
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FIREARMS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State's gun
2 buyback program offers residents a safe way to dispose of
3 unwanted or unlawful firearms, including automatic firearms;
4 semi-automatic rifles; and unregulated, unserialized "ghost
5 guns". The program offers participants up to \$200 in Foodland
6 Farms gift cards in exchange for each firearm and allows the
7 firearm owner to remain anonymous. The program's goal is to
8 allow law enforcement officers to properly dispose of the
9 weapons and to reduce the number of firearms in the State that
10 could be used for criminal activities. In November 2023, a gun
11 buyback event on the island of Oahu collected nearly five
12 hundred firearms. The program also offers free gun locks to
13 help support the safe storage of guns in the home. The
14 legislature believes that the gun buyback program will help
15 reduce firearm-related assaults and suicides, and gun-related
16 accidents involving children.



1 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate
2 funds to the department of law enforcement for the State's gun
3 buyback program.

4 SECTION 2. In accordance with section 9 of article VII, of
5 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and sections 37-91 and
6 37-93, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined
7 that the appropriation contained in this Act will cause the
8 state general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025
9 to be exceeded by \$ or per cent. The reasons
10 for exceeding the general fund expenditure ceiling are that the
11 appropriation made in this Act is necessary to serve the public
12 interest and to meet the need provided for by this Act.

13 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
15 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 to
16 support the State's gun buyback program.

17 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
18 law enforcement for the purposes of this Act.

19 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2042.



Report Title:

DLE; Gun Buyback; Expenditure Ceiling; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the Department of Law Enforcement for the State's Gun Buyback Program. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Takes effect 7/1/2042. (SD1)

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