consisting of the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, the Director of Public Safety, and hunters and recreational shooters to determine potential locations and requirements for a shooting facility in the County of Hawaii; 2) Appropriate funds to establish the shooting facility in the County of Hawaii; and 3) Require the County of Hawaii to match funds appropriated on a dollar-to-dollar basis. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports this measure.**

The establishment of a multi-use public shooting range on Hawaii Island is much needed to provide a safe and organized facility to practice firearms safety, hunting and recreationally shooting skills. The Department's Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement and its Hunter Education Program, and other law enforcement agencies will also benefit from this range as it will provide a space to train and maintain their firearms skills at the highest level. The Department has been working closely with the County of Hawaii and community members on Hawaii to accomplish this goal.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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**TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND**  
**ON**  
**SENATE BILL NO. 3298, S.D. 1**

**March 15, 2022**  
**8:30 a.m.**  
**Room 430 and Videoconference**

**RELATING TO SHOOTING FACILITIES**

The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) offers comments on this bill.

Senate Bill No. 3298, S.D. 1: establishes a working group within the Department of Land and Natural Resources to determine potential locations and requirements for a shooting facility on the island of Hawai'i; appropriates an unspecified amount of general funds for FY 23 as a grant-in-aid to the County of Hawai'i (COH) for the development of a public shooting facility on the island of Hawai'i; requires the COH to match the appropriated funds; and requires a report to the Legislature.

B&F notes that, with respect to the general fund appropriation in this bill, the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act requires that states receiving Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II funds and Governor's Emergency Education Relief II funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and

- Higher education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

Further, the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requires that states receiving ARP ESSER funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and
- Higher education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

The U.S. Department of Education has issued rules governing how these maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements are to be administered. B&F will be working with the money committees of the Legislature to ensure that the State of Hawai'i complies with these ESSER MOE requirements.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

**SB-3298-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/14/2022 2:17:51 PM

Testimony for WAL on 3/15/2022 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brian Ley	Hawaii county GMAC	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Brian Ley, vice chairman, Hawaii county GMAC. We strongly support SB 3298. Hawaii county has needed a real shooting range for years. Hawaii has one of the country's highest firearms to population. And the people need a safe place to teach, and train people in the use of their firearms.

mahalo for your time and consideration of passing SB 3298

Brian Ley, vice chairman Hawaii county GMAC



House Committee on Water and Land  
HEARING: March 15, 2022 at 8:30am  
RE: SB3298 SD1 Relating to Shooting Facilities

The Hawaii Firearms Coalition **SUPPORTS SB3298 SD1.**

Having a full-featured shooting range on the Big Island is long overdue. A public shooting range is needed for instructors to teach firearms safety classes, host shooting events/competitions, and ensure hunters can zero and practice with their rifles and shotguns. Our Hawaii County members constantly complain about the lack of a public shooting range where they can practice and train.

A training range is needed with the upcoming US Supreme Court decision in *NYSRPA v Bruen* which is expected to overturn Hawaii's ban on handgun carry permits. Nationally on average, about 5% of the adult population has a handgun carry permit. It is projected that 7,000 Hawaii County residents will obtain a carry permit and will need a place for training and practice for it. Hawaii County needs a public range capable of handling that need. The current Morita Camp range is deficient for this purpose due to the range layout, lack of classrooms, the need for private shooting areas, and logistics issues.

A shooting complex in Hawaii County would draw people from around the State and overseas to attend competitions, hunting, and training classes. This would benefit the Hawaii county economy. Firearms ownership has grown greatly across the US in the past decade and people will travel to Hawaii for these events. This project would also bring in funds from the Pittman Robertson Act which provides matching Federal funds for range construction.

Please pass SB3298 to provide a safe training area for the community. Bringing the DLNR, County of Hawaii, and firearms community together on this project is the best way forward.

Mahalo,

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**SB-3298-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/13/2022 4:21:56 PM

Testimony for WAL on 3/15/2022 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gerard Silva	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The People have need something like this For Decades! Its about Time our tax payer Moneys go for something we want and need instead of going in to the Governments Pockets!!

**SB-3298-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/14/2022 12:43:09 PM

Testimony for WAL on 3/15/2022 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marcus Tanaka	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this.

**SB-3298-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/14/2022 1:55:08 PM

Testimony for WAL on 3/15/2022 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
nani pogline	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Legislators,

Here on Hawaii Island numerous user groups, members of the public, and the Hawaii County Police Department have long fought for a multi-purpose user friendly, official public shooting range. Besides a few make shift sites, there is no where to go to practice munitions. Often times its a remote country road or back yard. For safety purposes, education, skill development, hunters, sportsmen, domestic purposes, the Police to update their qualification, please support SB3298 SD1.

Mahalo nui



**SB-3298-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/14/2022 1:57:03 PM

Testimony for WAL on 3/15/2022 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael I Rice	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I strongly SUPPORT this bill as it will provide gun owners on the Big Island a safe and legal place to practice with their firearms. Currently with no legal gun ranges, gun owners will either have to use their own property to practice on, or at an acquaintance's property. There's also the potential for them to shoot in 'unauthorized' locations, potentially on public property where a multitude of problems can arise.

A gun range provides a safe and sane place to practice and use firearms, and can have numerous safety measures and protocols in place that an 'unauthorized' location or even private property might not have, such as berms and overhangs, along with Range Safety Officers to monitor activity. There's also environmental concerns that can happen from such 'unauthorized' ranges, such as buildup of heavy metals such as lead, or through illegal dumping and trash which we see in such places on the mainland. On a public range these concerns can be mitigated through a number of processes and concentrated in one area that is known.

Such gun ranges can also attract tourism by hosting sport shooting competitions, having places where mainland hunters can zero in their rifles, and even business opportunities for 'Gun Tourism' from countries that do not have the right to bear arms.