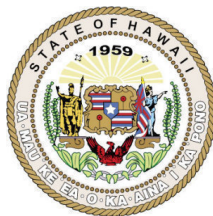


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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 882  
RELATING TO FIREARMS  
Before the Senate Committee on  
Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs  
Friday, February 10, 2023; 3:05 p.m.  
State Capitol Conference Room 225, Via Videoconference  
**WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY**

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, and members of the Committee:

The Department of Law Enforcement (DLE) recommends that the Legislature address the issues of this bill through Senate Bill 1282 or House Bill 984, which are the Administration's comprehensive bills on this subject.

The administration measures address many of the firearms related issues facing the State following the United States Supreme Court decision in N.Y. State Rifle & Pistol Ass'n, Inc. v. Bruen, 142 S. Ct. 2111, 2133 (2022), which held that the Second Amendment provides for an individual right to keep and bear arms for lawful purposes and the states retain authority to enact "a 'variety' of gun regulations." *id.* at 2162. The Attorney General has addressed the Constitutionality or legality of the various provisions of these bills that address a variety of firearms related issues facing the State and this Legislature. For this reason, the DLE recommends that the Legislature pass one of the Administration's bills, Senate Bill 1282 or House Bill 984.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on this bill.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 6:05:58 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
BUTCH KAUIHIMALAIH HELEMANO	Testifying for Firearm raining Certification School	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha

As an NRA Certified CCW instructor, and State of Hawaii LTC  
CCW instructor(including Utah Bureau of Criminal Justice Certified CCW *instructor* )*I have  
cerified over one thousand Hawaii residents and issued them non-resident carry cards for Utah  
and Arizona. Our classes are 14 hours long in "totality", with day one CCW laws in  
the classroom and day two consisting of 4 hours of Advanced Defensive Hangdun shooting drills  
and drawing from a concealed holster. Your imposition of "required interviews, private family  
information, social media disclosures, is not conducted in 99% of states America! "* since we  
are not living in a communist country **YOU ARE VIOLATING THE SUPREME COURTS  
DECISION IN BRUEN AND YOU KNOW IT!.....I APPOSE THIS BILL!**

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 8:44:19 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Marcus Tanaka	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I oppose this. This violates the Bruen SCOTUS ruling since there is no "History or Tradition" of social media checks or disclosing household members. This violates someones right to privacy and also the SCOTUS Bruen ruling that any criteria must be objective. So providing social media info is subjective.

Who's going to pay for the extra man power needed to do this? HPD is already short staffed.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 10:05:24 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Deb Nehmad	Testifying for Brady Hawaii	Support	In Person

Comments:



Testimony of Deb Nehmad, Chapter Lead, Brady Hawaii

in support of **SB882 and SB 685**

1. the Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs.  
February 10, 2023

Chair Wakai and committee members:

I am Deb Nehmad, Chapter Lead for Brady Hawaii. Thank you for this opportunity to express Brady Hawaii’s strong support for SB 882 which establishes rigorous training requirements for applicants for concealed carry permits.

1. law currently provides that applicants for a firearm permit undergo only 4 hours of classroom training and has no proficiency threshold for shooting. **SB882** increases classroom time from four to 14 hours, requires applicant to achieve 80% shooting proficiency and significantly expands the topics covered in the classroom to include, among other things, suicide prevention, situational awareness, and best practices when encountering law enforcement. Background checks are also enhanced with in-person interviews providing more thorough mental health reviews. Just as drivers are required to pass a test to attain a license, gun owners should be required to have adequate training

about the responsible use of firearms and show a proficiency in their use. The topics listed for inclusion in SB882 are a vast improvement on existing law.

However, Brady Hawaii has great concern that licensees for concealed firearms will view themselves as citizen deputies and take it upon themselves to intervene in situations that extend beyond their own or their family's defense. This attitude can jeopardize the lives of innocent bystanders and complicate crisis situations when police are not able to discern the good guy from the bad guy with the gun. We would endorse the inclusion of an additional topic on understanding the law in Hawaii as it relates to self-defense of the person which is the critical element in concealed carry situations.

We also support the passage of HB685 which covers the misdemeanor offense of brandishing a firearm.

In addition, Brady Hawaii also recommends an expanded program for self-storage in the home:

- We recommend that Hawaii create a safe storage law similar to Massachusetts. If a gun is not located on your person or easily within reach, it should be kept unloaded and securely enclosed in a locked box or container that is incapable of being unlocked without a key or a combination. Hawaii could go one step further by requiring that these standards be met regardless of whether or not a child could or is likely to gain access to these firearms without the consent of a parent or guardian.

- Hawaii should also consider legislation similar to that passed in California and Massachusetts that have an educational focus - either by mandating signage at gun stores with information about existing Child Access Protection (CAP) and safe storage laws/obligations in the state, or through a school notification system requiring schools to provide information to parents with firearms about existing CAP and safe storage laws, in collaboration with the Dept. of Justice.

We also understand that CAP and Safe Storage Laws are meant to be educational and protective. Hawaii should not institute severe penalties for first time offenses.

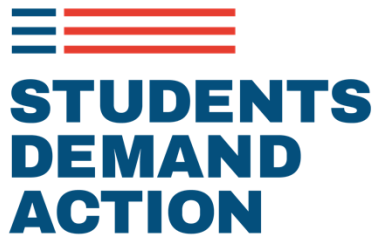
Thank you for your consideration of this testimony and urge your support for SB882 and HB685.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Nehmad

Chapter Lead, Brady Hawaii

[dnehmada@bradyunited.org](mailto:dnehmada@bradyunited.org)



February 10, 2023

Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

Hearing Time: 03:05 p.m.  
Location: State Capitol  
Re: SB 882, Relating to Firearms

Aloha e Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, and members of the Committee:

We are writing in **strong support** of SB 882, Relating to Firearms.

This bill will increase the minimum classroom instruction time for state certified or National Rifle Association certified firearm safety courses from four to fourteen hours; require firearm safety courses to include additional subject matter; and require applicants for a license to carry a concealed firearm to pass a written test, participate in an in-person interview, and provide information to demonstrate that the applicant is of good moral character and sufficient mental competence.

Every single day, more than 110 people in the United States are killed with guns and more than 200 are shot and wounded (Everytown for Gun Safety). And in 2021, the most recent year with full data released, gun deaths reached their highest level in at least 40 years, with 48,830 deaths in that year alone (Giffords Law Center).

Gun sense and safety are two of Students Demand Action's top priorities. Requiring more instruction time and learning checkpoints for gun owners will only make our communities safer, as those with firearms are to be better trained on how to use their gun. Any legislation aimed toward gun safety is essential, therefore, we urge you to pass this measure.

Gun violence has become its own epidemic. But like disease, this sickness can be treated. With strict gun and ammunition laws and strong enforcement, we can protect our community from senseless gun violence and deaths. We need to take action, and we need to do it now. **Please, help us save lives.**

Students Demand Action (SDA) is a national organization of high school and college-aged activists committed to ending gun violence. When lawmakers offered thoughts and prayers but little meaningful action after the 2018 mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, students across the country came together to make our voices heard. SDA started in 2016 as a pilot program and, with a sense of urgency, was launched as a national

initiative within two weeks of the Parkland shooting. Because what could be more urgent than fixing the errors in our system that have cost so many young people their lives? SDA now has more than 500 groups across the country and active volunteers in every state and D.C. As the SDA Hawai'i Chapter, we focus our efforts on legislative action, community outreach and education, and organizing.

**Please support SB 882.**

Mahalo nui loa,

Leah Delos Santos

*President and Co-Founder*

*Students Demand Action Hawai'i*

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SB 882

Indivisible Hawaii supports SB 882, with the following comments:

134-2(g)(4)(B) should be amended to read “Education on the firearm laws of the State, including specific instruction on the use of deadly force in self-defense and defense of others” .

*Since the purpose of the right to possess arms is self-defense, it is critical that those training to qualify for possession of a firearm be fully knowledgeable about how they can and cannot legally use their firearm in self-defense once acquired.*

134-9(b)(4)(B) should be amended to read “Providing the names and contact information for the applicant’s current and ex-spouse(s), current and ex-domestic partner(s), and any other adults residing in the applicant’s home, including any adult children of the applicant;”

*Ex spouses and ex-significant others are frequently targets of domestic disputes and should be included in any background check.*

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 11:41:32 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jerry Yuen	Testifying for Pu'uloa Rifle and Pistol Club	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB882. This bill is unconstitutional, a gross invasion of privacy, an unreasonable demand for requisite training, and a misplacement of responsibility for education.

Fourteen hours of classroom instruction is an unreasonable demand to exercise the constitutional right to keep and bear arms.

The topics of situational awareness, conflict de-escalation, suicide prevention, best practices when encountering law enforcement, and gun safety should be part of the Hawaii school system curriculum. If the lives of Hawaii's children are truly the focus of these proposed anti-gun bills, then this would be a better approach.

Use of deadly force should only be required when the stated purpose of the firearm is self-defense.

Basic marksmanship training is already covered by current HRS Section 134-2.

Requiring a written test is already done by certified instructors.

Requiring proof of good moral character is highly subjective.

In person interviews are also subjective and very time consuming.

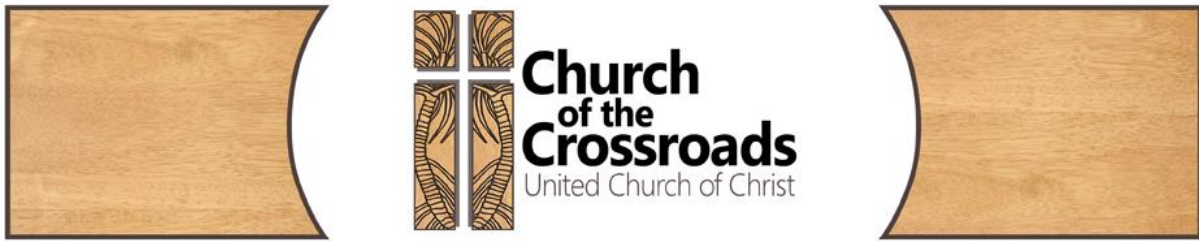
Providing the names and contact information of all adult members of your household is invasive and a violation of the 4th and 5th Amendments.

Providing social media history information is invasive and a violation of the 4th and 5th Amendments.

This is a bad bill and will open the State of Hawaii to many lawsuits if passed.

Jerry Yuen

President, Pu'uloa Rifle and Pistol Club



## ***A Just Peace and Open and Affirming Congregation***

### **THE CHURCH OF THE CROSSROADS TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF BILL SB 882**

*The Church of the Crossroads celebrates 100 years of being Hawaii's first intentionally multiethnic church, dedicated to missions of peace, justice, and stewardship of the environment.*

#### **The Church of the Crossroads supports SB 882**

In January 2023, our church congregation voted unanimously to advocate for stronger gun safety measures, including requiring thorough background checks of criminal and mental health history, robust safety training for all firearms permits, transfers and licenses, and prohibiting the carrying of firearms in Sensitive Places (broadly defined).

We support SB 882 because it creates numerous measures to better protect our community, while complying the unfortunate US Supreme Court's mandate that public carry permits be allowed. In particular, requiring robust background checks and detailed safety training should assist in protecting the public from accidental and intentional injuries from firearms.

As a comment, SB1230 already provides many detailed protections regarding firearms permits and licensing. We hope your committee take whatever measures are appropriate to reconcile the two bills in a manner that provides the strictest public safety protections.

Thank you for consideration of our testimony and helping protect the safety of our community.

Submitted by Ellen Godbey Carson on behalf of the Church of the Crossroads

Email: [office@churchofthecrossroadshawaii.org](mailto:office@churchofthecrossroadshawaii.org)



I write today on behalf of myself, Hawaii Firearms Coalition, and all law-abiding gun owners in the state of Hawaii;

we are in **opposition** to SB882.

- A requirement for a 14-hour would increase the financial burden of obtaining a firearm in Hawaii. - The current average price to complete the current pistol class is \$150. This multi-day class would cost several hundred dollars in addition to the loss of income from the time of work to take the test.
- The additional subjects required during the classroom section serve no purpose other than to fill time and have no merit for the safe handling of firearms.
- The average firearms owner will never have any contact with law enforcement, and best practices is a subjective term.
- Testing requirements lead to instructors teaching to a test instead of teaching to educate.
- In 2021 Hawaii issued 23,299 permits to acquire. This would mean they would have to conduct more than 89 interviews a day. Even at 15 minutes a day, that's thousands of man-hours per year.
- Forced interviews to exercise a constitutional right would be a violation of the applicant's right to privacy.
- A requirement to provide social media accounts would be a violation of the person's right to privacy.
- A requirement to provide information about other persons living in an applicant's home would be a violation of the applicants and their coinhabitants rights to privacy.

- A requirement to provide personal references serves no purpose, as their opinions would be subjective.
- Personal references would need to be interviewed, requiring thousands of man-hours for no purpose.
- References would be informed that a person is applying for a firearm and causing a violation of the applicant's right to privacy.
- A good moral character requirement is unconstitutionally vague and subjective.
- None of the requirements in this bill meet the Supreme Court guidance in determining a law as being constitutionally acceptable in regards to the second amendment: see *NYPRA V Bruen* (excerpt below)

*“when the Second Amendment’s plain text covers an individual’s conduct, the Constitution presumptively protects that conduct, and to justify a firearm regulation the government must demonstrate that the regulation is consistent with the Nation’s historical tradition of firearm regulation.”*

As such, no action should be taken on any law that impacts the right to keep and bear arms before a historical analysis has been conducted to make sure said law is in line with the text, history, and traditions of the Second Amendment.

Andrew Namiki Roberts  
Director  
Hawaii Firearms Coalition

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/7/2023 2:44:38 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Andrew Crossland	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this Bill and it's infringement on the 2nd Amendment.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/7/2023 4:21:48 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Randy Cheung	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose. Please explicitly define "good moral character".

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/7/2023 4:38:50 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Victor K. Ramos	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

OPPOSE: Ludicrous recommendations that may prove to be unconstitutional.



**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/7/2023 5:39:47 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
cheryl Burghardt	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I SUPPORT this bill which Increases the minimum classroom instruction time for state certified or National Rifle Association certified firearm safety courses from four to fourteen hours. Requires firearm safety courses to include additional subject matter. Requires applicants for a license to carry a concealed firearm to pass a written test, participate in an in person interview, and provide information to demonstrate that the applicant is of good moral character and sufficient mental competence.

COMMENT: "good moral character" is subjective and may be interpreted in many ways.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/7/2023 6:01:06 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
B.A. McClintock	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a disabled senior I'm concerned for my own safety with a bunch of people carrying concealed weapons. The more restrictions the better. I don't understand why our country even allows them. Please start protecting everyone by passing the bill.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/7/2023 6:26:53 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Linda Legrande	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Education is always the way. We must teach responsible gun ownership as we teach other ways of civic engagement. Thank you, Linda Legrande

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/7/2023 6:32:09 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jane Davis	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Just as drivers are required to pass a test to attain a license, gun owners should be required to have adequate training about the responsible use of firearms and show a proficiency in their use.

--SB882 adds common sense subjects to be covered in training include situational awareness, best practices when encountering law enforcement, conflict de-escalation; use of deadly force, suicide prevention, authorized use of deadly force in personal self-defense, and the basic principles of marksmanship.

--Without demonstrating adequate proficiency and understanding the permitted use of deadly force, innocent bystanders are going to be hurt.

--Enhanced background checks are critical.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/7/2023 7:14:00 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Brian Isaacson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The author of this bill is dismayed about the Supreme Court decision on concealed carry and wishes to cause honest citizens trying to exercise their rights as much difficulty as they can. The qualification criteria in the bill are specious and likely to be thrown out when contested in court, as they will be in other venues. At present, there is no range facility for training on Oahu, so specifying additional training is a tactic designed to stop individuals from being certified.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/7/2023 10:04:57 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nancy Taylor	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Adequate training regarding the proper use of firearms is an essential element for the safety of everyone. The citizens of Hawaii deserve to be protected by having gun owners be required to be knowledgeable and trained.

Thank you.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/7/2023 10:51:10 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Alan Urasaki	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I stand in opposition to this bill. How will you enforce or ensure that all of these things take place?

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/7/2023 11:19:37 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Susan Pcola_Davis	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support stringent firearms laws!



**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 7:18:12 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Karen Sullivan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To me, SB882 is essential to safeguard our children, families and neighborhoods. Gun owners carry a heavy burden and should be required to have adequate training about the responsible use of firearms. Without situational awareness, lessons in conflict de-escalation and suicide prevention ... gun owners take on risks that can also endanger themselves. Without demonstrating adequate proficiency and understanding the permitted use of deadly force, innocent bystanders are going to get hurt. What is also critical to any sale of guns is ENHANCED BACKGROUND CHECKS.

I support SB882.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 8:22:51 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Daniel Baston	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha board members,

I am Writing today in opposition to this bill SB33. This bill would render one's concealed carry permit useless with such broad definitions used. This bill is a carbon copy of other states' bills trying to restrict our right that the US supreme court ruled in the BruinVS New Yoirk case this summersaid you can not makeevery area a sensitive place. New Jersey and New York. that have tried passsing billls like this are now dealing with lawsuits and have been ruled by more thn 3 judges to be unconstitutional and that this does not meet the text and history test the supreme court said must have been in place when the seond amendment was written.

This bill will also be in the courts and will not hold up to the text and histroy tests when the second amendment was made law.

Another point is that requiring policce to cconduct interviews of a concealed carry license applicant along with 3 reeference people for the police to verify you are a "good poersion" is an unreasonable task for the police departments. Many to most are so understaffed currently, especially here in Maui, it takes 4 months to get a permit approved. adding more steps will only delay someone's ability to get a permit and could open the country up to lawsuits for constitutionalright delayed being a right denied.

There needs to be timeline for the application to be approved or denied. It takes 14 days to do a bakground check to acquire a firearm. It should not take that much longerfor a concealed carry license. It also places a huge cost requirement for people to take classes every year and with only one-year valid license, you must take a class every 8 months so you can turn your paperwork in before your permit expires. I feel a more normal time frame would be every 3 or 5 years like most other stateshave and limit fees to \$50-\$60 dollars.

I ask what other constitutional right requires that someone has to take a class and pass a test to exercise that right? Did you take a class to be an elected officialand what was your score on the test and how long is your permit valid for and what was the cost? None. It is your right as an American to run for office. Many people like to say that you have to takse a tesst to get a driver's license but that is a privilege, not a constitutional right.

Mahalo for your time and reading this letter.

Daniel P. Baston MSHM, MSN, APRN-BC.

If you have any questions about my testimony, Please feel free to contact me at (808) 283-0735 I would welcome the chance to have a conversation with you about this matter

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 9:04:14 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Klayton Kubo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly in Opposition. This measure is way to Intrusive.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 10:32:42 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Doris Segal Matsunaga	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB 882.

Doris Segal Matsunaga

Waimea, Hawaii

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 10:44:13 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Shaun Woods	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

OPPOSE SB882.

This is just the latest attempt in the state's vendetta to make it impossible for individuals to exercise their right to keep and bear arms. Lawmakers clearly do not understand what it means to have a right: it means HANDS OFF, STATE! FULL STOP! All gun laws are infringements. Whether it's fourteen hours or four, no state agent has any business telling someone they may not carry a weapon simply because they didn't pay up (either with money or time).

This legislation is elitist. It would have the greatest impact on the poor and those who cannot spare the ridiculous amount of time demanded.

The more restrictions you place on our rights, the closer and closer you come to having all of your tyrannical requirements being ruled unconstitutional.

**SB882**

--Just as drivers are required to pass a test to attain a license, gun owners should be required to have adequate training about the responsible use of firearms and show a proficiency in their use.

--SB882 adds common sense subjects to be covered in training include situational awareness, best practices when encountering law enforcement, conflict de-escalation; use of deadly force, suicide prevention, authorized use of deadly force in personal self-defense, and the basic principles of marksmanship.

--Without demonstrating adequate proficiency and understanding the permitted use of deadly force, innocent bystanders are going to be hurt.

--Enhanced background checks are critical.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 11:00:21 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gavin Lohmeier	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

oppose SB882. this is going way too far. the rules we have in place are more than enough to insure safety. there is no need to change anything. this is government over-reach. this clearly infringes on our second Amendment rights

sincerely

Gavin Lohmeier



**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 11:38:58 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Laura Friedman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

It is very important that the legislature act to impose reasonable restrictions on gunownership. This measure will help ensure responsible gun ownership.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 11:40:32 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Greg Howeth	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB882.

To arbitrarily increase training times from already established, nationally recognised, training and gun safety requirements makes no sense and only serves to further infringe on our 2nd amendment right.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 12:01:06 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michael I Rice	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I stand in **STRONG OPPOSITION** to this bill. Similar bills on the mainland have already been tried post Bruen and have an Injunction and Temporary Restraining Order against them preventing their enforcement on the grounds that the lawsuits are likely to win on the merits. Need I remind you that it will be the Burden of the State to point to relevant law from History in order to defend this law.

The training requirement puts an undue burden on gun owners, quite frankly my instructor was struggling to fill a 4 hour class that went over all the required subjects proposed by this bill. The DLNR Hunters Education class I took didn't take 14 hours and covered much more than the required subjects.

This class requirement will put an undue financial burden on those wanting to exercise their right to bear arms, who will not only need to pay for the class but have to miss out on an estimated 3 days of work to satisfy the time requirements (2 days of 7 hour classroom sessions and 1 day of 2 hours of range time). This brings me to the 2 hours of required range time. Ammunition is expensive, even with very slow firing (1 round per 5 seconds), and frequent breaks and rests that would be 12 rounds a minute, with a rough estimate of 10 minutes of downtime spent loading magazines or stopping for other reasons that would be 600 rounds expended in an hour, with 1,200 rounds of ammunition expended per person per shooting session. And again this is with **SLOW FIRING**. The price for this with the cheapest 9mm ammo I can find would be \$600 just for ammunition, nevermind the price for the class itself and the loss of revenue for missing work.

And this brings me to the requirements for Police to conduct interviews. HPD has come forward and said this would just be a waste of time on their part as they would not glean anything meaningful from them. HPD can barely keep up with current paperwork requirements, now they'll have to search through all my social media accounts that I've been active on for the past 3 years? I've made a lot of posts on multiple websites, some of which I can't even remember. Do I get denied a permit because I forgot that I had a Rumble account that I spent 3 days using and didn't include it on the list of my Social Media accounts? Am I going to be denied a gun permit because I shared a meme about the Jan 6th Capitol Riot? Will I have my guns taken away because I gave instructions on how to derail a train without the use of explosives or heavy equipment to Ukrainians fighting against Russia? What if I liked a picture of a scantily clad

woman in a suggestive pose and the person reviewing my application thinks this makes me a bad person? What about my FetLife (Fetish Life) account? Not only is this requirement subjective it also puts an undue burden on myself and the Police Departments, which I shouldn't have to remind you is currently suffering from a staffing crisis.

HPD have also stated in previous testimony that the 4 character witnesses would most likely be biased towards giving good references. I don't have many friends, and most of them are progun, and the few that aren't are going to want to go to HPD to do an interview about me.

And again, none of this will do anything to stop criminals who acquire their firearms illegally.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 12:15:11 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jacob Holcomb	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

3 years of social media history? So now our dysfunctional scandal-prone government wants to declare itself the arbiter of truth and reality? Somehow the sponsors of this bill found away to violate both a person's first and second amendment rights at the same time.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 12:26:54 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
austin gapsis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Blatant violation of second ammendment. Just pure beaurcratic nonsense. To whoever proposed this you should be ashamed of yourself and resign. Take the constituion serious you can not be trusted if you are this willing to violate a RIGHT.

To: Hawaii State Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military affairs

Hearing Date/Time: Friday, February 10, 2023, 3:05pm

Place: Hawaii State Capitol, CR 225 & Videoconference

Re: Judith Ann Armstrong is in strong support of SB 882 to increase training time for those who wish to carry firearms in HI

Dear Members of the committee,

I, Judith Ann Armstrong, am in strong support of SB882 relating to Firearms

Hawaii law currently provides that applicants for a firearm permit only undergo 2 hours of classroom training and no proficiency requirement for shooting. **SB882** increases classroom time from four to 14 hours, requires applicant to achieve 80% shooting proficiency and significantly expands the topics covered including, among other things, suicide prevention situational awareness and best practices when encountering law enforcement. In person interviews are required as well as mental health reviews.

-Just as drivers are required to pass a test to attain a license, gun owners should be required to have adequate training about the responsible use of firearms and show a proficiency in their use.

--SB882 adds common sense subjects to be covered in training include situational awareness, best practices when encountering law enforcement, conflict de-escalation, use of deadly force, suicide prevention, authorized use of deadly force in personal self-defense, and the basic principles of marksmanship.

--Without demonstrating adequate proficiency and understanding the permitted use of deadly force, innocent bystanders are going to be hurt.

--Enhanced background checks are critical.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SB 882.

Sincerely,

Judith Ann Armstrong

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 12:32:34 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Hipolito Olaes	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this proposed bill. Any additional requirements imposed on the People in the free exercise of their 2A rights, is an infringement on those rights. You were elected to support and defend the Constitution of the United States.



**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 12:34:17 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Matt L	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha to All Concerned,

I am in support of the bill for the following reasons:

--Just as drivers are required to pass a test to attain a license, gun owners should be required to have adequate training about the responsible use of firearms and show a proficiency in their use. Like driving, there are life and death situations that must be considered.

--SB882 adds common sense and safety subjects to be covered in training include situational awareness, best practices when encountering law enforcement, conflict de-escalation; use of deadly force, suicide prevention, authorized use of deadly force in personal self-defense, and the basic principles of marksmanship.

--Without demonstrating adequate proficiency and understanding the permitted use of deadly force, innocent bystanders are going to be hurt.

--Enhanced background checks are critical. There are far too many guns out there!!

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 12:40:01 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Brenden Hang-Arcio	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I respectfully oppose this bill. The process it already takes to obtain a handgun, in my opinion, is more than sufficient. A background check is already ran through NCIC and FBI. A mental health disclosure is already in place. Any further checks, I feel, are not necessary and the extra class time and range time(that this bill prosposes) puts a hamper on people wanting to be a responsible first-time handgun owner as it takes extra time away from people to report to work. If someone illegally obtains a firearm that should be placed on the person recieving it and the person who sold or gave them that firearm. Not the people who want to be a responsible gun owner.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 12:46:40 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Donovan Sun	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Mr./Ms. Moriwaki, Chang, Lee, Dela Cruz, and San Buenaventura'

I oppose bill SB882 for it is unconstitutional. The second amendment gives the people the right to bear arms. It is already difficult for us law abiding citizens to acquire a firearm to protect themselves and this would make it even worse. Gun laws do not stop crime. We can look to other states and see clearly that they do not. The two safest states with the least murders are constitutional carry states.

Thank you,

Donovan Sun

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 12:46:49 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jake Hanawahine	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Jake H Resident of Kailua Oahu Strongly oppose this bill.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 12:48:19 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Timothy O. Bryan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

If I wanted to drive a car I would be required to pass a test to attain a license, gun owners should be required to have adequate training about the responsible use of firearms and show a proficiency in their use.

--SB882 adds common sense subjects to be covered in training include situational awareness, best practices when encountering law enforcement, conflict de-escalation; use of deadly force, suicide prevention, authorized use of deadly force in personal self-defense, and the basic principles of marksmanship.

--Without demonstrating adequate skill and understanding the permitted use of deadly force, innocent bystanders are going to be hurt.

--Enhanced background checks are critical.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 1:07:14 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kevin Kacatin	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in absolute opposition to SB 882.

Demanding 14 hours of classroom instruction spread out over several days is a burden upon the citizens of Hawaii who already may work multiple jobs just to take care of themselves and their families.

Furthermore it is utterly insulting that what may be objectively determined as "good moral character" will be decided upon behind closed doors with any government entity for citizens to exercise a right that is inherit to them.

Government has NO MORAL AUTHORITY to "interview" and make the determination of who may be "given" a pre existing natural right.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 1:09:17 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jessica Gellert	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS BILL.**

Although the goal is to stop gun violence - **this bill simply will NOT help with the problem.**

This bill will not stop criminals from getting guns. This bill makes it hard to for law abiding Hawaii residents to practice their second amendment right and also our right to protect ourselves.

Raising the training from 14 to 4 hours is ridiculous. With the high cost of living in Hawaii - who can afford to take three days off work just to be able to carry?

It also infringes on privacy. Why do you need to know the names of everyone in my household just so I can legally carry?

I am also wondering how easy it will be to get the interview with the police chief just so we can get approved to carry. I see a lot of red tape that will lead to a long wait for the ability to have a pistol and carry. What about women that are currently in danger from stalkers or vindictive exes? They have TROs but no way to defend themselves. This gives their predators more time to attack and kill them, while they follow all these steps and procedures just so they can give themselves a fighting chance at protecting themselves before the police arrive.

**I urge lawmakers to not support this bill.**

It only gives more power to criminals, abusers and those who truly are mentally unstable and will get a gun (illegally) and carry it (illegally).

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 1:09:57 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lekeli Watanabe	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill requiring new training for handgun safety course. It's ridiculous not to grandfather those who already have completed previous requirements. This course also sounds very excessive in the amount of time required to complete this course.

In person interviews can be biased with their decision making.

My social media can be used for entertainment purposes only and treated as such.

All training requirements are already time consuming and expensive.



**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 1:10:20 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Bernardo Soriano	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose bill SB882. what data suggests the need to increase classroom time from an additional 10 hrs? Have law abiding citizens who've already gone through the existing permit to acquire firearms process consistently or in general demonstrated poor ability/safety to own a handgun here in the state of Hawaii that warrants an increase in classroom time/education? would this 14 hr course also satisfy the CCW pre-requisites? i believe this to be a waste of time and resources if no data exists to warrant increased classroom time, i am against the additional requirements to demonstrate good moral character as listed in section 2; 4A-F. law abiding citizens already go through a stringent permit to acquire process to own a firearm. Wasting resources and time for each individual to have an interview with the chief of police when he or she could use that time more wisely/efficiently. Law abiding citizens aren't the ones committing the majority of gun related crimes in our state. Criminals will not or have never complied with any of the legal processes to obtain a firearm listed past, present, or future. digging deeper into the personal lives of law abiding, private citizens of the state is unconstitutional and an invasion of privacy as no crime has been committed to warrant such an investigation into each law abiding citizen. Let's utilize our valuable HPD resources elsewhere

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 1:15:18 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tristan Kasprzycki	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Tristan Kasprzycki and I completely oppose this bill. It is a violation of privacy and it is completely out of line for something like this to even be proposed. A character reference? Come on this is not a job interview this is my and every other law abiding citizens right.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 1:18:17 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
James Logue	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

What exactly would be the guidelines and standards to define the line stating "*good moral character and sufficient mental competence*"? Who's to say one's morals are higher than another's? This is yet another attempt to slow the process for legal firearms owners to obtain a firearm. This does absolutely nothing to address crime or criminal activity.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 1:18:37 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Leianah Kahahawai	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. It is unconstitutional, going to this point of control does t not benefit good citizens. I vote no & opposed it. Will not help crime at ALL

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 1:19:57 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Addison K Caluya	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a firearms owner I must voice my ardent opposition to this bill.

As outlined the measures regarding obtaining a first handgun appear both exceedingly prohibitive and a major invasion of privacy for what appear to be little to no reasonable improvement to our existing processes.

With the existing background check requirement and two options on safety classes already present extending this to a multi-day training becomes exceedingly difficult for first time owners. I find this to be an increased burden on instructors and users with little to no return on safety.

More troubling the forced disclosure of social media appears to be a major violation of privacy rights.

Again ask that this bill not be approved as written as it serves no productive purpose and presents as a violation of privacy guised as a public safety measure.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 1:24:26 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Adrian Flack	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Strongly OPPOSE SB882

This bill unduely further restrics the right of the people to excorcies their second amendment rights. Furthermore it's subjective and intrusive invasion of privacy.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 1:28:54 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
NOAH DRAZKOWSKI	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. I do not oppose safety and education of firearms but having to prove a right provided by the constitution.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 1:41:12 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jonathan Cox	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hi wholeheartedly disagree and oppose SB882. As a legal firearms owner and law abiding Citizen, I should not have to take courses, be interviewed, or disclose anything to either purchase a handgun or acquire a CCW permit. The constitution of the United States of America should be all I need. This is a direct infringement on the second amendment.



**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 1:42:13 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Alan Koons	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. It violates ones right to privacy, objective standards as mentioned in The Supreme Court Bruen decision and is otherwise excessive for one to obtain a handgun and maintain a CCW.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 1:46:36 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Alan Medeiros	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Alan Medeiros oppose this bill SB882. This goes against our rights as laws abiding citizens. I oppose to giving my personal information and my social media information. Again government is over reaching into our personal lives. Aole, shame on government

You all forget there is a thing called the Constitution and you swore an oath to uphold that Constitution.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 1:52:41 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Justin h	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 1:56:23 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Andrew Lum	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. This will require undue cost to the potential owner, as there is a high monetary and time cost to this requirement. Furthermore, there is no grandfather clause for those who have already met the legal requirement that currently exists. For the Conceal Carry Weapon (CCW) permit, it requires undue personal information from the applicant. There are no such requirements for other items under the purview of the ATF. When you go to the store to buy alcohol, they do not require any such information. Same as if you were to fill prescription medication as directed by your physician. Even an automobile, which causes over 100 deaths a year in Hawaii, do not require such an invasion of privacy. This is a severe violation to one's right to privacy, which has a history of legal precedence. In *Gilbert vs Minnesota* (1920) and *Griswold vs Connecticut* (1965) states that a right to privacy is part of the First Amendment. Passing this bill, even introducing this bill, is a large waste of time and money. If passed, it will obviously be challenged in court, further wasting already overburdened taxpayer money. I don't believe that the majority of constituents want that.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 2:00:25 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Rob Mihada	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose Bill057 (22) as it's simply unconstitutional as per Bruen and Heller. Bruen specifically states that any law or limitation to keep and bear arms must have historical precedent from when the 2nd amendment was ratified in 1791 or re-ratified 1868. The burden is on the state to prove their laws and limitations are based on those historical precedents. Justice Thomas wrote in Bruen: The right to keep and bear arms in public for self defense is not "a 2nd class right, subject to an entirely different set of rules than the other Bill of Rights guarantees." If you do not stand by the Constitution, you do not belong in your position. We are a Constitutional Republic, not a democracy. The law clearly states "shall not be infringed [...]". the Constitution protects individual liberties from being abused by the government. A significant accomplishment of the Constitution was finding a means to agree on this basis of power. Any where you limit the ability to conceal carry makes the people in those locations, the most vulnerable. Gun owners are by far the most patriotic, responsible, and law abiding citizens. Criminals do not care about the law nor safe spaces. It only makes our community more vulnerable [...]

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 2:02:27 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Xavier Baker	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Unconstitutional and just absolutely absurd. As if the current requirements we put up with weren't bad enough. This is just crazy to think the law abiding citizens are being punished but criminals aren't gonna attend these classes...they don't even need "paperwork" to own an illegal firearm...so what good will all these requirements and restrictions do beside affect the ones who actually follow the law?

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 2:14:45 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Shane I	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill that violates an individuals rights and privacy.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 2:15:12 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
jesse white	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As the bill is written it's a clear case of government overreach with already heavily under staffed Police departments is going to block the ability for new gun owners to gain access to their legally acquired firearms. Will do very little to deter already leaving would be criminals.



**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 2:15:45 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dylan Fujitani	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support robust statutory requirements for training before any person can purchase a firearm. Moreover, if such measures are not already being considered, I propose that prior to the issuance of either a purchase permit or a concealed carry license, law enforcement should specifically investigate whether an applicant is recently divorced or single and if so, require an interview with the ex-partner to determine whether issuance of the permit or license raises safety concerns.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 2:19:37 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sterling I	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this violation of rights and privacy.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 2:22:24 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jason Nakasato	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The additions to section 1 subsection G are clearly in retaliation to Bruen v New York as they are only serve to inconvenience and make it difficult for law, abiding citizens to exercise their constitutional right to bear arms.

The entire basis of the additions means an applicant must jump through a significant amount of hurdles to even qualify to exercise a constitutional right. The bullet points outlined are subjective as evaluation criteria are based on individual judgment. Furthermore, the increase from 4 to 14 hours of classroom time makes no sense as there is no data provided to justify the additional 10 hours. There's also makes it even more difficult for law abiding citizens to jump through the existing hoops, to acquire a permit.

The additions to section 2 or a clear over reach, and I are not based on any actual data, but rather the subjective opinion of multiple people who will be performing the evaluation. This inherently leads to inconsistency. Furthermore, this should be a moot point as the entire CCW permitting process was made to be an inconvenience and clearly done as a retaliation to Bruen versus New York.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 2:25:47 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sheldon Miyakado	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

How do you require 1 day for live fire practice if the State doesn't provide ad adequte range with enough space to accomodate all the students in a safe environment.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 2:30:26 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
BALLZ	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 2:32:12 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
kimo galon	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I STRONGLY oppose sb882

There is no way I can take off from my job for 2 days worth of classes. I need to make money live my life and take care of my family. It's so easy for legislators to conjure up all kinds of requirements and make us jump through hoops when they have no idea themselves what it takes for us working class individuals.

HPD chief's rules and regulations for CCW already is far beyond what is constitutionally right. We already need to take one day off to take a four hour class and written test, which costs \$250. Then we have to wait for our proficiency test, which takes another day off. May I remind you that Kokohead Shooting range is closed and has been closed which makes it very difficult to find ranges. Private ranges are very difficult to come by unless invited. The Law regarding CCW had no rules and regulations besides submitting an application. That in itself was already unconstitutional. Those who submitted applications prior to this should've been issued permits.

"Good Moral Character"- creates a narrative that we are already placed in a guilty until proven innocent which is very biased and goes against our rights.

How much more restrictions will you impose on law abiding citizens. When will you compromise with us and not us ALWAYS taking a knee to everyone else.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 2:32:28 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Anthony Barca	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB882 as I feel it does nothing to keep us safe from criminals and only inconveniences law abiding citizens. Furthermore, SB882 goes directly in opposition to our Second Amendment rights. The 2A as we like to call it guarantees our right to not only bear arms, but prevents laws that will infringe upon that right. Infringed, according to the Oxford dictionary is defined as "act so as to limit or undermine (something); encroach on." I see SB882 and it's need to both force me into classrooms and gather much of my personal information as an encroachment. I feel that safety classes are important and should be attended in earnest, however, some people cannot or will not comply, and I think that the requirement is infringement because it limits our ability to exercise our right. The collection of personal information is infringement because I believe it violates our First, Fourth, and possibly Fifth amendment rights. In conclusion, I believe SB882 is unconstitutional, unjustifiable, and constitutes gross governmental overreach. Thank you for reading.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 2:35:10 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Glenn	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To our elected leaders and representatives,

According to NYSRPA v Bruen, I'm sure you have heard of it, what you are doing here is in clear violation by introducing interest balancing tests in order to determine if someone is able to legally obtain a firearm.

Further more when it comes to any proposed Second Ammendment laws you need to find relevant historical analogues of such restrictions during 1791 or founding era to support your case. You will find restrictions but only as related to freed black slaves which we clearly won't be able to apply as a justification for what you are proposing here. If there are no historical analogues you cannot impose such a law.

We already have a process that determines if one is legally permitted to acquire a firearm. We are already required to do a firearms safety class, submit ourselves to a background check and allow the HPD to look into our mental health records. Why all of a sudden do we need more on top of that. Remember it's not like getting driver's license which is a privilege, it is a right! If someone is legally permitted to acquire a firearm they ought to automatically be permitted to carry it as well--end of story they shall be issued a permit.

As far as requiring references which are highly subjective and are only going yo be biased in favor of the applicants, you are only creating more work for a soon to be overworked HPD Firearms Department. Look at the gentleman who represented the HPD record's department's testimony from the recent SB1230 hearing. There is no way to process any applications in a timely manner which will make enforcement of this law near impossible. It is only a waste of time and departmental resources.

As far as a proficiency test requirement, that is already in the process for acquiring a CCW. Believe me the community of gun owners who are doing what is necessary to meet the requirements to obtain a CCW are going to be more proficient than most police officers. We all understand and care about being properly trained and proficient. We don't want the State/County mandating as many hours as you are proposing. It makes an already stringent process more of a burden on us as a community. Again this is a God given right not a privilege.



Please remember we are not the ones you need to worry about. It is the criminals who aren't gonna be involved in this process or even care about the laws you propose or create. I would dare say if you vote yes to this bill you are voting for the criminals out there cause you are making it harder to defend ourselves against them.

I would encourage you to get involved and observe what is being taught in the safety classes being offered. They are not teaching people to indiscriminately shoot people. The instructors and students want what you want and what everyone wants--safer communities for ourselves and our families.

Thanks

Glenn

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 2:36:42 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Scott Nagai	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill only promotes infringement on our 2nd amendment. I understand what you are trying to do but there is no way around our constitutional right to bear arms. The hurdles that are in place now to acquire fire arms and CCW permits already violates our right. Any more laws that you bring forward which delays acquiring an individual to purchase a firearm is infringing on our right, bottom line. Again I oppose SB 882. Mahalo for your time.

Scott Nagai

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 2:38:40 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gaye Chan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB882 adds common sense subjects to be covered in training include situational awareness, best practices when encountering law enforcement, conflict de-escalation; use of deadly force, suicide prevention, authorized use of deadly force in personal self-defense, and the basic principles of marksmanship.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 2:44:30 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Carol Maxym	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

~Just as drivers are required to pass a test to attain a license, gun owners must be required to have adequate training about the responsible use of firearms and show a proficiency in their use.

~SB882 adds common sense subjects to be covered in training including situational awareness, best practices when encountering law enforcement, conflict de-escalation; use of deadly force, suicide prevention, authorized use of deadly force in personal self-defense, and the basic principles of marksmanship.

~Without demonstrating adequate proficiency and understanding the permitted use of deadly force, innocent bystanders are going to be hurt.

~Enhanced background checks are critical.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 3:24:38 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ryan Arakawa	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is a laundry list of unconstitutional schemes that have already been tried and failed in other states. You are wasting our tax dollars as well as the court's time when this bill is overturned.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 3:31:46 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Wayne Asam	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is a clear violation of the 2nd amendment post Bruen. It's also elitist by only allowing those with extraordinary means of taking time off work and paying for classes like these. Hawaii already has the most stringent firearms permit process in the nation as well as the best violence with a firearm ratio of any state. This bill is a waste of our time and money. Please concentrate your efforts on things that can actually help violence towards others in our community. Maybe the people who wrote this should try to go through the permitting process to see how diabolical it actually is in its current form. Then, maybe you will realize how crazy this is on paper and how absurd it would be in real life.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 3:38:39 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Godfrey Akaka	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in strong opposition of this bill as it is very invasive and unconstitutional by taking away our 4th amendment rights.

**Amendment IV**

**The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.**

SB882 is also a clear infringement of our 2nd amendment rights. The definition of infringed is, "to act so as to limit or undermine (something); encroach on."

***Amendment II***

***A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.***

No amount of regulations and requirements you impose will stop a bad person from initiating mass shootings. This is the fear that is driving this Bill. Taking away our constitutional rights is always preceded by fear. The doctrine of the 2nd amendment was put in place to prevent a tyrannical government from over powering "We The People." The principal of SB882 is to over power "We The People." How can we claim to live under the constitution of the United States and attempt to dismantle the core values our constitution represents? A'ole SB882

Respectfully,

Godfrey Akaka Jr.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 3:59:16 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
David Lau	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bil. It is clearly unconstitutional. The burden is on the government to prove this passes text, history and tradition as it relates to the second amendment. This is just another power grab by law makers to undermine law abiding citizens their right to keep and bear arms, all while breaking their oath to uphold and adhere to the constitution. I oppose this bill.



**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 4:06:05 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gary Robinson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE this bill.

The following are issues with the bill:

- There is no grandfather clause so that those who already have an affidavit for having taken the applicable course do not have to take another course
- The cost of an additional course is an undue burden on citizens who already qualify (have taken course under the 4-hour rules)
- The requirements to provide social media, personal reference information, and need for an interview with the chief of police impose undue burden.
- The requirement for "good moral character" is not objective, and open to subjective interpretation.
- Many of these requirements violate NYSRPA v BRUEN ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court, and are not consistent with historical tradition regarding acquisition of firearms.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 4:09:29 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
tony lee	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Many lawsuits on the Mainland currently engage and getting suppressed!!

Oppose any additional training.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 4:50:51 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mallory De Dely	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 5:07:45 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gavin Heideman	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose bill SB882. Classrooms and certified instructors are too few, the cost is already very significant for working class people, combined with the financial loss of taking time off work. The current safety instruction time is enough to go over all areas of law and safety. Other information outlets are available written and online where it can be studied at any hour of the day or night.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 5:41:41 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Steve Robertson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is overly restrictive and unnecessary and likely unconstitutional. Don't waste every legislator's time with measures that won't stick.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 5:42:36 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ryan Fuller	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB882 because it is simply unconstitutional. Most people are not able to take off several days off of work to take a 14 hour class. This bill violates the 2nd Amendment. Applicants for CCW already have to take a written test. How will the HPD interview thousands of people when they claim they are understaffed and are always looking to fill recruit classes. I oppose SB882 along with any other bill that regards restrictions of the 2nd amendment

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 5:43:23 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
jordan dinong	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I do not support this bill. it is absolutely ridiculous that the chief of police thinks that he can be a judge of someone's morale character, when he himself and his predecessors are themselves of questionable morales.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 5:49:43 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
kamakani de dely	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill !



**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 5:52:47 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jon Abbott	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly OPPOSE SB882. The requirements proposed in this flawed legislation seek only to create a barrier to gun ownership and will not increase public safety.

I have been a certified NRA Pistol Instructor and RSO for ten years and in my time I have taught hundreds of wonderful hawaii residents how to safely handle and shoot a pistol. In ten years I never once considered the current requirement of 4 hours of classroom time insufficient to provide the student with the knowledge they needed to safely own, handle, and use a pistol.

This legislation also seeks to remove the Hunter's Education Class as a means to obtain a person's pistol affidavit. When this legislation was passed in the 90's it was quickly recongnized that forcing an individual to have to pay hundreds of dollars in order to take a state required class constituted a Poll Tax on an individual's Second Amendment Rights. The Hunter's Education Class offered a free pathway for individuals to be able to get a pistol affidavit. The need for a free method in order to get the affidavit needs to be protected, lest the State open themselves up to another Civil Rights Lawsuit. This could be achieved most easily by retaining the Hunter's Education Class as satisfying the requirement or the State can offer a Tax Credit to allow people to pursue a handgun safety class at no cost to them.

Lastly, as the fourth person to obtain a concealed carry license in Honolulu County I strobly object to the requirement for an interview with the Chief of Police in order to obtain a license. The Bruen decision affirmed that being able to carry a firearm outside the home is a right and not equal in importance as Free Speech, Freedom of Religion, and all the other rights enumerated in the Bill of Rights. Given in county the size of Honolulu, 60,000 people will on average seek their concealed carry licenses. Their is no physical way the Chief of Police or his staff could interview 240 people per day. There is no need for this requirement other than a petty means to deny the ability of individual citizens in Hawaii to obtain their license to concealed carry.

It is clear the authors and sponsors of this bill consider all gunowners to be criminals. This is not surprising as these same people are continuing the legacy of Jim Crow laws that denied minorities the right to protect themselves using a firearm. All such laws were passed in the name of Public Safety. Specifically in the case of Hawaii, legislation was the primary means by which the landowners (through their cronies in the legislature) prevented the immigrant workers and

Native Hawaiians from being able to defend themselves and protect their rights. Now that soft racism is being applied through economic means, by increasing financial costs so high that only the elites can afford to exercise their right to keep and bear arms.

I urge the members of this committee to OPPOSE SB882.

Mahalo,

Jon Abbott

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 6:09:31 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kyle Hara	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill violates ones right to privacy, objective standards as mentioned in The Supreme Court Bruen Decision.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 6:18:46 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Susan Dedely	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

[I](#) oppose this bill!

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 6:19:21 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bobby J Smith	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a NRA law enforcement and civilian instructor for firearms as well as a certified firearms instructor from the Dept of Defense, **I strongly oppose this bill.** Requiring more classroom time is nothing more than a political objective in order to make it more difficult for each law abiding citizen to have the ability to defend themselves. Meanwhile Hawaii's democratic politicians to absolutely nothing to punish the criminals who are committing violent crimes. Quit trying to make it more difficult for law abiding citizens to have the right and the ability to protect themselves and their family.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 6:30:42 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Peter J Long III	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I submit this testimony in OPPOSITION to the proposal.

We all know just how well the ban on FIREWORKS has gone in this state. It turned a simple, fun tradition into an uncontrollable monstrosity with larger and louder homemade bombs going off in neighborhoods around the island during the holidays.

I believe the completely unnecessary regulation of ammunition will only burden local police departments with additional duties, increase costs and bureaucratic red tape for dealers, and allow for the evolution of a black market for those willing to pay for it.

My question is why are legislators continually restricting and regulating the actions of law abiding citizens while criminals flagrantly flout the law? If we spent a fraction of our time and resources enforcing the laws already on the books, I think this State would begin to realize a lower crime rate. But until the Legislature and Judiciary arms of Hawaii get rid of its Soft on Crime approach, this proposal is nothing more than another attempt to stifle freedom.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 6:31:15 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Peter J Long III	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

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**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 6:32:39 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Brendan M	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, a law-abiding citizen strongly oppose SB882. I am disgusted by this bill, why would you make it harder for lawful citizens to defend themselves and their family. Isn't the right to bear arms not just for tyrannical government but also for defending your Life, Liberty & Freedoms? By making it much harder are you then wanting the LAWFUL CITIZENS as victims. Law Enforcement is already understaffed and you expect people to be hopeless against not just criminals but also the laws which hinder a citizens chance to defend themselves and family. I hope you look to EMPOWER your law-abiding citizens to Life, Liberty & Freedom but NOT to victimize them. Aloha.



**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 6:49:51 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Thomas K. Beck	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it heaps an extremely unnecessary burden on responsible, law abiding, firearm owning citizens. It also violates a citizens right to privacy.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 6:56:59 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Rodney Rego	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB882 on the grounds that those of us who have 16 hours or more of fire arms training need not repeat the same course.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 7:07:13 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Eric Clark	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am strongly opposed to this proposal. It increases requirements well beyond what is reasonable in terms of time of training for obtaining and registering a handgun. It also is a clear violation of privacy in that it seeks to intervene in communications and the relationship with a spouse or other family member without any specific, due cause. It also provides an interview as a part of the CCW approval process, which creates an entirely subjective part of the process. The Mayor of Honolulu has already actively testified to support legal changes that clearly are in violation of the recent Supreme Court decision (NY case) and citizens constitutional rights under the second amendment. Now this proposal if passed would allow the Chief of Police, who reports to the Mayor, to make a subjective decision based on an interview? Or delegate this proposal to another person? This is clearly setting up the ability to restrict citizens rights. I strongly oppose and if passed plan to support legal action. Many of the current gun control proposals are clearly illegal and will result in additional costs to tax payers. This is one of the more obvious, blatant ones. Please do not further consider this blatant attempt to undo the Supreme Court's affirmation of the citizens' rights under the Second Amendment.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 7:25:23 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ed Au	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose this. Vote No. For years training for handguns has been sufficient. Now you want 14 hours, this is uncalled for from anti-gun politicians. Current training is enough. Wanting to know minors in household, references, and social media account. All are infringement of personal information. Interview with HPD, they are not qualified to determine if a person should have a gun or not. They are biased and directed by Police Chief.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 7:26:12 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dallin	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB882 in regards to increased requirements for CCW permitting. This proposal will increase the cost for citizens who want to exercise their second amendment rights. The Supreme Court ruled that no harsh requirement should be implemented during the CCW permitting process. I believe that education and training should be left to the decision of the individual and not be forced by the State.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 7:29:20 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Samuel Webb	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill, because it is only harrassment for lawabiding firearm owners, we do not require this much from teachers or government workers.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 7:35:13 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Russell Takata	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE this bill. The proposal adversely affects the right of privacy for applicants of concealed carry permits. It appears questionable relative to recent U.S. Supreme Court actions. In addition, the 14-hour training requirement does not recognize past firearm training and experience.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 7:39:40 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Peter J Long Jr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I submit this testimony with extreme **OPPOSITION** to this proposal.

Since when have Americans been **REQUIRED** to be **INTERVIEWED BY A POLICE OFFICER** to exercise a **FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT** expressed in the **BILL OF RIGHTS??** I find it outrageous that such a concept is being explored by this body.

**FOUR CHARACTER WITNESSES REQUIRED TO EXERCISE A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT??** Are you kidding me? Why not ask those same four people to if I can worship in the church or synagogue of my choosing? Or if I'm still able to hold a different opinion as them?!? The sponsors of this bill should be **ASHAMED OF THEMSELVES!**

A list of my current and previous **SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS??** Sorry **COMRADES**, we still have the First Amendment in this country. Granted, your constant chipping away at it over the last several years has weakened it quite a bit, **HOWEVER, YOU MAY NOT VIOLATE MY FIRST AMENDMENT TO TAKE AWAY MY SECOND AMENDMENT.**

I strongly urge the committee to drop this one like a hot rock until you've successfully scuttled the US Constitution.

(Besides, Federal courts have already struck this law down in other states.)



**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 7:40:44 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jennifer Cabjuan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose this bill. Do not infringe on our constitutional rights. Move your focus to making it hard for criminals instead of law abiding citizens.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 7:51:37 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Cameron Andrade	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 7:53:56 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chase Cavitt	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Ladies and Gentlemen of the senate of Hawaii,

I am writing to express my concern regarding SB882. I feel this should be opposed and stopped from going forward any further. This bill is severely overstepping the place of our local government and is truly scary to me that it is even being considered.

I am a law abiding citizen and firearm owner and wish to simply not be treated as if I am a criminal for being an owner or a specific tool. The suggested changes for one's ability to obtain a handgun permit to acquire are absurd and overwhelming. I imagine you might think this bill is not too much of an inconvenience for firearms owners and future owners but I will try to express why it would be. I have a full time job and care for my family and have very little free time. I have a registered handgun and was able to do so thankfully due to having been a licensed Hunter in the state and having completed Hunters education. I believe the bill is suggesting now that I would be required to take an additional firearms class that would be 14 hours and this is not something readily available in our state. Most classes are much shorter and offered on days that I work. This would require me to take multiple days off of work just to comply. I have never and will never commit a crime with my firearms and this class is not necessary for me to think or act that way.

I do plan to apply for my concealed carry permit and I feel it is a great step forward that our state has finally opened up the opportunity for law abiding firearm owners to get a concealed carry permit. I plan to buy a new handgun for this and would register that with the police department. I would go through the proficiency test and fill out the necessary application and do as it has been done for all approved concealed carry owners so far. This process is already working for others and I have not heard of one single incident where a criminal act was done by a concealed firearm owner in Hawaii since the change. The people going through this process already have a massive respect for firearm ownership and are arguably some of the safest and responsible people within this state. I do not feel it is necessary whatsoever to change the current process.

This bill is another slap in the face from politicians to those of us who have been good neighbors, citizens and responsible firearm owners. I feel this is a coordinated attack from politicians who have differing opinions and a lack of knowledge in order to take time from our busy lives and to force firearm owners to defend their points rather than being proactive and suggesting positive changes that could help. This is beyond disruptive and happens every year around this time of the year. Having to speak out against tyranny every year is a burden and is a waste of my time. I

believe this is being done not only to change laws but simply enough, to cause harm to those that think the way I do as well. Unfortunately the overwhelming number of bills proposed that hinder firearm owners rights will take a tremendous amount of time in order to educate myself of the bills, take time to know when to testify, and to proactively reach out and express my concern in anyway I can. This disruption of my life is so negative that my family is hoping to one day be able to afford the chance to leave Hawaii and to find a home where we can live without persecution from the weaponized government that seeks to cause us harm on an annual basis.

We should not have to be interrogated by a police chief in order to practice our rights to concealed carry.

We should not have to provide private contact information for our spouses in order to practice our rights.

We should not have to tell government employees if we have children in order to practice our rights.

We should not have to provide private contact information for 4 character references in order for government employees to interrogate them to find out if one is suitable for the chance to practice our rights.

We should most certainly not have to provide government employees our social media accounts dating back the past 3 years in order to practice our rights.

These steps are such an invasion of privacy and directly go against the Supreme Court Bruen decision that has lead to our state being forced to finally accept concealed carry applications and to allow law abiding citizens the opportunity to obtain them. This bill is an overstep by eager politicians who feel you can do as you please to your fellow citizens. This is wrong and must not be allowed to continue. Please oppose SB882 and stop harassing law abiding firearm owners via the state government.

respcfully,

Chase Cavitt

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 7:56:05 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mike Harrington	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is a bill that has gone way too far!!!

Hawaii already has more than enough restrictions and requirements for a law abiding citizens to LEGALLY OBTAIN any firearm. More class time, and having to have an interview with HPD or an authorized representative means more money from us. Social media should not have any room in these gun bills.

People who reside in my home is my business. The state of Hawaii has no need for that information.

Mahalo,

Mike Harrington

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 8:19:34 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Aaron Kobiella	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this Bill.

Without providing and proving precise and factual historical analogies relevant to each Bill it is in direct violation of the recent Bruen decision and other Constitutional Amendments/Protections which clearly outlined the States burden to do so... you have not.

The US Constitution is the Supreme Law of the Land which All public servants took and oath to uphold and defend, to violate one's Oath and Our Constitution is the equivalence of administrative crimes.

Although I do support proper firearm training, forcing that burden on We the People without proving the States burden in congruence with the US Constitution and recent Supreme Court ruling in the Bruen case personally affects my personal rights and liberties and others as well. This does nothing to limit criminals but only infringes on the rights of law-abiding Citizens.

Please reconsider and uphold Your oath to We the People and Our US Constitution, it is dishonorable not to do so, even if under the guise of "Public Safety"!

Mahalo.



**Aloha,**

**My name is Jason Wolford, I'm writing you today to as a firearms instructor for over 6 years. I would like to suggest that civilian firearms course be changed to a certified firearms instructor. Not just NRA instructor there are many good training agencies like the USCCA(United States Concealed Carry Association).**

**Increasing the time to 14 hours of classroom and 2 hours of range training will make classes 2 to 3 days to complete and will make the cost so expensive many people may not be able to afford to take the class. Or have the time off work to be allowed to have their constitutional 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment right to bear arms.**

**Also for concealed carry license should also be a 14 day approval since the gun owner had to go through background check to buy the gun 14 days should be enough time for police to do what other checks the need to do and have interview. Otherwise they could be delays of up to 3 years**

**some counties in New York that have this same rules.**

**Maui police department is only open 4 days a week so how can they do anything in a timely manner that does not delay peoples rights**

**The demonstration of good moral character is subjective and not an objective test that the Bruin ruling by the United Supreme Court said cannot be used.**

**Having to have a in person interview with the chief of police to get your permit in a timely manner. Police are so short staffed as is this will make longer delays.**

**Here in Maui County's firearms department is only open 4 days. How can they do all this in the 14 days of background checks.**

**Giving four names for character references is a waste of time for police to fallow up with no one is going to give names of someone who would not give a good reference. Have you ever given names of people who would not recommend you for a**



**job? This is just another burden you are placing on law abiding citizens.**

**The requirement of providing list of former and current social media will stifle people's 1<sup>st</sup> amendment right of free speech for fear that someone might not agree with what they post or say and then deny their 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment rights.**

**Mahalo for your time, I'm available for any questions you may have.**

**Cell 808 870 1796.**

**Jason Wolford.**

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 8:33:53 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
davin asato	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to encourage the opposition of SB882.

This bill requires that those that are already approved for permits to acquire, go through another and more intrusive and time consuming process then before. Adding a invasion of privacy in requiring to disclose who is living with them and their ages and requiring their consent to acquire firearms.

Also increasing the required current classroom time from 4 hours to 14 hours or from 1 day to 2 days. This further increases the burden of self defense on those seeking to get it in the way of the 2nd amendment.

Please oppose SB 882.

Thank you,

Davin Asato

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 8:39:57 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Eric Akiyama	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I stronly oppose SB882. Just another proposed bill trying to make it more difficult for law abiding citizens to be law abiding citizens.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 8:41:35 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Bunnie Harrington	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha.

I am writing in to STRONGLY OPPOSE Bill SB882.

This is a Huge overreach in government.

I have already done the classes Hawaii required just to purchase firearms. This means I would have to complete more state and or county requirements, and pay more money just to continue to be able to keep and or buy firearms. Hawaii is in the TOP FIVE states for strictest gun laws, and has it stopped the criminals from getting firearms here?

An interview with HPD or an authorized representative will cost more money & time; for what? Hawaii Island is already short staffed and the communities are already suffering from the inability to properly protect and serve. Crime and drugs are out of control but here we are trying make things more difficult for law abiding citizens.

Who lives with me is not the business of any law makers. Social media has nothing to do with this bill.

We as voting citizens don't have access to seeing your "character references" but yet we the people have to believe that you will do the right thing. Maybe have the same respect for people like myself who follow the law.

When I vote, I vote for people in hopes that when sworn in, they will uphold their positions with the fundamental principles from the Constitution of the United States of America.

Please do not forget what you swore to uphold when you took office.

Thank You,

Bunnie H

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 8:49:55 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Laurel Nakanishi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Lawmakers,

I am writing to voice my support of SB882. As a teacher and parent, I feel strongly that more gun regulations should be established to protect the safety of our communities. The staggering number of mass shooting this year alone should be a testimony to our need for more gun regulations. Up until this point, Hawaii has enjoyed a relatively low number of gun fatalities because of our strict gun laws. Please continue to make Hawaii a safe place for our keiki by doing everything in your power to limit the quantity of guns in our communtiy and to make sure that all gun owners will use their weapons responsibly.

Sincerely,

Laurel

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 8:51:49 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Hiroshi Nakauye	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB882, It is not only violates ones right to privacy but it also violates the recent ruling by the supreme court in nysrpa v bruen.

The character refences do not provide an objective standard to judge a persons ability to qualify for a permit. nor does the police interview provide an objective standard. all the interview and charater reference will provide will be a biased opinion be it for or against. which will requier another person to choose wether these factors will disqualify someone from receiving their permit. and that cannot be held to any standard either.

A 14 hour class will force instructors to raise their prices from an already high cost and will put an undue burden on a person applying for a permit. The time and monetary cost will force people who do not have the means for either to not apply.

None of the new rules provide a measurable standard to which someone can qualify for a permit and all they do is establish more obstacles for the law abiding citizen.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 8:57:15 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
William Lono	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I *oppose* bill **SB882**. Adding more class time to the **Handgun Safety Class** for first time handgun buyers is an overreach. You're requiring first timers to do 14hrs of instruction which in reality is two 7hr days and one day of range time. The system that's in place now, has been working just fine. Everything in this bill is just trying to delay citizens from exercising their 2nd Amendment right.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 8:59:31 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
scast88	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill does not solve issues with crime that involve guns. It just takes aim at legal registered gun owners. Having registered gun owners jump through hoops to legally own and or carry a gun won't stop actual criminals from illegally purchasing guns this also won't stop them from stealing someone's gun either. Hawaii deserves better laws that actually thwart criminals then the taxpaying citizens.



**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 9:05:13 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sean Loo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this Bill because it infringes on our Second Amendment Right. Increasing classroom instruction time does not correlate to someone being any more safe with a firearm. I oppose all the additional requirements for the license to carry concealed. Criminals are already carrying firearms that should not be in their possession and using it to threaten and kill people. This Bill will do nothing to keep people safe in fact it will make people less safe because this Bill would prevent people from having the best tool to defend themselves from a criminal that has a firearm. Criminals do not follow the law and this Bill will only make us victims to these criminals. If you lawmakers care about our safety then you should lock these criminals up instead of this catch and release letting them commit crime after crime with no consequences.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 9:06:33 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jordan Au	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I strongly oppose SB882. This bill seems to have the sole purpose of making it harder for people to get a ccw license. For example, making training longer and therefore more expensive potentially makes the training cost prohibitive and therefore could exclude people because of their economic status. Putting a persons rights behind a pay wall would be absolutely shameful.

Requiring references, a written test, and social media information for permission to exercise a constitutionally protected right is crazy. None of our other rights are made available to us only after we pass a written test, provide references, and social media information. Stop treating the second amendment as a privilege and/or second class right. Finally, requiring an interview with the Chief of Police to prove you are of good moral character and of sufficient mental competence gives the Chief of Police the power to deny peoples rights based on highly objective characteristics. What is the definition of good moral character and sufficient mental competence? Finally, all these requirements would violate the Supreme Court Bruen decision and have been found unconstitutional in court after the state of New York tried to impose similar requirements.

Thank you

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 9:12:35 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Edward Inn	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am exercising my 2nd amendment constitutional rights to bare arms as a U.S citizen and safety of my family

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 9:30:44 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Atom Kasprzycki	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is unconstitutional and anti-American. The drafters of this bill are either ignorant of the Constitution and our rights as Americans or they are knowing attempting to skirt around Supreme Court rulings and violate the continental rights of American citizens. Drafters: Direct your efforts toward any of Hawaii's actual problems like our homeless epidemic, or fighting to help keep homes affordable for our local residents and their children in the future.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 9:31:03 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
David Ruiz	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is silly, we have been carrying and using firearms all our lives and you think classroom hours will make it safer? We hunt/practice with firearms all the time, to get a pistol you need an education course so why the extra hours? How many hunting/range accidents are there in Hawaii to justify this? Hardly any!

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 9:45:42 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Alvin jay Viernes	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose bill SB882

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 9:51:51 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ellen Godbey Carson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB 882 because it creates numerous measures to better protect our community, while complying the unfortunate US Supreme Court’s mandate that public carry permits be allowed. In particular, requiring robust background checks and detailed safety training should assist in protecting the public from accidental and intentional injuries from firearms. Since SB1230 already provides many detailed protections regarding firearms permits and licensing, I hope your committee take whatever measures are appropriate to reconcile the two bills in a manner that provides the strictest public safety protections.

Thank you for consideration of this testimony and helping protect the safety of our community.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 10:02:19 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Calay Flippo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Calay Flippo oppose this bill. This is just flat out ridiculous and extremely unnecessary. There is absolutely no justification behind a bill like this. You have no right to require these unlawful requirements. And there is absolutely no reason for you to see my social media post, along with sitting down and interviewing me personally. If I am legally able to purchase a firearm, then I am legal to exercise every other factor included in our 2nd amendment.



**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 10:06:27 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Damen Makua	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To whom it concerns,

I respectfully oppose SB882 relating to firearms as it would be another hurdle added to the already many requirements that Hawaii residents need to go through to obtain a firearm. I believe by adding more requirements it is a direct infringement on my 2nd Ammendment right to bear arms. It is also an invasion of privacy to disclose family members and children that will be in the household. This Bill is horrible and I am disappointed that our lawmakers have the audacity to put forth a Bill that would harm its citizens from the right to protect one's life and property. As you are all aware criminals do not follow Laws so infact all you are doing is hurting law abiding citizens. The thorough background and medical checks are more than enough to thoroughly vet someone who applies for firearm permits or license. Thank you for your time.

Aloha

Damen

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 10:22:02 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ryan Matsumoto	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill infringes on my Second and Fourth Amendment rights period. As a law abiding citizen, I've already taken the current training to obtain a handgun permit and now with this bll, it invalidates the training I already took. I do not have the time or the money to take another training course just to exercise my Second Amendment rights. As you already know, criminals will not take the course to obtain a firearm.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 10:23:57 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Christopher Braun	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose bill sb882 because having an in person interview makes this bill "subjective" and I believe this goes against the supreme courts ruling in the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association Inc. v. Bruen case.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 10:34:33 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tia-Amanda Carrasco	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, Tia-Amanda Carrasco am opposing bill SB882.I believe this bill violates ones privacy and more. I do not support this bill.

Thank you,

Tia-Amanda Carrasco

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 10:45:36 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lionel Delos Santos	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha legislature, i strongly oppose this bill sb882 because its to long 3 days , dont need tat much time class or shotting , waste of time for hpd to interveiw with short staff instead of catching crimminals ,giving socail media account doesnt make sence what there comments and post misjugeing people and there right , and not letting hunting ed for hand gun or ccw count getting godfather in out is not fair for lower income people to get there permits

thank you

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 10:46:02 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Casey Nakama	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this!!!!

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 10:50:33 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
jorge Gonzalez	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am opposed to these requirements. Laws similar to this have already been found unconstitutional.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 10:52:30 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Cole	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill can be arguable the most unconstitutional law introduced because it violates the second amendment. And ninth amendment for privacy the government shouldn't need to know how many people live with me and know what social media accounts I have and also that's it breaching many more constitutional protection laws. This bill as stated violates the second amendment not only it is hard enough to acquire a hand gun in the state of Hawaii but this bill would only cause more head aces for law abiding citizens. I ask put yourself in a situation where you have a wife or daughter needing to protect herself if you are not around. Would it be fair for a loved one to go through extensive classes and would miss work days just to acquire. I don't think this bill should even be a consideration.



**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 10:57:56 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Fred Delosantos	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

the personal disclosure requirements of SB882 are a blatant infringement of personal privacy and constitutionally-protected freedom of speech. Nowhere in The Constitution does it declare that to enjoy one constitutionally-protected right, that you must surrender other constitutionally-protected rights. This isn't Communist China, at least, not yet.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 11:11:42 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jon DS	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill because 14 hours is too long. This would mean at least 3 day firearm safety course. 2 days of classroom 7 hours each day and 1 day for the live fire class.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 11:28:45 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Daniel Oshima	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please oppose SB882.

The extraneous requirements added onto current requirements for law abiding citizens wishing to acquire handguns would be unnecessary and nonsensical. Current procedures and requirements as of January 2023 are perfectly fine in validating firearm owners in the state of Hawaii.

Please oppose SB882. Thank you, Daniel

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 11:38:59 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Reid Oya	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB882.

. The 14 hours of classroom instruction to purchase your first handgun would mean at least a 3-day course. 2 days of 7-hours each day instruction and 1 day for the live fire portion. That's a lot of time to take off of work. Also would be costly & some people may not be able to afford it. This would discriminate against people with low or fixed incomes.

There also is no grandfather clause for all those who already have a handgun safety affidavit, and / or hunter safety course.

It also requires for CCW:

- 1) An in person interview with HPD or authorized representative
- 2) Disclosure of spouse or partner and any other adults you live with
- 3) Disclosure if any minors live with you
- 4) 4 character references
- 5) A list of current and former social media accounts

The above violates ones right to privacy, objective standards as mentioned in The Supreme Court Bruen decision.

There are no other constitutional protected rights that require all this. The 2nd amendment is not a second class right. Nowhere in the Text, History, and Traditions of the 2nd Amendment & America had these requirements/ laws.

Incase anyone forgot what the 2nd Amendment says.

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, ***SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED***

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair  
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair  
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs  
Hearing: Friday, February 10, 2023, at 3:05 p.m.  
Regarding: **SB882 (Relating to Firearms)**  
**Voter Position: OPPOSITION**

Senators of the PSM Committee,

I express my **opposition** to **SB882 (Relating to Firearms)**.

**Enhanced Training Should be a Public Benefit, Not Financial Barrier**

Although the concept of increased firearms training is generally beneficial to society, it is problematic to impose more training as part of a requirement to exercise an intrinsic human right. If more training is so important, then why not incorporate such enhanced firearms training and education within the public school system throughout the entire state? Since driving academies and driver's licenses are usually portrayed to be carbon copies of firearms proficiency training and firearms registration, the parallel logic would suggest that firearms training in schools would enhance public safety since new generations of people will learn the fundamentals of firearms in the same manner students learn the fundamentals of defensive driving at publicly-funded driving academies. Negligently abstaining from providing such public education is not a viable solution and creates an ill-informed public unfamiliar with firearm functions or usage.

Firearms classroom instruction is not free. It comes at full cost to an individual seeking to exercise a right. Such right is not a privilege and cannot be restricted as such. There are no advertisements of free firearms education classes or firearms proficiency hosted by the state or the city and county of Honolulu, thereby placing an artificial strain on low-income communities. If the increased classroom training requirement and associated costs were imposed upon someone attempting to exercise any other right such as voting, expressing an idea, or practicing one's faith, there'd be a large public outcry.

**Subjective Standards Revived**

**SB882** attempts to create artificial measurements of intrinsically subjective human nature dimensions such as moral character and mental competence. Interviews of prospective concealed carry weapons (CCW) holders, as stipulated by **SB882**, will be inherently subjective and any interview results are always subject to the individual opinion of the interviewer. The element of an interviewer's bias will always be present and accordingly, should not serve as a barrier to a prospective CCW's license holder's rights.

Character references demanded by **SB882** are also intrinsically subjective and can be abused by the interviewer. If an interviewer simply dislikes a personal contact of a prospective pistol purchaser for whatever reason, they can superimpose such dislike against the prospective pistol purchaser and derive an invalid character assessment.

"Good moral character" is not explicitly defined in **SB882**, meaning that "good moral character" is inherently subjective and can mean whatever the interviewer wishes. By simply possessing any deviation of ideal "good moral character" from the perspective of an interviewer, a prospective CCW license holder may lose their rights based upon another's individual subjective whims.

### **Intrusion that Extends Throughout the Entire Family Line**

The coercive aspect of **SB882** that forces a prospective CCW license holder to divulge the composition of their household is a gross overreach of power. If the very goal of the prospective CCW license holder is to protect their families, their protection is mitigated by the fact that they are divulging the intimate and otherwise cherished identities of their spouse and children to a non-family member that has no personal obligation to support the prospective CCW holder's household or safety in any manner.

### **Social Media Intrusion**

**SB882** additionally requires intrusion into the private life of an individual without express justification or valid reason. Upon a superficial basis, the **SB882** somehow asserts that an online post attests to an individual's character. Such measurement is, once again, subjective. Objective measurements used to attest an individual's character will need to be derived from another method that can be scientifically replicated on a peer-review basis, not via social media.

**SB882**'s amendment of HRS 134-2 (g) Section 2 (4)(F) likewise incorporates another subjective provision whereby the chief of police can demand whatever piece of information they want from a prospective pistol purchaser when processing a permit to acquire or a CCW license. There is no limit to the demand, so a pistol purchaser or someone seeking a CCW license may be indefinitely barred from exercising their rights until they meet the new demands being forced upon them.

### **Focus on Stopping Criminal Activity**

**SB882** will not enhance public safety. Ever since CCW licenses have been issued in the state of Hawaii, I have not seen the bloodbath that fierce CCW opponents claimed would magically occur—their claims were all a false prophecy. All **SB882** will accomplish would be the abrogation of an individual's rights with no effect on crime or criminals seeking to subvert existing provisions contained in HRS Chapter 134 or any prospective amendments. I urge the PSM Committee to avoid imposing subjective prohibitions against their constituents' intrinsic human rights.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Ryan C. Tinajero

Constituent of **Senate District 23**

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 11:50:39 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Bradd Haituka	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in opposition to this flawed bill. New york district court has already ruled parts of this bill to be unconstitutional. Bills such as these only affect law abiding gun owners. This bill is yet another attack against constitutionally protected gun rights, and more wasted taxpayer dollars.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 12:30:06 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
John D'Adamo III	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose Just more paper work for HPD



**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 12:34:42 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Cheryl Tanaka	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 3:01:28 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Blaine Stuart	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is a clear attempt to circumvent the Bruen decision by making ccw permits difficult to obtain, and subject them to subjective criteria. This bill also makes it impossible for out of state visitors to obtain permits. As you are likely aware, the 14th ammendment's equal protection clause means that all US citizens will be eligible for carry permits in Hawaii. The bill is clearly unconstitutional, nor is there a historical analog to "references" or "in person interviews". This bill will likely be immediately enjoined if it passes into law.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 4:32:59 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kirk Kama	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Another display of intellectual ignorance. The continued efforts by politicians to restrict the purchase of firearms by legally will only facilitate criminal procurement of weapons. Did we not learn anything from the prohibition? The same mistakes are being made by those wearing blinders to history

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 5:41:07 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Barry Aoki	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE SB882 in its entirety. The current requirements to obtain a firearms are sufficient. There's no justification for additional requirements as proposed. The requirements proposed add a subjective element to the process of acquiring firearms and concealed carry weapons permits. These proposals are designed to make the process of legally acquiring firearms and CCW permits so burdensome in a way to "ban" firearms by not directly banning firearms. OPPOSE SB882

Thank you,

Barry Aoki; Lahaina, Maui, HI

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 5:45:21 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Myron Hoefler	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose the passage of this bill as it relates to the acquisition of firearms. The current training requirements for the purpose of acquiring firearms is appropriate and adequate. Increasing the requirements would create an unjustified barrier to the exercise of the constitutional right to acquire and keep firearms. Please defer this bill.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 6:05:27 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Clinton Bodley	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am opposed to this bill and am a certified firearms instructor.

Lengthening the safety class for what is supposed to be an introduction into safe firearms handling in this manner is counter production and will hinder the students ability to be safe.

When teaching people about firearms for the first time, the primarily (and often only) emphasis is on treating the firearms with the respect they deserve and building the appropriate habits and neural pathways. If this is not achieved, they do not progress.

It takes time for this to become second nature and immediately asking the student to jump straight into making rapid decisions (avoidance tactics, use of force, post shooting interaction with law enforcement) will cause them to hyperfocus on the wrong things rather than building the safe handling habits that are the key foundation for anything that follows in firearms ownership, whether that is defense driven or basic target shooting.

Given the backlog that resulted from HPDs handling of the Permit to Acquire process during covid, where roughly only 30 people could be processed per day, I have trouble seeing how the Chief of Police would be able to make time to interview everyone who would be interested in purchasing a pistol without it becoming a total farce

The written test requirement makes no sense as the topics covered in a basic safety class should not be the same as a concealed carry courses (as stated above).

The additional references and social media requirements are largely heresay and will be incomplete just due to the anonymous nature of the internet and a huge violation of privacy that would not be acceptable in any other context.

Thank you for your time

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 6:27:40 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
K Tom	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB882

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 6:37:07 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Christopher Kempner	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill as it continues to strengthen the criminal  
black market .



**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 6:42:52 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
john	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.it's unclear on who would be regulating all these good and moral character mandates.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 6:51:39 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Timothy Kahoolihala	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB882

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 6:59:34 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gabriel Kekauoha	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. 2nd Amendment infringement.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 7:02:54 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
David Soon	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have to oppose this bill on the grounds of it being an invasion of privacy. Not to mention the cost involved to implement such a plan. Furthermore if we extend these restrictions to other civil rights, such as freedom of speech, then would it therefore be required to take an interview and pass government scrutiny to write a book or post a message on the internet? As the saying goes, "the pen IS MIGHTIER than the sword." In summary, the restriction of civil rights is a very dangerous and slippery slope to walk on. Use some common sense here.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 7:06:46 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Stephen Kobayashi	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments: I oppose SB882.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 7:07:01 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jim T.	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill increasing the training time to 14 hours, removes the Hunter's Ed Course as a means to get a pistol permit, and requires an inperson interview with the Chief of Police for a concealed carry license. None of these things are needed and are meant to prevent people from getting a pistol and a concealed carry license

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 7:14:58 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dirck Sielken	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill as it only negatively affects law abiding citizens. Please put your efforts into making bills that allow law enforcement and prosecutors to hold criminals accountable and prosecutable.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 8:39:20 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
joshua	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

Current rules require a 4 hour class & that is more then sufficient



**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 8:42:30 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Eric Cluett	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Hawaii is a part of the United States. This bill does nothing to prevent gun violence by criminals and is an invasion of privacy. More authoritarian garbage from these legislators.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 8:49:03 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Edelio Gerola	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha:

I oppose this bill. Please vote to oppose this bill being it unreasonable and more importantly unconstitutional.

Thank you.

Edelio

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 8:53:17 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kanayama, Galen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please stop trying to find new ways to harass the law abiding citizens of Hawaii.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 8:59:02 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Donna Carsten	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

-Just as drivers are required to pass a test to attain a license, gun owners should be required to have adequate training about the responsible use of firearms and show a proficiency in their use.

- SB882 adds common sense subjects to be covered in training including situational awareness, best practices when encountering law enforcement, conflict de-escalation, when is deadly force authorized in in personal self-defense, suicide prevention, and the basic principles of marksmanship.

- Without demonstrating adequate proficiency and understanding of permitted use of deadly force, innocent bystanders will be hurt

-The bill provides enhanced background checks which are critical.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 9:06:07 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Clifford Chee	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have been a responsible firearms owner for over thirty-five years. I take my ownership seriously and train regularly. Please respect the Constitution and refocus on punishing the criminals that prey on honest citizens.

Thank you for your public service

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 9:31:51 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
RobertMarks	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair and members - this bill will enhance public safety. Please approve this measure.

Respectfully submitted

Robert Marks

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 9:36:27 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Benjamin Joseph Candari	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing to strongly oppose this bill.

It serves no purpose other than to further encumber good people who wish to utilize their rights and will do nothing against those that wish to do others harm.

Thank you for your consideration of my concern.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 9:40:22 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Libby Tomar	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha; Please pass SB 882. Anyone who is going to buy a gun must get proper training beforehand. We require this of drivers getting their driver's license, and teachers, doctors, lawyers, etc. This is much more important because an untrained person with a gun has the potential to kill people.

thank you, Libby Tomar



**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 9:41:37 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lois Langham	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As guns ARE used for deliberate harm, I support the requirement for training and proof of training for their use...like we have for cars which can cause harm but ARE NOT intended to.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 9:45:25 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Edwin Wise	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am exercising my rights as a law abiding American citizen. Bills like this actively restrict my rights and the rights of All Americans.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 9:46:12 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kanani Kai	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB 882

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 9:47:03 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
PAMELA SUMMERS	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Just as drivers are required to pass a test to attain a license, gun owners should be required to have adequate training about the responsible use of firearms and show a proficiency in their use.

The bill provides enhanced background checks which are critical.

I support this bill.



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Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

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Re: SB 882

Dear Senators Wakai, Elefante and Members of the Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Committee

**Consultants**

Linda Coble

My name is Gail Breakey; I am the Director of the Hawaii Family Support Institute testifying **in strong support** of SB 882, which requires specific training before being issued a permit to acquire a firearm, and sets out standards for written testing and enhanced requirements for background checks before issuing a license to carry.

The safety and well being of our Hawaii communities depends upon responsible gun ownership and use by people who are well trained and also who are mentally and emotionally stable enough to use guns responsibly.

*Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this legislation,*

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Gail Breakey'.

Gail Breakey, RN, MPH Director  
Hawaii Family Support Institute

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 10:11:45 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Joel Berg	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We have had citizens safely carrying firearms for months with no increase in crime or injury linked to these permits. This bill is alarmist, wasteful, and a thinly veiled pole tax against citizens exercising a constitutionally protected right.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 10:19:11 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
francine less	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

-Just as drivers are required to pass a test to attain a license, gun owners should be required to have adequate training about the responsible use of firearms and show a proficiency in their use.

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-The bill provides enhanced background checks which are critical.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 10:33:19 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Beth Anderson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support SB 882. Just as drivers are required to pass at a test to attain a license, gun owners should be required to have lengthy and complete training about the responsible use of firearms and show proficiency in their use.

It should be noted, with emphasis, drivers are not obtaining driver's licenses to kill and maim people or animals, guns are purchased solely for that purpose. Because of that very distinctive difference, the process to obtain a gun license should be exceptionally rigorous.

As a health care worker (RN), mother, grandmother, human being, it is my opinion citizens carrying guns for their own personal use has no place in our society. The proliferation of guns in our country has created a very dangerous, deadly situation for every citizen, including gun owners. Adding more gun owners and more guns to the mix will only increase gun violence. Statistics bear this out over and over. We are all victims of the gun industry and lax gun control in this country.

Hawaii's very strict gun laws have been extremely effective toward keeping our gun violence statistics the lowest in the nation. The loosening of gun laws, now required by every state because of the recent Supreme Court decision, will bring more misery and more killing of innocent people, including children in our country and our state. Once again, statistics don't lie.

It is paramount we try to prevent this carnage by restricting gun possession and use of guns. Requiring extensive training about the responsible use of firearms is a meager necessary measure, but not enough. Our nation has done nothing to prevent gun tragedy except make guns more deadlier and increase the number of citizens carrying guns, including assault weapons, which are weapons made for war. It makes no sense we are all beholden to gun lobbyists and the gun industry. Our lives and our children's lives are on the line.

Mahalo for considering my opinions.



**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 10:52:56 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dan Gardner	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My wife and I both firmly believe that gun owners should be required to have adequate training about the responsible use of firearms and show a proficiency in their use. They should pass a written test proving their knowledge of these two key points. Enhanced background checks are an additional requirement stipulated by this legislation which will improve the safety of us all going forward. Please support SB882.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 11:16:31 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
steven a kumasaka	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

STRONGLY OPPOSE

increasing class time for handgun safety class will add cost and time for LEGAL gun owners to obtain firearms

will have ZERO effect on illegal firearms

in person interview and social media access will overload police time, and will only serve to impede the process off obtaining CCW, will not have ANY effect on criminals, who are already carrying and using firearms

this is notwithstanding the outrageous constitutional overreach...

mahalo

steve

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 11:33:02 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
steven lee	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB882.

I've been a hunter and sportsman enjoying the shooting sports in Hawaii for 49 years.

SB882 would impose unnecessary and unreasonable costs and burdens upon many thousands of law-abiding citizens like me in Hawaii.

The Supreme Court in its recent Bruen decision clearly stated that some of the revisions proposed by SB882 are overly subjective and unconstitutional. Similar laws enacted in other states are being struck down for violating the United States Constitution.

SB882 would not be effective in controlling criminals because they don't obey the existing laws. Criminals ignore the laws and they can easily obtain guns and ammunition. Laws such as this won't stop them but it will place unfair and unreasonable burdens on Hawaii's law-abiding citizens. Overly restrictive gun laws actually give criminals an unfair advantage against the law-abiding citizens who allow themselves to be restricted by the laws that criminals simply ignore.

Please do your duty to the people of Hawaii and oppose this bill that would violate the Constitution and is likely to be struck down if passed.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 11:45:36 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michael EKM Olderr	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

## Comments:

The amount of troubled and ill-intent people who can get a gun in America is concerning. We must stop the number of bad actors getting their hands on these deadly weapons. While Gun Control is an answer to a lot of these questions, it doesn't stop the hundreds of millions of guns that are already in circulation in today's market. To counter this, I support the measures in this bill, which aim at the people purchasing a gun, ensuring they are well-trained and of good character. I also wish for the legislature to add that a mental health questionnaire or test be a part of the background check. We must ensure that the people getting firearms must be mentally sound and not a danger to themselves or others. Please consider these additions to this bill that I otherwise support.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 11:56:17 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Martha Nakajima	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill adds to others already under consideration common sense subjects to be covered in gun safety.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 12:00:50 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Martin Marcello	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 12:04:08 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
karolle t. bidgood	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill and urge your committee to do the same.

Thank you.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 12:04:17 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Eric Kaneshiro	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a law-abiding U.S. citizen and resident of the State of Hawaii, I believe there are adequate federal and state laws to effectively deal with the unlawful possession and use of firearms by any perpetrator.

I support legislation that mandates a consistent, swift and appropriate penalty for any illegal possession or use of a firearm.

I do not support any effort or legislation that infringes upon the right of law-abiding citizens and will vote accordingly.

Mahalo



**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 12:10:26 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Chad Cummings	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly appose this bill. Why do we need to jump through more hoops to legally practice our God given Constitutional Protected right? These bills literally only affect law abiding citizens and infringe on our rights. Crime in Hawaii is skyrocketing and instead of going after criminals all these bills are being proposed to hinder law abiding citizens and does nothing to help stop criminals.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 12:10:41 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sue Hornik	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

All residents want to be secure in the knowledge that anyone with a permit to carry a gun has had adequate training on proficiency and handling guns responsibly. We don't want Wild West vigilantes: Every gun owner should be taught situational context, conflict de-escalation and the dangers of suicide and accidental shootings within their own families unless they follow proven protocols. Please support SB882

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 12:17:44 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Bryston Tanigawa	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. These laws are a substantial burden on law abiding gun owners. The process to purchase is already long and difficult. The 2nd ammendment is not a second class right and should not be treated differently than other constitutional rights.

These proposed laws will do nothing to deter criminals and unwanted gun owners from getting their hands on illegal firearms. Making the process more difficult for those who already follow laws does not make any sense. These laws are already being struck down in many other courts around the country. To pass these laws would be futile and a waste of tax payer dollars.

vote no on SB882

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Submitted on: 2/9/2023 12:19:58 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ted Baldonado	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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I OPPOSE measure SB882. I oppose to the increase of the number of hours of training required just to submit a permit. No reasonable law abiding person has the time and money to fulfil these requirements. I cannot afford to spend that amount of time just for a permit. The topics outline in the measure can be completed in a two-hour course with live fire. The requirement penalizes only law-abiding individuals as criminal with a history make up a majority of gun related crimes and cannot own a firearm anyway. The state requires a permit for every pistol and that would require unnecessary training to acquire just a permit.

I am opposed to the requirements for information of individuals at my place or residence and the requirement to give information on my social media accounts. I believe the goes too far and invades my privacy that the state does not need to know. The need for (4) character witnesses is unnecessary dut to the fact that we still need to pass the Federal background check.

I again OPPOSE this measure.

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Submitted on: 2/9/2023 12:23:59 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mark Woodward	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB 882.

When I took the NRA sponsored firearms safety course, to obtain a permit to purchase a hand gun in Hawaii, 4 hours was more than sufficient time to convey the necessary information on the safe use, handling and storage of firearms.

This course also covered the use of deadly force and Hawaii State firearm laws.

The increase to 14 hours of instruction appears to be arbitrary and intended to discourage the law-abiding citizens of Hawaii from exercising their constitutional rights under the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America.

Section 2-E of this bill requires that the applicant for a license to carry a concealed firearm provide a list of former and current social media accounts.

This is an unnecessary invasion of privacy and probably violates the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 12:31:02 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Erica Yamauchi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, Chair, Vice-Chair, and Committee Members:

Just as drivers are required to pass a test to attain a driver's license, gun owners should be required to have adequate training about the responsible use of firearms and show proficiency in their proper use.

This bill adds commonsense subjects to be covered in training including situational awareness; best practices when encountering law enforcement; conflict de-escalation; use of deadly force, suicide prevention; authorized use of deadly force in personal self-defense; and the basic principles of marksmanship.

Without demonstrating adequate proficiency and understanding of the permitted use of deadly force, innocent bystanders are going to be hurt. Enhanced background checks are critical.

Please pass this bill to help reduce gun violence in our communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Erica Yamauchi, Kaimukī/Wilhelmina Rise

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Submitted on: 2/9/2023 12:34:24 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Rik Rutt	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly appose SB 882. This bill is unconstitutional and will not stand up in court. This bill is clearly copying a New York law that is currently being challenged in court and has already stopped. Feel free to read this article for more information

<https://www.reuters.com/legal/federal-judge-suspends-many-new-yorks-new-gun-restrictions-2022-11-07/>.

An excerpt from the article

“In [Monday's preliminary injunction](#), Suddaby said New York officials could not compel people applying for a gun license to disclose the handles of their social media accounts or the names and contact details of everyone they live with, major provisions of the Concealed Carry Improvement Act which took effect on Sept. 1. Nor would applicants have to prove their "good moral character," Suddaby wrote in the 182-page order, a length he ascribed to the new law's "unprecedented constitutional violations.””

By putting this bill into law all this state will be doing is creating a lawsuit against its self that will end up costing and wasting taxpayer money for the ability to temporally infringe on citizens’ rights while providing zero benefit.

A second issue is the increase of classroom instruction from four to fourteen hours. Adding an additional 10 hours of class time provides no benefit and only makes it more time consuming and costly for citizen. There is nothing that can be learned from the additional 10 hours that will provide more “safety”. I hope that the committee will use logic and uphold their oath and not advance this ridiculous proposal any further. Thank You

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Submitted on: 2/9/2023 12:37:08 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Laurie L Tanner	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

*Aloha Dedicated Public Servants and Policymakers,      **SUPPORT SB 882***

***PLEASE require ANYONE to have special training before being issued a permit to obtain a firearm, setting standards for written testing and require background checks before issuing a license to carry. (As a person who cares for our ohana and all segments of society at large, why would anyone other than military or police officers need to carry around a weapon? PLEASE PROTECT US with this bill.***

a. Individuals must solve problems by communication, following the rule of law and NOT BY GUNNING DOWN CHILDREN, WOMEN, POLICE OFFICERS, AND OTHER CITIZENS. This Bill is a checkpoint that might stop or delay an individual or group of individuals from owning DEADLY FIREARMS that would surely be used against family, people with opposing points of view, or killing indiscriminantly simply because that gun user/owner felt they needed to fire their weapon.

b. This would be a sane, sensible SAFETY law to decrease needless, unnecessary deaths, in the same way seat belts decreased auto accident injury and death, children's car seats saved millions of lives. In addition, People who work with children and other vulnerable persons are ALWAYS GIVEN BACKGROUND CHECKS, and even then, many damaged people hurt the ones they are employed to protect and serve.

c. A GUN IS A DEADLY WEAPON. Our state and nation must stop treating firearms as if they are on an equal status with other purchases. PLEASE PROTECT OUR CITIZENS FIRST, rather than protecting someone's right to buy, use, threaten, fire guns simply because they want to. THERE MUST BE SAFEGUARDS because what we have now in place is inadequate, immoral and inethical when faced with this DEATH EPIDEMIC of gun availability, lack of training, lack of serious background checks.

Please be a big part of saving our ohana from gunfire. Please honor our right to safety.



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Submitted on: 2/9/2023 12:39:34 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Payton Boyd	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The qualifications that we already have in place are more than thorough enough to deem if someone qualifies for a firearm purchase. We don't have a gun problem in Hawaii so how does making the registration an qualification process more rigorous streamline the process for anyone involved? More work for HPD and the ones having to run these courses, for what effect?

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Submitted on: 2/9/2023 1:06:28 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Brent Uemae	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I'm writing in opposition to SB 882.

Fourteen hours of classroom instruction seems to be an arbitrary amount without an explanation on how that number was derived.

The in person interview and four character references introduces a subjective requirement.

Providing the names of residents within the applicant's home is an intrusive requirement. There needs to be an explanation on what that information would be used for. Is a background check going to be performed on each individual without their permission?

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Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michael Elliott	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The qualification scheme being proposed is not only costly, but also extremely excessive. This same legislative body is trying to limit Concealed Carry to a very small number of places partial based on training and qualifications. Even the current HPD process in place is a bit much but tolerable. You are imposing a cost for qualifying of approximately \$1500 per person per year, plus the cost of lost wages for those 3 days and the lost wages involved in going back and forth to HPD.

In one sense, you are creating a poll tax to limit a right. Many of our lower income citizens will forgo a right just based on cost. What other right requires such qualifications, to practice my faith, to speak freely, to protest and redress my government?

Of, by and for the people means something. It is the collective of all of us, not a few that can afford to exercise a right because you don't respect the 2nd Amendment. This isn't about how you feel. This is about the Constitution and the rights of citizens.

courts have already ruled in numerous cases that excessive fees and costs to get a CCW permit are not legal.

I strongly oppose this bill and all attempts to infringe upon the 2nd amendment or any right of the people.

The continued attempts by the Hawaii legislature to infringe upon the rights of it's citizens will result in legal challenges.

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Submitted on: 2/9/2023 1:45:09 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Robert Hechtman	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB882.

It is in direct conflict with the recent Bruen decision by the supreme court.

Thank you,

Robert Hechtman

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Submitted on: 2/9/2023 1:47:17 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Reginald Eubanks	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB882. Legislation that is introduced solely for control of a constitutional right is an infringement. There is no statistical data that supports the need for more stringent training, disclosures, character references, etc., for lawful firearm owners and carriers. This type of proposal does nothing to stop crime and could potentially turn ordinary citizens into felons because of lack of resources. It would be impossible for HPD and certified instructors to keep up with the volume of interviews, classes, paperwork, etc. needed to meet the requirements set forth in this bill. Vote no on SB882 because it places an unnecessary burden on everyone except criminals.

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Submitted on: 2/9/2023 1:55:13 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Christine Weger	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Training in the responsible use of a potentially deadly device and background checks --in our increasingly violent society, the need for such requirements is obvious.

any type of public licensing, such as is required for many professions and for driving a vehicle, is somewhat onerous. But we consider it essential as a society to keep our citizens safe. Guns are inherently dangerous. Please move this bill forward.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 2:02:17 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jared Wickware	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support

Aloha,

I am providing written testimony in opposition to SB882.

The proposed bill requires a CCW applicant to be of "good moral character" and submit former and current social media accounts. This is clearly an attempt to create a new form of subjective qualification to replace the previous "may issue" clause.

These requirements mimic New York's Concealed Carry Improvement Act (CCIA), which have already been ruled unconstitutional by the U.S. District Judge Glenn Suddaby. As quoted in an October 6, 2022 AP News article:

"Simply stated, instead of moving toward becoming a shall-issue jurisdiction, New York State has further entrenched itself as a shall-not-issue jurisdiction. And, by doing so, it has further reduced a first-class constitutional right to bear arms in public for self defense ... into a mere request," wrote Suddaby, who sits in Syracuse.

These additional barriers to becoming a shall-issue jurisdiction have been tried, tested, and failed. SB882 should not be considered for passage as it will not pass constitutional muster.

Thank you,  
Tod Gushiken



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Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
gabrielle davidson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Just as drivers are required to pass a test to attain a license, gun owners should be required to have adequate training about the responsible use of firearms and show a proficiency in their use.

SB882 adds common sense subjects to be covered in training including situational awareness, best practices when encountering law enforcement, conflict de-escalation, when is deadly force authorized in in personal self-defense, suicide prevention, and the basic principles of marksmanship.

Without demonstrating adequate proficiency and understanding of permitted use of deadly force, innocent bystanders will be hurt.

The bill provides enhanced background checks which are critical and merits strong support.

Please vote 'YES'!

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 2:48:28 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sam Cavitt	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a citizen of USA and Hawaii resident and law abiding firearms owner. I own firearms as a hobbyist, admirer of the technology and sportsman all of which fall under my unalienable right as an American of the pursuit of happiness and as an American with the constitutional second amendment right to do so. This bill is in direct conflict with my right to privacy and also my right do due process as it disregards these rights in order for me to pursue the previously stated rights of pursuit of happiness and my second amendment rights. All of these fundamental American principles must be upheld.

This bill unilaterally disregards the rights of a significant portion of our country in favor of the convenience and expediency of another segment's ideology. No American individual or agency should have the power to exercise that type of authority without due process. As such, this bill if passed will undoubtedly be overturned on constitutional grounds. Rendering this entire process an irresponsible waste of time and resources as well as a harassment as noted above.

Thank you

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February 10, 2023

**LATE**

The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Public Safety and  
Intergovernmental and Military Affairs  
State Senate  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 225  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Wakai and Members:

**SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 882, Relating to Firearms**

I am Joseph A. Trinidad, Major of the Records and Identification Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports the intent of Senate Bill No. 882, Relating to Firearms, to increase the requirements for training. Additional training and instruction would provide applicants more knowledge and information about the safe handling and use of a firearm.

However, we have the following concerns with other portions of this bill and submit the following comments.

The requirements for in-person interviews would cause significant delays in the application process. Currently, the applicant provides and declares to all required information that is used to conduct a thorough background check by completing an application and all the required forms. An in-person interview would not provide any specific and/or clear indicia whether or not a person is suitable to carry a firearm in public.


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and Members  
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Another concern is the requirements for the applicant to provide the names and contact information for all family members residing in their home as well as four references and their former and current social media accounts for the last three years. This information would not be objective nor would it be a clear indication that the applicant is suitable to carry a firearm.


Lastly, this bill proposes that the standard for an applicant for a concealed carry license is of "good moral character," which conflicts with the Supreme Court ruling in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen*. The Supreme Court found that the standard for applicants seeking a concealed carry license be a "suitable" person. Former Attorney General Holly Shikada's opinion dated July 7, 2022, reiterated that an applicant for a concealed carry license shall be of a "suitable" person standard.

The HPD appreciates the committee's consideration of our concerns regarding Senate Bill No. 882, Relating to Firearms, and thanks you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

  
for Joseph A. Trinidad, Major  
Records and Identification Division

APPROVED:

  
for Arthur J. Logan  
Chief of Police

**LATE**

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 3:41:19 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
tony frascarelli	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. This bill is another example of legislative overreach and may be in violation of the Constitution's Second Amendment.

A person would need at least 3 days to complete the extensive training requirements as well as additional time to complete the bill's requirements.

And who praytell is going sit in judgement of me " the interview" to determine my worthiness for buying/owning a handgun.

Another example of the Legislature's assault on firearms owners while continuing to coddle criminals who obviously don't care what proposals get passed.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 3:44:17 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Scully	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha

**Please take into consideration that Concealed Carry citizens are the "good guys". We are the citizens who abide by the laws.**

**We are also the first line of defense when a mass shooter, machete wielding person, and/or deranged people attack others with the intent to do mayhem, deadly assault, or murder**

**As we have sadly learned, if a criminal has deadly intent with a weapon who is going to stop them if the police cannot get there in time.**

**Concealed Permit license holders abide by the laws, have taken multiple training courses with firearms to achieve competency and safety standards and take our 2nd amendment rights seriously.**

**We have accepted the huge responsibility to protect ourselves, family, and other vulnerable citizens in deadly encounters.**

**Every day across this great nation police officers, mothers, children, and vulnerable citizens are protected by concealed carry permit holders who are hailed as heroes by their local politicians.**

**Do not make Concealed carry permits prohibitive by overarching legislation that restricts and hampers law abiding citizens to legally protect themselves and those in need.**

**See links honoring Concealed Carry Permit holders who saved lives:**

<https://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/man-who-took-out-church-gunman-to-receive-states-highest-civilian-honor/2290236/> <https://www.cnn.com/2017/03/17/us/beyond-the-call-of-duty-arizona/index.html>

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Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Duke malczon	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly oppose. The right to bare arms shall not be infringed. This makes yet one more thing an individual must pay for or do in order to exercise one's constitutional right.

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Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ryan Willis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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*Reference Antonyk v Hochul out of UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK*



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Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kanoe Willis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

OPPOSE

*Reference Antonyk v Hochul out of UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN  
DISTRICT OF NEW YORK*

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Submitted on: 2/9/2023 3:59:16 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Romeo Yadao	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill as this would violate rights of privacy, objective standards mentioned in the SCOTUS Bruen decision.

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Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Daniel Covert	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose. This bill is intrusive and makes it very difficult for our kupuna to lawfully acquire. Can you imagine being elderly and having to sit through this many hours of class to acquire a firearm to protect yourself from family, criminals, or other people who seek to do you harm. Our HPD response times will not protect our kupuna or anyone else in a emergency situation. Everyone should be able to protect themselves lawfully without having to sit through days of instruction. Especially frail people. They may need the most protection.

**LATE**

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 4:54:33 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Alan Miller	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. Currently Hawaii already has some of the strictest regulations and most thorough background checks in the country before buying guns or applying for CCW. This new bill would further complicate an already burdensome process that law abiding citizens must follow to exercise their 2nd amendment rights. Also many of the provisions in this bill would be nearly impossible in practice. The 14 hour classroom time would require 3 whole days to get your permit at minimum. This will be very expensive and require far more time, than the already strict 4 hours. And the interview with HPD will be nearly impossible to do, since they are already bogged down and so slow just trying to keep up with the current application processes. This would require massive budget increases and hiring many officers to do these interviews in a timely manner, which HPD just doesn't have.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 5:29:48 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Paul Bernstein	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Wakai and Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs”

I'm writing in strong support of SB882. This bill is a common sense measure to increase the safety of our communities. Just as one needs to pass a test to acquire a driver's license, we should require gun owners to take a test before they are allowed to operate a gun.

SB882 adds common sense subjects to be covered in training including situational awareness, best practices when encountering law enforcement, conflict de-escalation, when is deadly force authorized in in personal self-defense, suicide prevention, and the basic principles of marksmanship.

Without demonstrating adequate proficiency and understanding of permitted use of deadly force, innocent bystanders will be hurt

Furthermore, the bill provides enhanced background checks which are critical to protecting innocent people.

Respectfully,

Paul Bernstein

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 5:49:45 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Normand A Cote	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB882. We are law abiding citizens and

should not have to jump through hoop to practice our Constitutional Rights as given by God. Not you!

Respectfully,

Normand A Cote

Law Abiding Citizen

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**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 6:24:00 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Donald Correia	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I do not support a bill. That's overreaching government.

**SB-882**

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Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Woody Child	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB882.



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**SB-882**

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Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kevin J. Cole	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose SB882. The Second Amendment is a constitutional right. This is a de facto ex post facto law. The proposed bill does not allow for those who have had previously been trained to retain their status.SB822 is therefore unconstitutional.

So, 14 hours of classroom instruction+2 hours live fire to purchase a handgun? Does that mean someone has to do this class for each one purchased? Four hours to buy a matched set?

Examining one's social media history is a violation of privacy. Would all members of the legislator voluntarily follow suit?

Police interview? HPD has no role in constitutional rights; it is not theirs to grant or rescind.

Additionally, handgun owners already are vetted more than long gun owners. These additional requirements are burdensome, unlawful and unwise.

V/R

Kevin J. Cole, Col USAF ret.

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 9:28:16 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dwayne Lim	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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**SB-882**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kelly Lim	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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**SB-882**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Willy Colt	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Senators,

Lawful gun owners do not break laws. Hawaii gun owners are ranked 4th least in the nation with 14.9% of adults having guns at home. (cbsnews) That is about 208,000 residents based on a total population of 1,400,000. These 208,000 residents are voters, lawyers, doctors, teachers, professionals and lawful citizens.

And gun deaths in Hawaii are at 2.5 deaths for every 100,000 residents. This figure is already one of the lowest in the nation.

Gun laws in Hawaii are airtight as they are. The proof is in the low numbers. No new laws are needed. More laws to restrict lawful citizens makes as much sense as putting a cart in front of the horse. It would make it more difficult for buyers and sellers of firearms. HPD would be further taxed by enforcing more laws. It would not make it hard for the bad guys. Criminals do not follow the law.

Sincerely,

Willy Colt

**LATE**

**SB-882**

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 10:39:36 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2023 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mark Fiesta	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am against this bill. This takes away our rights to bear arms. Legislators, per say, are clearly adding more requirements in order to prevent people from purchasing firearms , —as if this will discourage them from doing so. With no firearms the second amendment is none sense. Amendment 2 states “ A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed”. To my understanding, this is our proof of evidence that we are allowed to keep guns and ammunition as a tool for security in our homes, for our families, and ourselves.

**SB-882**

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**LATE**

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
chris p pang	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I oppose SB882 14 hours of class work is too extreme for someone to purchase a firearm. The standard training that is required now is sufficient enough to gain the basic knowledge of firearm safety. To make such a law would put the gun purchaser in danger if they're buying a gun for selfdefense. I took the basic gun course and I know my firearm and have respect for my firearm and I have been shooting for over 35 years.

Thank you,

Chris

**SB-882**

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**LATE**

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Scott Smart	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am testifying to OPPOSE SB882. The US Supreme Court in NY Rifle & Pistol Assn v. BRUEN AFFIRMED that Amendment II to the US Constitution embodies a right to bear arms consistent with historical practice. There is nothing in this bill which is consistent with historical practice; instead it relies on undefined terms which result in the exercise of the right being entirely at the discretion of the state and its subordinate units.

Enacting this bill would simply result in wasted court expenses whihc would be better spent reducing crime.

**SB-882**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tysen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I DO NOT SUPPORT THIS BILL. All of these things only make it harder for the responsible people trying to protect themselves to get what they need. This bill seems to be made without foresight of who will be conducting the interviews and if HPD even has the time to set aside to take care of this in a timely manner. We already have to take a gun class/hunting class which so that 14 hours of class room is repetitive and the concealed carry people have to pass a shooting class also. People can easily change their social media account names and even delete them rendering that social media part useless in most cases anyway. The only part I can agree with is disclosing who you live with and how old they are, But you could simply add that to the already existing handgun permit application. All in all this bill seems like a little unconstitutional .



**LATE**

**I OPPOSE AND SUGGEST A CHANGE TO SB882.** As master firearms instructor and training counselor, I see the added requirements as excessive, costly, inefficient, and unnecessary along with unconstitutional.

**Permit to Acquire Training Requirements:**

The current permit to acquire training requirements were put into place almost 30 years ago and is working well. The purpose of the firearms safety class is to ensure students meet the standard of being able to operate a firearm safely through this **BASIC** class. It satisfies the safety needs of many people: collectors, competition shooters, military, self-defense, etc. It teaches people the safe use, handling, storage, safety, and laws for possessing a firearm. After taking the basic class, the person can then go onto their particular discipline for added training. For example a collector or hunter doesn't need to learn situational awareness in a basic course, rather they need to learn how to check a firearm is unloaded, 3 firearm safety rules, etc.

The time requirements are excessive. The current 6 hour firearm safety class puts out safe firearm owners. A 16 hour requirement would be difficult. The cost of a class would more than double creating a burden on students and the time requirements would be difficult. It's a burden on most firearms instructors as most are volunteers or teach a side job and won't have the time to teach it. Everyone is scraping by to make a living in Hawaii's high cost of living environment, and this ends up creating more problems for the people.

**Section 2 Requirements:**

The requirement to be interviewed doesn't serve a purpose and is a burden on gun owners. It's an invasion of privacy to practice a right, is costly in regard's to a person's time and money, and it serves no purpose. No new information will be obtained to disqualify someone from firearm ownership that can't be obtained from criminal/mental health checks. Same with references and social media account information. HPD has already stated that these serve no purpose while draining valuable manpower from the police force.

**Recommended change:** Subjects such as suicide prevention, situational awareness, de-escalation are important for firearm owners to know. However the general public should learn them too for safety and crime prevention. A video lesson could be recorded by the State experts and made available to the public on the internet. Firearm owners could watch this video, print a certificate, and turn it in with their firearms application. This would benefit everyone and make it convenient for firearm owners to comply with.

Please oppose this bill due to the burden's placed firearm owners, invasion of privacy, subjectiveness of the process, and lack of historical tradition provided as required by the US Supreme Court on 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment restrictions. I am available for any questions.

Mahalo,

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**SB-882**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jeannine Johnson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in strong support of this bill and ask for yours. Mahalo.

**SB-882**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Vivek Pathela	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

OPPOSE. THIS VIOLATES THE 2ND AMENDMENT!

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February 10, 2023

SB882 Testimony

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante and members of the PSM and JDG Committees.

Thank you for the opportunity to **offer comments regarding SB882.**

- I appreciate the Hawaii State Senate's efforts to draft meaningful legislation in an effort to maintain safety in our community in light of the SCOTUS' decision in New York State Rifle and Pistol Association vs Bruen.
- The Supreme Court did not hold that a state cannot require a license to carry a firearm in public, as mentioned in an article released by the San Diego Sheriff's Department 06/23/23.
- The said article reports California (as a precedent) still regulates the carrying of firearms in public places in part, by requiring a license to carry conceal a pistol, revolver, or other firearm capable of being concealed upon a person.
- Further, California law still forbids carrying firearms in sensitive places such as schools and government buildings.
- Private businesses can still regulate whether firearms can be brought onto their establishments or property.
- Per an article entitled Cal Matters that covers the California Legislature- the said SCOTUS decision bans enforcement agencies from awarding permits on their own subjective discretion, though SCOTUS's ruling still left it open for states to add on their own "objective" standards. The ruling also enables counties and States to specify "sensitive" gun free-zones.
- As SB882 moves through committees, please consider the extra administrative costs that would be placed on Honolulu's law enforcement agencies though I don't think the islands should be turned into a gun-free zone.
- Further, please know that reported street cost of gun instructors to prepare those for CCW is between \$2-300/hour. Revisit the proposed 14-hour requirement in terms of realistic affordability since CCW permits will be good for only one year.
- I concur that Situational Awareness, Best Practices when encountering law enforcement, Conflict De-Escalation, Suicide Prevention are important aspects of this bill.
- Would suggest there be requirement covering safe storage of firearms. Reportedly, the NRA has not made it a priority.
- Lastly, please better define how "good morale character" in Section (4) would be determined.

Thank You for this opportunity to **offer comments regarding SB882.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J Leong

