

**SB-3196**

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Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kainoa Kaku	Testifying for Hawaii Rifle Association	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To the Members of the Hawaii Legislature,

I am Kainoa Kaku, President of the Hawaii Rifle Association. I write to strongly oppose Senate Bill 3196. This bill, in its current form, represents a substantial infringement on the rights protected by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution.

The Second Amendment guarantees the right of the people to keep and bear arms, a principle upheld in several recent court decisions. In *District of Columbia v. Heller* (2008) and *McDonald v. City of Chicago* (2010), the Supreme Court affirmed the individual's right to possess firearms for traditionally lawful purposes, including self-defense within the home. More recently, in *NYSRPA v. Bruen* (2022), the Court emphasized that laws restricting this right must be consistent with historical understanding of the Second Amendment.

SB 3196 proposes sweeping bans and restrictions on a broad range of firearms and accessories, many of which are commonly used for lawful purposes, including self-defense, hunting, and recreational shooting. The bill's expansive definitions and prohibitions on widely owned firearms directly conflict with the principles set forth in the aforementioned rulings.

Furthermore, the bill fails to adequately consider the implications for law-abiding citizens who responsibly use these firearms. The measures proposed are not narrowly tailored to address specific criminal activities but instead broadly penalize all citizens, thereby undermining the constitutional right to bear arms.

Given these considerations and the recent judicial affirmations of Second Amendment rights, I urge you to reconsider and oppose SB 3196 in its current form. We must seek solutions that effectively address violence without infringing upon the constitutional rights of law-abiding citizens.

Respectfully,

Kainoa Kaku  
President, Hawaii Rifle Association

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Joshua Naggs	Testifying for Volcano Neighborhood Watch	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Several months ago, a member of our community was sexually assaulted in her home by a serial violent felon for an hour before police were able to arrive on scene. After the publicized incident, a crime spree occurred in our small community when island thieves learned that it takes 45 minutes for police to respond at this location.

When considering what you feel is "enough" for a citizen to protect themselves from evil, we of the Volcano Neighborhood Watch ask that you consider remote rural communities with no timely police protection. Laws that have already been overruled in higher courts will be overturned after expensive legal battles and the temporary effect will be disarming the least dangerous groups while empowering the most dangerous.

Thank you for your time.

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Submitted on: 2/18/2024 11:41:24 AM

# Testimony for Measure SB-2342 SD-1

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Comments:

To the Tyrants who introduced this bill and the minority who suport it,,

The strong opposition to this bill over those who support it is overwhelming yet it still passes? If this unconstitutional bill passes you will be putting hard working Americans out of business and out of patience. We the people will not stand for this, please do better.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Darlene	Testifying for Indivisible Hawaii Healthcare Team	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We support bills that offer greater gun safety for the health of the people.

**Opposing Testimony: *Regarding Bill SB3196***

Honorable Members of the Committee,

I appreciate the opportunity to testify today regarding Bill 3196, which proposes amendments to the prohibition on certain firearms. While I understand the intent behind this legislation, I strongly oppose its passage for several reasons.

First and foremost, the proposed bill threatens the fundamental rights guaranteed by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution. The right to bear arms is a cornerstone of our democracy, essential for self-defense, hunting, and safeguarding against tyranny. Any attempt to restrict law-abiding citizens' access to firearms undermines this constitutional right.

Furthermore, the definitions used in the bill to classify certain firearms as "assault weapons" are overly broad and lack clarity. This ambiguity could lead to the unintended consequences of penalizing responsible gun owners who use firearms for legitimate purposes such as sport shooting or hunting. Banning firearms based on cosmetic features or arbitrary criteria does little to enhance public safety and only serves to infringe upon the rights of law-abiding citizens.

Additionally, there are significant concerns regarding the efficacy of bans on specific types of firearms in reducing crime. History has shown us that such measures often fail to address the root causes of violence and disproportionately burden law-abiding citizens without deterring criminals who obtain firearms through illegal means.

Enforcing the proposed bans would pose significant challenges for law enforcement agencies and strain already limited resources. Prohibiting the sale or transfer of certain firearms would create a black market, driving lawful commerce underground and making it more difficult to track firearms in circulation. Instead of pursuing restrictive measures that target law-abiding citizens, I urge policymakers to focus on evidence-based solutions to address the complex issue of gun violence. This includes strengthening mental health services, improving background check systems, and targeting illegal firearms trafficking through enhanced enforcement efforts.

In conclusion, I respectfully urge you to oppose Bill 3196 and consider alternative approaches that respect our constitutional rights while effectively addressing the underlying factors contributing to gun violence.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,



Marko Mijuskovic  
Firearms International, LLC

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Shaun coleman	Testifying for Hawaii firearms coalition	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha my name is shaun coleman I'm a member of hawaii firearms coalition also a law abiding citizen & hunter. I just want to say I oppose bill SB3196 alot of hunters rely on semi automatics for quick follow up shots so the animals don't suffer with single bolt action rifles it takes way to long for the follow up shot the animals end up suffering longer sometimes even run out of site wounded and end up dying far away where it becomes a lost, On the other hand the prohibition on semi automatic rifles ownership is unconstitutional I read an article about this same issue that u.s district judge Roger benitez ruled that California's law banning so-called "assault weapons" violates the constitutional right to keep and bear arms I also believe that when all of you got in office you took that oath to solely swear to support and defend the constitution of the united states against all enemies foreign and domestic etc im letting all of you know we're not the enemy's we are law abiding u.s citizens that's upholding our constitution the same as you all should be mahalo for taking the time to hear me and the rest us out aloha.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Rudolph Pangelinan	Testifying for Puuloa Rifle and Pistol Club	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196. Several factors involved here. It is unconstitutional to the 2nd amendment and passing SB3196 will frivolously waste our tax payer money for lawsuits that will shortly be forthcoming if approved Use this money instead to help mental health issues and additional law enforcement program that deter criminals. Criminals will not follow this law and all the previouisly passed laws that impose restrictions to the law abiding citizens of Hawaii. Good citizens follow the laws of this State, criminals will not. By passing this bill, you will now make me a criminal based on the language written??

Punish the criminals and not the law abiding citizens.

Thanks - Rudolph Pangelinan

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lisa Gibson	Testifying for Indivisible Hawaii	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

STONG SUPPORT

**Recent polls have shown that a significant majority of Hawaii residents favor strict gun safety laws. Banning assault rifles and large capacity magazines is important because they are designed to be capable of mass killing. Their potential for mass murder far outweighs any plausible use for hunting, recreation or self-defense. The sooner this ban is created, the sooner we can start reducing the needless spread of assault rifles and large capacity magazines in Hawai'i.**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
William Hawkins	Testifying for Honolulu Sporting Goods, LLC	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I write to vehemently oppose Senate Bill 3196.

This bill, in its current form, represents a substantial, unlawful, and reprehensible infringement on the rights protected by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution. The Second Amendment guarantees the right of the people to keep and bear arms, a principle upheld in several recent court decisions. In *District of Columbia v. Heller* (2008) and *McDonald v. City of Chicago* (2010), the Supreme Court affirmed the individual's right to possess firearms for traditionally lawful purposes, including self-defense within the home. More recently, in *NYSRPA v. Bruen* (2022), the Court emphasized that laws restricting this right must be consistent with historical understanding of the Second Amendment.

The bill will ban the most commonly used firearms kept by law abiding citizens, who are also voters. The banning of these firearms will not cause crime to drop, instead, it will transform law abiding citizens into criminals overnight, as well as preventing them from protecting themselves, their families, businesses and each other. Any ban, whether rifle, pistol, or magazines, is a direct attack on the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution, and “*shall not be infringed...*”

SB 3196 proposes sweeping bans and restrictions on a broad range of firearms and accessories, many of which are commonly used for lawful purposes, including self-defense, hunting, and recreational shooting. The bill’s expansive definitions and prohibitions on widely owned firearms directly conflict with the principles set forth in the aforementioned rulings. Furthermore, the bill fails to adequately consider the implications for law-abiding citizens who responsibly use these firearms. The measures proposed are not narrowly tailored to address specific criminal activities but instead broadly penalize all citizens, thereby undermining the constitutional right to bear arms. Given these considerations and the recent judicial affirmations of Second Amendment rights, I urge you to reconsider and oppose SB 3196 in its current form. We must seek solutions that effectively address violence without infringing upon the constitutional rights of law-abiding citizens.

From a business perspective, this is devastating to many small business in Hawaii. This ban will in effect remove much of our business as a great deal of it is in fact, dealing with the most popular and widely owned firearms in the United States. As gunsmiths, much of our business is not only manufacturing, but repairing and maintaining firearms of all kinds in sound working order to enhance safety and prevent accidents due to lack of maintenance.

The features listed are nearly all modern features on nearly all modern firearms. As well as nearly every rifle in our inventory including many traditional hunting rifles. This bill would seemingly ban over 90% of our inventory. A large number of our pistols would be included in this as well. As well as a large majority of associated accessories.

As law-abiding citizens and voters, instead of wasting tax payer money on defending the slew of lawsuits that will follow the potential passing of this bill, how about the legislators tackle the real root cause of the crimes this bill is intended to thwart. Create and pass laws that put the onus where it belongs, on law makers to ensure that passed laws are upheld and properly prosecuted. For far too long the Hawaii justice system has taken a soft stance on both prosecution and incarceration of those charged with violent crimes. Case in point, Sidney Tafokitau, a known life-long felon, was able to obtain a firearm, despite being a prohibited person who was out on bail. “Court records show a long criminal history for Tafokitau, including a 20-year prison sentence for robbery and convictions for gun crimes. In November, he pleaded not guilty to a slew of firearms charges, including possessing a firearm as a felon. He was out on \$75,000 bail, which had been reduced from \$150,000.” (usnews.com, 2024). Additionally in the same article it states that “In mid-December, Honolulu police asked for the public's help in locating Tafokitau, called him armed and dangerous, and said he committed a shooting and stabbing.” Instead of violating the right of those who are law-abiding, the focus should be on keeping felons incarcerated, and expanding mental health across the state and working towards solving the exploding homeless population. There are far more important issues that require attention than that of stripping the constitutional rights and subsequent disarmament of the law-abiding citizens of the State of Hawaii.

#### References:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Doris Matsunaga	Testifying for North Hawaii Community Action Network	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

North Hawaii Community Action Network **supports SB3196**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Craig Kashiwai	Testifying for Red Letter Industries	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this as it infringes on my Constitutional rights.

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Submitted on: 2/19/2024 3:25:09 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mery Ann Luna	Testifying for SDM Training Group / Bows 'N Bullets	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**Aloha, my name is Mery Ann Luna and I'm the president of SDM Training Group and founder of Bows 'n Bullets. We specialize in self-defense education and training.**

**I OPPOSE bill SB3196!**

**I understand that you are faced with predicaments due to recent events, however, this is not the way to go about it. I cannot stress enough how this bill will impact negatively for our women and children. Criminals will prevail and law abiding citizens will be defeated. Our system needs to do better, we need to do better for the sake of our children. Do NOT pass this bill. I oppose this bill and hope we can work together on the root of the issue. I invite you to learn why many of us are fighting to keep our right to defend and protect ourselves and our loved ones. This Aloha Spirit you believe is slowly fading away. Born and raised in Hawaii, my heart aches knowing that. Time has changed and so have I. My motherly instincts have pushed forward and I will stand in the front line with ALL means necessary to protect you and everyone from harm. This is my Aloha Spirit that I share with you.**

**I started my journey with the question of, "who will protect my family if my husband is down?" We need to continue empowering our women to learn how to defend themselves and their loved ones in any means necessary. As a woman, this bill makes me feel hopeless, uneducated, and untrustworthy. I am able to maneuver my way out should I be grabbed from behind. I am able to defend myself should I be attacked with a knife. I am able to use pepper spray and a taser should I be faced with danger heading towards me. And lastly I am able to handle firearms safely should there be a need for it. Because of this, I strongly believe every woman should know this as well. Every situation will be different and we should not be disabled from reacting the best way possible. This bill will hinder the women of this state to stand by the men and our country to defend because you took this right from us.**

**I would also like to touch on our children. Many families hunt for their food. This ban will take that away from them. Parents teach their young how to hunt, clean and cook to survive this economy. Responsible law abiding parents provide these skills because they will not live forever. I stand by educating our young on safe firearm handling because I know I will not live longer than them. It's a skill I want my kids to have should they be forced to defend their family, their country and themselves.**

**Banning semi-auto firearms (assault weapons as you call them) will not stop the gun violence you see today. Criminals will find a way illegally to obtain firearms as they have proven over and over again. I truly believe we need to look into mental health issues, lack of education, drugs, and low income situations which all lead to some form of criminal behavior. In order for a tree to grow, we need to provide its roots the proper environment so it has a solid foundation. If we don't tackle the root of criminal behaviors, we will leave our children to face a world of chaos.**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Connie Mitchell	Testifying for IHS, The Institute for Human Services, Inc.	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

On behalf of the IHS, the Institute for Human Services, I write in full **support** of SB3196. IHS serves scores of very vulnerable people experiencing homelessness in our shelters and those unsheltered on our streets.

Assault firearms have no place in the hands of private citizens. Too many innocent people have already become victims of these weapons across our nation.



Committee on Judiciary  
Chair Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair Mike Gabbard

Friday, February 23, 2024 9:30 am Room 016 & Videoconference  
SB3196 — RELATING TO FIREARMS

#### TESTIMONY

Beppie Shapiro, Legislative Committee, League of Women Voters of Hawaii

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Committee Members:

**The League of Women Voters of Hawaii strongly supports SB3196, which amends the prohibition on certain assault weapons to include assault rifles, assault shotguns, .50 caliber rifles, and assault weapon attachments; prohibits persons from bringing or causing to be brought into the State an assault rifle or assault shotgun; prohibits the sale or transfer of an assault rifle or assault shotgun in the State, unless the assault rifle or assault shotgun is sold or transferred to an authorized individual; creates exceptions for the acquisition and possession of prohibited firearms for members of law enforcement and the military and makes other restrictions on various types of pistols.**

The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that the proliferation of handguns and semi-automatic assault weapons in the United States is a major health and safety threat to its citizens. The League supports strong federal measures to limit the accessibility and regulate the ownership of these weapons by private citizens. The League supports regulating firearms for consumer safety.

We in Hawaii have traditionally been protected by state gun laws which have necessarily but unfortunately been revised to accord with a SCOTUS decision. It behooves us to strengthen our laws restricting guns as quickly as possible to protect our residents and visitors.

Please pass SB3196.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Members of the Judiciary Committee,

On behalf of National Association for Gun Rights members and supporters in the state of Hawaii, I submit this testimony to oppose SB 3196.

Besides this bill being a clear violation of Second Amendment rights, there are specific issues that make this piece of legislation dangerous to law-abiding gun owners and leaves it open to interpretation and abuse.

Many of the types of firearms in this bill include commonly owned rifles and shotguns, as well as an expanded prohibition on certain pistols with detachable magazines.

With thousands of adults in Hawaii owning firearms, by passing this bill the Hawaii legislature is complicit with criminalizing most of those law-abiding citizens for exercising a God-given right.

Inclusive with the poor wording and descriptions presented, the ban on so-called "features" of a firearm is widely expansive and, being left up to interpretation, only fuels gun owners' fears and makes law enforcement's job much harder.

The argument for the necessity of SB 3196 is unfounded when considering that Hawaii has a homicide rate of only 1.1 per 100,000. In fact, this low homicide rate is precisely thanks to the availability of firearms to law-abiding citizens. These restrictions on gun ownership and transfers are simply not warranted.

While we understand that the Hawaii Supreme Court has rebuked the Bruen decision, we would like to respectfully point out that the 'Spirit of Aloha' does not have a legitimate legal standing anywhere on God's green earth.

Also, when it comes to committing heinous crimes and perpetrating violence, criminals do not abide by the "Spirit of Aloha."

Need we remind you that Hawaii is a member of the United States of America, not a foreign nation. You will abide by our Constitution and respect our rights. If not, you are more than welcome to introduce a Resolution to secede from the Union.

Overall, SB 3196 is not only unnecessary, but also harmful to law-abiding gun owners. I urge the legislature to reject this bill and adhere to the Second Amendment, not some arbitrary feel good statement of principles.

We at National Association for Gun Rights will keep our members informed of your decisions.



## TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF S.B. 3196 RELATED TO FIREARMS

To: Chair Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair Mike Gabbard, and Members of the Committee

From: The Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights  
Co-Chairs Amy Agbayani and Pat McManaman

The Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights works to achieve equity, justice, and inclusion, uphold civil rights, and eliminate discrimination. We stand in **Strong Support of SB 3196** and believe it is imperative to expand Hawai'i's existing ban on assault pistols to include all assault weapons.

Assault weapons are designed for one purpose: to inflict maximum harm in a short amount of time. Their high rate of fire and large magazine capacity maximize their potential for lethality in the hands of individuals intent on causing mass casualties. We have witnessed too many tragic incidents across our nation where these weapons have been used to attack school children, university students, worshippers, and other innocent persons. These tragic incidents result in the loss of life and irreparable damage to families and their communities.

Recently, in State v Wilson, SCAP-22-000056 (2024), Justice Todd Eddings wrote for a unanimous Hawai'i State Supreme Court:

The spirit of Aloha clashes with a federally mandated lifestyle that lets citizens walk around with deadly weapons during day-to-day activities.... A government by the people works. Hawai'i's legislative branch has passed sensible firearms laws. And Hawai'i's executive branch has enforced those laws. The most recent available data from the Centers for Disease Control shows that Hawai'i has the nation's second-lowest rate of gun deaths per year.

Expanding Hawai'i's ban against assault weapons will preserve Hawai'i's status as a safe place to live and visit.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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<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	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196. This bill will have no effect on criminals and their ability to acquire guns. This is simply illustrated by the amount of illegal aerial fireworks that light up our skies.

This bill is unconstitutional. It violates the Heller, and Bruen decisions of the SCOTUS.

This bill will outlaw 90 percent of the rifles used by my club for practice and competition. These are the rifles that are used in annual US National Matches.

This bill relies on sensationalism instead of science. The use of the descriptions “assault rifle” and “high capacity” is disingenuous. Assault is an action. An object cannot assault on its own. “High Capacity” is an ambiguous term used for any magazine over 10 rounds in capacity. There are many firearms that were originally designed to hold more than 10 rounds. It criminalizes parts or accessories that appear “scary” cosmetically. It seeks to ban .50 caliber rifles without any valid justification. I have yet to hear of a crime that was committed with a .50 caliber rifle.

This bill will criminalize current legal firearms owners. Ten of thousands of current legal firearms in Hawaii will become illegal if passed. This will either result in overwhelming the police department’s capacity for cataloging, storing, and disposal of surrendered firearms and parts, or flooding the black market with thousands of firearms and parts deemed illegal by this law.

This bill will be challenged in court and will cost the taxpayers of Hawaii money. The history of current firearms litigation has shown that these types of laws have been successfully challenged in court resulting in substantial losses.

The solution to the reduction of gun crimes is to punish the criminals and not penalize the legal gun owner. Most of the violent gun crime is caused by persons with a known criminal history. Take those people off the streets and keep them locked up and crime will go down.

Jerry Yuen

President Pu'uloa Rifle and Pistol Club

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
colby sakumoto	Testifying for Epowersports	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Epowersports  
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Epowersports is a retail seller of air-soft guns and related accessories in Hawai'i. We oppose SB3196.

As currently written, the effect of SB3196 would create a significant and unnecessary economic hardship on our company and all in the firearms industry.

As it is currently written, SB3196 would impose a prohibition of "assault weapon attachments" this term is vague and may criminalize law abiding retailers of replica firearms such as Epowersports.

As a local business that has been operating for 20 years, Epowersports employs many young adults, this includes military veterans. Our store serves as a stepping stone for those transitioning back to civilian life. If the proposed ruling in SB3196 become law, many small business such as ourselves will be forced to shutter our doors. Job opportunities will be lost.

Epowersports has always advocated for the safe and responsible handling of firearms. At least once a month, our store holds a class called FAB Fridays (First Time And Beginners Friday) we use this class to educate the public on safe and proper air-soft gun handling. Although the platform we use to teach is air-soft, we constantly stress that the same responsibilities and safety rules apply to traditional firearms. The majority of participants in FAB Friday are teenagers, many have never handled firearms. By the end of a three hour class, these participants are able to demonstrate safe and competent gun handling, they are instilled with the knowledge of what it means to be a responsible person handling a gun. It is our belief that gun safety can be achieved through education, rather than restrictions.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ilima DeCosta	Testifying for Hui Malama Pono Hawaii Foundation	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice-Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee.

Mahalo for your tireless efforts to maintain public safety and for this opportunity to testify in strong support of SB 3196.

I am a survivor of gun violence, my daughter, Elizabeth, will never raise her son or testify before any elected officials. Because gun violence has so devastated me and my family, I appreciate each and every effort to prevent gun violence from impacting other local families.

SB 3196 intends to amend the definition of an assault weapon to include rifles, shotguns and other long rifles, such as AR-15s, which have reportedly been used in most mass shootings on the continent.

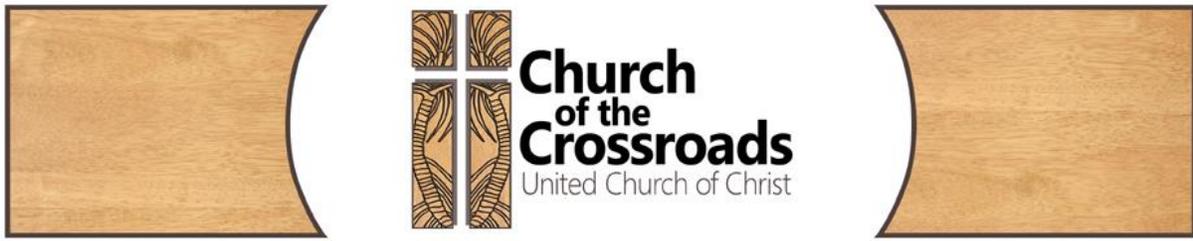
As Justice Eddins pointed out in a recent Hawai'i Supreme Court decision, the Second Amendment does not give Hawai'i residents or visitors wide berth to carry guns in the community, and reasonable rules are necessary to maintain our public health and safety standards.

SB 3196 is a big step toward clarifying the rules and reinforcing community standards.

Passage of SB 3196 means that Hawai'i will finally close legal loopholes that exist - despite the current ban on assault weapons - by amending the current definition of what constitutes an assault weapon to include long rifles.

Hawai'i has long had a history of maintaining commonsense rules and laws, and passage of SB 3196 reinforces this commitment to maintaining public health and safety.

Mahalo for passing SB 3196 and moving it onto for a full Senate vote. Malama pono.



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

**Testimony of the Church of the Crossroads IN SUPPORT OF SB 3196  
To the Senate Judiciary Committees  
Hearing: February 23, 2024, 9:30 am, CR016 and videoconference**

The Church of the Crossroads was founded in 1922 as Hawaii’s first intentionally multiracial church. We are a Just Peace Church of approximately 180 members. We have voted unanimously to support a ban on all assault weapons and large capacity magazines, and ask for your support in accomplishing this ban.

Hawai’i is the only state in the nation with an assault weapons ban that **fails** to ban assault rifles, assault shotguns and large magazines for those weapons. Our current law only applies to assault pistols/revolvers, and large detachable ammunition magazines (more than 10 rounds) for pistols.

**U.S. assault weapons bans by jurisdiction**

Jurisdiction	Status	By make or model	Semiauto rifles	Semiauto pistols	Shotguns	Features test	Magazine capacity
California <sup>[34]</sup>	In force	X	X	X	X	X	10
Connecticut <sup>[35]</sup>	In force	X	X	X	X	X	10
Delaware <sup>[36]</sup>	In force	X	X	X	X	X	17
District of Columbia <sup>[37]</sup>	In force	X	X	X	X	X	10
Hawaii <sup>[38]</sup>	In force			X		X	10 (pistols)
Illinois <sup>[39]</sup>	In force	X	X	X	X	X	10 (15 for handguns)
Maryland <sup>[40]</sup>	In force	X	X	X	X	X	10
Massachusetts <sup>[41]</sup>	In force	X	X	X	X	X	10
New Jersey <sup>[42]</sup>	In force	X	X	X	X	X	10
New York <sup>[43]</sup>	In force		X	X	X	X	10
Washington <sup>[44]</sup>	In force	X	X	X	X	X	10

Source: [Assault weapons legislation in the United States - Wikipedia](#)

These gaping holes in our assault weapons ban make no sense and endanges us all. Every year that we fail to pass a comprehensive assault weapons ban, we allow more and more assault rifles and large capacity magazines to be bought, amassed and used in this state. This bill would finally ban assault rifles, assault shotguns, and large capacity magazines for those weapons.

Hawai'i is not immune to mass shootings, as we know from our tragic history in that regard. Our schools drill our students each year on how to try to survive an active shooter situation. Yet our laws have gaping loopholes that facilitate gun violence.

Thoughts and prayers are not enough to combat gun violence. Action is needed. The legislature must do its part by enacting safer gun laws that can reduce future risks of gun violence.

The 1994 federal Assault Weapons Ban prohibited a wide range of assault weapons and high-capacity magazines. It resulted in fewer mass shootings. Sadly, it was allowed to expire in 2004 and Congress has failed to re-enact it. Hawai'i can and should expand our own assault weapons law to fill this void.

Banning assault weapons and large capacity magazines is important because these weapons are uniquely designed to be capable of mass violence. Their potential for mass murder far outweighs any plausible use for hunting, recreation or self-defense. The rate of public mass shootings has tripled since 2011. The US now has more mass shootings each year than there are days in the year. We should do our best to prevent another mass shooting here. The sooner this ban is created, the sooner we can start reducing the needless spread of assault rifles and large capacity magazines in Hawai'i.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Godbey Carson, for the Church of the Crossroads  
February 20, 2024

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 6:31:47 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Brian Ley	Testifying for County GMAC	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As GMAC district 4 representative, I strongly oppose SB 3196. Besides the fact that federal judges have already thrown out these type of unconstitutional laws, these are commonly used firearms that are used already on the island by hunters and especially by the DLNR. This is just a poorly written blanket anti gun/hunting bill that should never have made it past the first reading. The fact that the majority of the testimony at the last hearing was overwhelming against this bill should tell you how the voting public feels about this.. Once again I strongly oppose this Bill

Brian Ley County GMAC district 4 representative

TESTIMONY - Senate Committee on Judiciary  
SB3196, RELATING TO FIREARMS

Friday, February 23, 2024, 9:30 AM  
State Capitol Conference Room 016 and via Videoconference

Submitted in STRONG OPPOSITION by Mrs. Jamie Detwiler, President,  
Hawaii Federation of Republican Women.

Honorable Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard and Committee Members

I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB3196, RELATING TO FIREARMS for the following reasons:

1. The U.S. Constitution Second Amendment states, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed. Furthermore, the Second and Fourteenth Amendments protect an individual's right to carry a handgun for self-defense outside the home.
2. The Supreme Court was clear in Bruen (June 2022) that for any gun control legislation to pass constitutional muster under the Second Amendment, such legislation must be consistent with historical tradition.
3. We can all agree that violent crimes involving firearms are tragic. However, the dictate of Bruen is clear. While the authors of this bill may disagree with Bruen, they may NOT disobey it.

Here are few quick facts about firearms:

Criminals with ghost guns have the means to obtain illegal firearms.

Law abiding citizens obtain firearms legally by taking the required training and legally obtaining licenses to possess firearms.

This bill does nothing to curb crime. May I respectfully ask you to ponder this question: What legislation have you created to strengthen the penalties for criminals who are illegally obtaining firearms and committing crimes like smash and grab, assault, and deadly force?

Any restriction is considered an infringement on our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment right to keep and bear arms and therefore is a violation of our Constitutional Rights.

Please vote NO on SB3196. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jamie Detwiler, President  
Hawaii Federation of Republican Women

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:05:31 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sue Hornik	Testifying for Hawaii Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As co-chair of the Hawaii Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence and its almost 1,000 members, we want to applaud legislators' intent to update the state's Assault Weapons law to include assault rifles and large capacity magazines for assault weapons. Modeled on military weapons, designed to inflict maximum harm quickly and used in mass shootings throughout the nation, such assault weapons have no place on our streets.

SB 3196 would close this dangerous gap in Hawaii law and save lives. We fully support it. In conjunction with the well-respected research group, the Violence Policy Center in Washington, DC, with whom we've consulted, we suggest the following minor fixes:

- 1) The first two definitions of "assault rifle" are limited to "centerfire" rifles which would exempt any rimfire rifles. However, the third definition is not limited to centerfire. We suggest deleting "centerfire" from all of the definitions so rimfire rifles, are covered.
- 2) In Section 2 (3)(A), the inclusion of "thumbhole" does not make sense. A thumbhole stock functions as a type of pistol grip. To address this please amend (3)(B) to read: "A pistol grip, thumbhole stock, or any other characteristic that can function as a grip."
- 3) (3)(C) is redundant of (3)(B). This can be deleted if (3)(B) is amended as suggested.
- 4) At the end of the rifle list, where some exceptions are listed, PLEASE do not exempt "curios or relics." Keeping this exemption would exclude many assault weapons from the definition and the list of excluded guns would keep increasing as more guns reach the 50-year definition of relic.
- 5) The definition of semiautomatic shotgun also contains a mistake with the use of "thumbhole" stock (or as it is called in the bill "thumbhold"). Please amend (1)(C) to read "A pistol grip, thumbhole stock, or any other characteristic that can function as a grip," so it is consistent with the rifle definition. Then (D) can be deleted as it would be redundant. Also delete "thumbhold" in (1)(E).
- 6) In the shotgun definition (subsection (1)(E)), repeat the language in (3)(A) used to describe folding stocks on rifles.

7) The curios or relics exemption is repeated after the shotgun list. We ask that that should be deleted.

Thank you so much for considering these suggestions and for your hard work to keep Hawaii as safe as possible.

Sincerely,  
Sue Hornik

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 7:05:23 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ted Baldonado	Testifying for 50th Holster Works	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Members of the committee,

I thank you for the chance to voice my opposition to the measure. This measure threatens the fundamental right granted by the 2nd amendment. The definitions used within the measure lack clarity and terms are used to offend or scare. The measure does nothing safe guard the law-abiding individuals. The measure fails to address the root causes of violence and undermines the law-abiding citizen without deterring criminals who illegally obtain firearms and accessories. The accessories and parts that fall under this measure will destroy and hinder the local businesses that provide these very goods & services to local law abiding residents and our local law enforcement.

The measure also affects the popular sports, Airsoft and practical shooting. Thousands of individuals and multiple business will be affected by these measures. The measure's language does not distinguish the difference between accessories used for the sport and for ii mannered means. Instead of pursuing restrictive measures that target law abiding citizens, I encourage policymakers to focus on evidence-based solutions to address the complex issue of gun violence and enforce laws already in place. I suggest strengthening mental health services and targeting illegal firearms trafficking with enhanced enforcement efforts. I believe we can find and discuss alternative solutions that respect individual rights and effectively addressing the underlying issues contributing to gun violence. As the measure stands, I oppose SB3196.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

50th Holster Works/Ted Baldonado

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 7:55:38 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Layne Hazama	Testifying for HRA	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly oppose.

Vague language would make a broad range of firearms and components that are currently legal to own illegal. This only serves to penalize law abiding citizens like myself, who responsibly use firearms for recreation and own for self defense.

Language in this legislation is based primarily on misconceptions from glamorized use of firearms on television shows and movies, as well as misconceptions perpetuated by anti-gun lobbyists.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:38:03 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rosemarie Jauch	Testifying for Hawaii Firearms Coalition and NRA member	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This measure expands upon Hawaii’s existing “assault pistol” ban to now include other commonly owned rifles and shotguns by instituting restrictions based on the name of the firearm and a “single feature” test. SB 3196 is poorly drafted and expansive in such a fashion that so-called “features” could be left open to interpretation. Given the recent [ruling](#) by the Hawaii Supreme Court, rebuking the *Bruen* decision, it’s likely to see restrictions viewed in the most unfavorable light for lawful gun owners.

The 2nd Amendment does not grant the right to bear arms. The 2nd Amendment prevents the government from infringing on the right to bear arms.

"The Spirit of Aloha" does NOT trump the Constitution of the United States of America.

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

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**NRA**

February 21, 2024

The Honorable Karl Rhoads  
Chair, Senate Committee on Judiciary  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 228  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Rhoads:

On behalf of the members of the National Rifle Association in Hawaii, I would like to communicate our strong opposition to Senate Bill 3196 (SB 3196).

SB 3196 would drastically expand Hawaii's current ban on "assault pistols" to include many commonly owned rifles and shotguns. Expanded restrictions are outlined by naming specifically banned firearms and institutes a "single feature" test to determine when a firearm crosses the threshold to be deemed an "assault weapon". The legislation is poorly drafted and expansive in such a way that some of the "features" could be left open to interpretation that puts law-abiding citizens at risk.

This legislation will have no impact on public safety as evidenced by the congressionally mandated study on the Federal Assault weapons ban that stood in place for a decade. Instead, this legislation will negatively impact law-abiding citizens who own more than 25 million AR and AK platform rifles throughout the United States for lawful purposes including self-defense, sporting, and hunting.

For the foregoing reasons and many more we request your opposition to SB 3196.

Sincerely,

Daniel Reid  
Managing Director  
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NRA-ILA

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**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 1:58:58 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dale Hayama	Testifying for Young Guns	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Senators of the Judiciary and Public Safety committees,

I wanted to convey my strong opposition to SB3196. The contents of this bill has already been deemed unconstitutional in many challenges in other states. This is a blatant waste of taxpayer money and is a major infringement on our constitutional rights. It is far overreaching and will do very little or nothing to reduce crime in Hawaii. Criminals do not obey the laws and this bill only punishes law abiding citizens who wish to exercise their constitutional right and wish to defend themselves.

To put it very simply it's like sheep getting together after a wolf killed one of them and they had a meeting.

“A wolf killed one of us with his teeth. Therefore, teeth are bad and we should pull out all of our teeth.” Only the predators will benefit from this bill! Please kill this bill!



February 23, 2024

Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary:

Chair Karl Rhoads  
Vice Chair Mike Gabbard  
Sen. Brandon J.C. Elefante  
Sen. Joy A. San Buenaventura  
Sen. Brenton Awa

Re: SB3196 Relating to Firearms

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary:

The Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (HSCADV) addresses the social, political, and economic impacts of domestic violence on individuals, families, and communities. We are a statewide partnership of domestic violence programs and shelters. On behalf of HSCADV and our 27 member programs statewide, **I respectfully submit testimony in strong support of SB3196. This measure would have a profound impact on public safety, survivors of domestic violence, their children, and the organizations that serve them.**

Perpetrators of domestic violence with access to guns use the threat of gun violence to inflict emotional abuse on their partners or escalate to homicide. The presence of a firearm in domestic violence situations increases the risk of homicide for women by 500%. Additionally, more than half of women killed by gun violence are killed by family members or intimate partners.<sup>1</sup> And the trend is worsening: in the ten-year period between 2008 and 2017, intimate partner homicides of women involving guns increased by 15 percent.<sup>2</sup> The 2024 New Year's Day island-wide police chase on O'ahu started with the shooting of an intimate partner who had access to an AR-15 rifle.<sup>3</sup>

Hawai'i has long prohibited one category of assault weapons--prohibiting the possession, transfer, and manufacture of assault pistols in the state. Assault pistols are defined

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<sup>1</sup> Campbell JC, Webster D, Koziol-McLain J, Block C, Campbell D, Curry MA, Gary F, Glass N, McFarlane J, Sachs C, Sharps P, Ulrich Y, Wilt SA, Manganello J, Xu X, Schollenberger J, Frye V, Laughon K. Risk factors for femicide in abusive relationships: results from a multisite case control study. *Am J Public Health*. 2003 Jul;93(7):1089-97. Doi: 10.2105/ajph.93.7.1089. PMID: PMC1447915

<sup>2</sup> Fridel EE, Fox JA. Gender differences in patterns and trends in the US homicide, 1976-2017. *Violence and Gender*. 2019; doi: [10.1089/vio.2019.0005](https://doi.org/10.1089/vio.2019.0005). Data from this study were obtained by Everytown from the author James Alan Fox directly over email dated October 1, 2019 for this analysis.

<sup>3</sup><https://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/2024/01/03/police-suspect-islandwide-manhunt-was-armed-with-unregistered-ar-15/>



under Hawai'i law similarly to those defined in other states that prohibit them as semiautomatic handguns with two or more listed military features. However, Hawai'i has not prohibited assault weapons that are rifles, and shotguns--including the AR-15 and other semiautomatic rifles that are frequently used in mass shootings and other gun crimes.

Assault weapons like AR-15 rifles fire high-velocity ammunition that inflicts greater damage to the human body than a round from a typical handgun. And semiautomatic rifles like the AR-15 are capable of firing rounds much faster than manually operated rifles, allowing shooters to fire a large number of powerful rounds over a short period of time. SB3196 would close this dangerous gap in Hawai'i law, prohibiting assault rifles and shotguns with one or more military features that are capable of firing a high number of rounds in a short period of time.

[Research shows that prohibiting assault weapons can prevent mass shooting fatalities and active shooter events.](#)<sup>4</sup> [The nine other states that regulate assault weapons include rifles and shotguns with military features in their prohibitions.](#)<sup>5</sup> Hawai'i, a state with some of the strongest gun laws in the country, should address this obvious deficiency in its gun laws and prohibit all assault weapons.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important matter.

Sincerely,  
Angelina Mercado, Executive Director

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<sup>4</sup> <https://everytownresearch.org/report/assault-weapons-and-high-capacity-magazines/>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.everytown.org/solutions/assault-weapons/>



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Measure: SB3196, Relating to Firearms  
Date: February 23, 2024  
Committee on Judiciary

Dear Chair Rhoads and Members,

I write you today representing myself, Hawaii Tactical Outfitter, and our many customers who include locals and military alike. We are testifying today in STRONG OPPOSITION of SB3196, Relating to Firearms.

This bill was obviously written by someone who does not understand firearms, their function in the hands of law-abiding citizens, or the far-reaching implications of passing such a bill. SB3196 is a blatant violation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment and, if passed, will do nothing but to drain taxpayer dollars in lawsuit after lawsuit. The turnout during the first reading, where opposition outnumbered support by about 10:1, speaks volumes about how our community feels about this bill.

SB3196 acknowledges that Hawaii has “the third lowest number of gun deaths per capita in the nation” yet seeks to solve a ‘problem’ that doesn’t exist in our local community.

Among many issues, I want to specifically address the definition of “assault weapon attachment(s)”. This is such a vague and unclear definition that would potentially make illegal a vast majority of hunting and sporting rifle accessories to include, but not limited to, grips and bipods. These devices are designed to increase the user’s ability to operate a firearm safely and accurately. Further, these accessories are also very frequently used for other purposes than just firearms. Making these items illegal would also affect Airsoft and CO2 powered gun owners and users. This would have an unintended but incredibly adverse affect on our business.

The definition of “Assault Rifle” (2) specifies exceptions only for .22 caliber rimfire which would eliminate every other rimfire caliber, including the very popular .17 HMR

The definition of “Assault Rifle” (3) does not exclude rimfire rifles and would, in turn, make the extremely common Ruger 10/22 illegal due to having a partial shroud around the barrel allowing you to



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safely hold it with 2 hands. This bill is so poorly written that one of the most common rifles in the US, that not a single person on committee would agree is intended to be included in this bill, is made illegal.

Karl Rhoads, in his closing statement at the first committee hearing stated “this is a line drawing bill, it’s like, okay, on the spectrum of kitchen knife and nuclear weapons, where do we on that range as private citizens get to keep weaponry?” **This bill doesn’t draw a line in the sand; it prevents private citizens from even walking on the beach.**

Respectfully,

Adam Gradwell  
Manager  
Hawaii Tactical Outfitter



Testimony of Deb Nehmad, Chapter Lead, Brady Hawaii  
Before the Senate Committee on the Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs  
SUPPORT FOR SB 3196

February 24, 2024

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, Senators Brandon J.C. Elefante, Senator Joy A. Buenaventura, and Brenton Awa

**In furtherance of Brady's goal to reduce firearm violence across Hawaii, the Hawaii Chapter of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence is proud to offer its strong endorsement of SB3196.**

For decades, Hawaii leaders have prioritized the safety and well-being of the people of Hawaii by enacting and implementing proactive, research-informed policy solutions that prevent gun violence, save lives, and spare entire communities from loss, trauma and cycles of violence. However, the latest data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is disturbing:

- Every year, 34 people in Hawaii die by firearm suicide.
- Every year, 15 people in Hawaii are victims of firearm homicide.
- On average, 55 people in Hawaii are killed by gun violence each year and an average of 30 of those deaths occur in Honolulu County.
- Every 7 days, someone in Hawaii is shot and killed.

It's clear that work remains to be done. **Closing the loophole in our current assault weapons ban** should take priority. Hawaii is the only state in the nation with an assault weapons ban that **fails** to ban assault rifles and large capacity magazines for assault weapons, We are not as safe as we should be.

It appears that two of the four shooters arrested in last week's mass shooting in Kansas City were underage. The two adults were shooting at each other IN A CROWD! It's been reported that the altercation began because one perpetrator didn't like being stared at. One woman was killed and 21 others, including 12 children, were physically injured. This number does not include the PTSD and other mental health impacts of the hundreds of thousands of attendees and remote viewers.

Not one submission by those opposing SB3196 in last week's hearing before the Senate Public Safety Committee mentioned the role of assault weapons and high-capacity magazines in mass shootings. They fail to mention that a 2023 survey by Pew Research revealed that about a third of K-12 parents nationwide are very or extremely worried a shooting could happen at their children's school.

What follows are the general concerns laid out in these submissions against SB3196. Information refuting these points is set forth below each point.

### **Assault weapons necessary and effective for self-defense and to protect family.**

There is an abundance of research (not commissioned by the gun lobby) that concludes that:

- Defensive gun use is not widespread.
- Defensive gun use is not beneficial for society.
- Guns are not the most effective means of self-defense.

### **Assault weapons needed because there aren't enough police and the police need help from the public**

This assertion is directly contradicted by public statements on the federal assault weapons ban issued by The International Association of Police Chiefs when the federal ban was about to expire: "The IAPC is a strong supporter of the federal assault weapons ban since 1992 and its membership approved several reauthorizations of support in the years since. . . .as law enforcement executives . . . we understand that criminal use of assault weapons pose a grave risk to our officers and the communities they are sworn to protect."

**The only way to stop a good guy with a gun is a bad guy with a gun.**

If this were true, the US would be the safest country on earth. Instead, we have a gun homicide rate 26x that of other high-income countries.

**Assault weapons ban is not supported by most Hawaii residents.**

According to a poll of Hawaii residents in 2023, 78% of residents, including 64% of gun owners agree that allowing more guns in public makes it more likely that tense situations will escalate or that guns will be used to intimidate people. In addition, 76% of residents, including 61% of gun owners, agree that Hawai'i would be less safe if more people were allowed to carry guns in public. It is hardly a leap in logic to assume that most Hawaii residents would support gun safety measures in general and would support SB3196.

**Assault weapons necessary for hunting and sports activities, essential to our culture.**

The polls cited above indicate that most Hawaii residents would not agree with this assertion. In addition, guns had been BANNED in Hawaii since 1833, more than 60 years before the overthrow. Guns are clearly not part of Hawaii's historical culture.

**Very small number of homicides involve use of assault weapons/ rifle and long guns.**

While this appears to factually accurate up to this point, the proliferation of mass and school shootings on the continent indicates that, unfortunately, it may be only a matter of time in Hawaii and why take the risk?

**Criminals will always find a way to get their hands on a gun.**

Since 1994, laws like background checks have stopped gun sales to over 4 million people who legally could not own a gun. (US Bureau of Statistics, 2021).

In conclusion, BradyHawaii strongly supports passage of 3196. Banning assault rifles and LCMs is important because they are designed to be capable of mass violence; their potential for mass murder far outweighs any plausible use for hunting, recreation, or self-defense. The sooner this

ban is created, the sooner we can start reducing the needless spread of assault rifles and LCMs in Hawai'i.

Mahalo for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

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**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 9:08:46 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Daniel Avila	Testifying for Diamond Training Group LLC	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I Daniel Avila, on behalf of Diamond Training Group LLC, strongly oppose this bill as a violation of every free American in Hawaii. This bill is an abuse of power, full stop. Basic rights such as freedom of speech, the right to bear arms and others, are not the governments to give. These are natural rights for a person to protect themselves and their loved ones. Any government attempt to restrict that is a violation of our civil rights and liberties which the government is meant to protect.

The United States Declaration of Independence clearly states "We hold these truths to be **self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --**That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. "

Passing this bill would be unconstitutional as it clearly **violates the right, not privilege of free, lawful people to bear arms**. As a reminder, the 2nd amemdnt says the following "**..the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.**" Obviously, the passing of this bill would be "infringing" on basic American rights.

Marbury v. Madison (1803) decision clearly states the following. "**A Law repugnant to the Constitution is void.**"

I ask our elected officials to consider the effect and dangerous precedent of bringing forth a law which is directly "repugnant" to the constitution. As constituent, I ask that you vote NO.

Mahalo,

Daniel Avila



## TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 3196

**TO:** THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

**SUBMITTED BY:** DAVID PUCINO  
LEGAL DIRECTOR & DEPUTY CHIEF COUNSEL  
GIFFORDS LAW CENTER TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE

**DATE:** FEBRUARY 22, 2024

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Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary: thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony on behalf of GIFFORDS, the gun violence prevention organization led by former Congresswoman Gabby Giffords.

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 3196, which will dramatically strengthen state law on assault weapons to include some of the most lethal weapons sold to civilians in the United States.

### ASSAULT RIFLES ARE DEADLY BY DESIGN AND IN PRACTICE

The paradigmatic version of what is now popularly called the “assault rifle” was developed in the middle of the last century as an automatic military weapon, a weapon which first saw widespread battlefield use as the M16.<sup>1</sup> In the early 1960s the intellectual property rights to the weapon were acquired by Colt, which developed plans to sell it to civilians branded as the “Sporter,” with two differences. First, it would only be able to fire semi-automatically; that is, it would discharge a single bullet with each pull of the trigger. And second it would come equipped with a five-round magazine, instead of the twenty-round magazine that was standard with the M16<sup>2</sup>—or the magazines of thirty or even more rounds that are regularly sold today.

As these weapons capable of mass violence penetrated civilian gun stocks, the inevitable happened: they were used in a manner consistent with their capabilities, to kill large numbers of people in short periods of time. In one of the most horrific incidents, the 1989 Stockton Schoolyard Shooting in which a gunman fired over a hundred rounds at an elementary school, killing five and injuring over 30 others.<sup>3</sup> These horrors spurred legislative action at both the state and federal level, culminating in the 1994 federal assault weapon ban.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *E.g.*, Cameron McWhirter & Zusha Elinson, *American Gun: The True Story of the AR-15* 111 (2023).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at 152.

<sup>3</sup> Cleveland School Remembers, <https://clevelandschoolremembers.org/about/>.

<sup>4</sup> Formally, the Public Safety and Recreational Firearms Use Protection Act, Tit. XI, Subtit. A of the Federal Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994.

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The federal ban was very effective—Louis Klarevas, a researcher who studies mass shootings, calls the period while the ban was in effect “a long calm”<sup>5</sup>—but it was also short-lived. The law included a ten-year sunset provision, and lapsed in 2004.

The expiration of the ban led to a devastating increase in mass violence: “In the ten years after the ban,” Klarevas writes, the number of gun massacres nearly tripled.”<sup>6</sup>

It is of course painfully true that a mass shooter does not need an assault rifle to kill: the shooter in the Xerox murders used a 9 mm handgun.<sup>7</sup> But an assault rifle makes it easier, and mass shooters armed with one can kill many more people before they can be stopped.<sup>8</sup>

After the federal ban expired, a combination of aggressive marketing techniques and new ownership structures led to an explosive increase in assault rifle sales. Gun marketers appealed to a desire among civilians, especially young men, to emulate soldiers on the battlefield.<sup>9</sup> These “black guns” and the techniques used to sell them, reinvigorated sales in the gun industry.<sup>10</sup> The private equity industry took note, and moved to acquire gun companies and vigorously push assault rifle sales.<sup>11</sup>

And again and again and again, the inevitable happened: a weapon designed to be especially lethal, an offensive weapon of war, was used to kill large numbers of people in a short period of time: in Aurora, Colorado; in Sandy Hook, Connecticut; in Las Vegas, Nevada; in Parkland, Florida; in Buffalo, New York; in Uvalde, Texas; and in many, many other places.

Faced again with this horrific but regular bloodshed, and without federal action, a number of states have passed their own laws to prohibit or closely regulate the most deadly of these weapons.<sup>12</sup>

## THE LAW MUST BE STRENGTHENED TO MEET THE THREAT

Hawai‘i has had an assault weapons law since before even the federal ban, but the law is very limited, reaching only assault pistols. While important, this is insufficient. An effective assault weapons law must include assault rifles, along with other highly dangerous and highly lethal weapons.

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<sup>5</sup> Louis Klarevas, *Rampage Nation: Securing America from Mass Shootings* 264 (2016).

<sup>6</sup> *Id.*

<sup>7</sup> Jaymes K. Song, *7 Dead in Nimitz Hwy. Xerox Shooting*, *Star Bulletin* (Nov. 2, 1999), <https://archives.starbulletin.com/1999/11/02/news/story1.html>.

<sup>8</sup> *E.g.*, Klarevas at 215, 230–233.

<sup>9</sup> See generally Ryan Busse, *Gunfight: My battle Against the Industry that Radicalized America* 197–211 (2021). Busse, a former firearms industry marketing executive, is now a Senior Advisor to GIFFORDS.

<sup>10</sup> *Id.* at 202.

<sup>11</sup> McWhirter & Elinson at 236–250.

<sup>12</sup> See generally *Assault Weapons*, GIFFORDS, <https://giffords.org/lawcenter/gun-laws/policy-areas/hardware-ammunition/assault-weapons/>.

## CONCLUSION

SB 3196 will enact those critical changes, will bring Hawai‘i into line with other states that have stepped up to face the problem of assault weapons head-on, and will make the people of Hawai‘i safer. I urge you to advance it.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Pucino  
Legal Director & Deputy Chief Counsel  
GIFFORDS Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence

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## ABOUT GIFFORDS

GIFFORDS is a nonprofit organization dedicated to saving lives from gun violence. Led by former Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, GIFFORDS shifts culture, changes policies, and challenges injustice, inspiring Americans across the country to fight gun violence.

**SB-3196**

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

Comments:

I strongly opposed this bill 3196. Im a competitive and sport shooter for over 20years. I used pistols and rifles for competition and for self defense for our family, property and this country against tyranny.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/16/2024 6:14:40 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I do not support this bill. Let us have our god given 2nd amendment rights

**SB-3196**

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Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill because it is unconstitutional and infringes on our 2nd amendment rights. This bill will only affect law abiding citizens. Criminals will still somehow get guns and will leave us law abiding citizens with nothing for self defense

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/16/2024 6:15:23 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Strongly against SB3196.

My constitutional rights, shall not be infringed.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/16/2024 6:30:28 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This is against my 2nd amendment .

**If the Kingdom of Hawai`i and it's People had a strong knowledge of Rights such as American's Second Amendment, maybe the Kingdom of Hawai`i would have never been usurped.**

The *de facto* Hawaii Supreme Court Judges Mark E. Recktenwald, Sabrina McKenna, Todd W. Eddins, Trish K. Morikawa, Fa'auuga L. To'oto'o all violated their *Oath of Office* to "support and defend the *Constitution of the United States* and the *Constitution of the State of Hawai'i* and they will faithfully discharge duties".

Making up history of the Kingdom of Hawai`i and idiotic theory as "Spirit of Aloha" which as **not** a *Law* or *Legal* a term whatsoever. Furthermore, the Kingdom of Hawai`i or Hawaiian Kingdom did not band fire-arms outright, if you hunted fowl, you needed license from the Minister of the Interior, power, ball, guns were taxed whether imported or exported, law officers in need of assistance would gather armed volunteers and citizens as a posse as Sheriffs did in America. Look in historical publications such as *Thrum's Hawaiian Annual and Hawaiian Almanac* you see that there were taxes for import and export of *Guns, Gun Material, Gun Power*, also *Locksmiths* were at same time *Gunsmiths*.

**Ranchers and Paniolos** (Cowboys) had guns, so did the supporter of the *Committee of Thirteen*, the *Honolulu Rifles* that assisted in the coup d'état they were armed. If the people of the *Hawaiian Kingdom* were properly armed...the *Kingdom of Hawai`i* might have still been a Sovereign Country today.

Therefore, the Hawaii Supreme Court and their so-called Judges are no better than the Provisional Government of 1893 just one of the many usurpers.

As for transplant Karl Rhodes and his anti-Second Amendments followers that also alleged to have taken *Oath of Office* to "support and defend the *Constitution of the United States* and the *Constitution of the State of Hawai'i* and they will faithfully discharge duties" choose the make and pass laws that are *Un-Constitutional* and will be eventually challenged and declared void ab initio, costing tax payers money to defend their *Un-Constitutional Laws* were these Usurper lawmakers should reimburse the *People* who they serve and infringe on a *Natural and Absolute Rights* when there bogus laws are made, it is obvious that they had no clue what the meaning of the "***right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed***" this applies the another Usurper Anne E. Lopez another *Oath of Office* violator working against *Natural and Absolute Rights* of the **People**. The **Right** of the **People** shall not be infringed as follows:

**1. Constitution for United States of America - Second Amendment (1791)**

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.

**2. The Constitution of the State of Hawaii Article I, § 17 (1978)**

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.

3. ***District of Columbia v. Heller, 554 U.S. 570 (2008)***

A landmark decision of the Supreme Court of the United States. It ruled that the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution protects an individual's right to keep and bear arms—unconnected with service in a militia—for traditionally lawful purposes such as self-defense within the home, and that the District of Columbia's handgun ban and requirement that lawfully owned rifles and shotguns be kept “unloaded and disassembled or bound by a trigger lock” violated this guarantee. It also stated that the right to bear arms is not unlimited and that certain restrictions on guns and gun ownership were permissible. It was the first Supreme Court case to decide whether the Second Amendment protects an individual right to keep and bear arms for self-defense or whether the right was only intended for state militias.

4. ***McDonald v. City of Chicago, 561 U.S. 742 (2010);***

A landmark decision of the Supreme Court of the United States that found that the right of an individual to “keep and bear arms”, as protected under the Second Amendment, is incorporated by the Fourteenth Amendment and is thereby enforceable against the states. The decision cleared up the uncertainty left in the wake of *District of Columbia v. Heller* (2008) as to the scope of gun rights in regard to the states.

5. ***Caetano v. Massachusetts, 577 U.S. 411 (2016);***

Was a landmark case in which the Supreme Court of the United States unanimously vacated a Massachusetts conviction of a woman who carried a stun gun for self-defense.

Justice Alito wrote: “if the fundamental right of self-defense does not protect Caetano, then the safety of all Americans is left to the mercy of state authorities who may be more concerned about disarming people than about keeping them safe”.

6. ***New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc. v. Bruen, 597 U.S. 1 (2022),***  
abbreviated *NYSRPA v. Bruen* and also known as *NYSRPA II* or *Bruen*;

to distinguish it from the 2020 case, is a landmark decision of the United States Supreme Court related to the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution. The case concerned the constitutionality of the 1911 Sullivan Act, a New York State law requiring applicants for a pistol concealed carry license to show “proper cause”, or a special need distinguishable from that of the general public, in their application.

In a 6–3 decision, the Supreme Court ruled that New York's law was unconstitutional and that the ability to carry a pistol in public was a constitutional right guaranteed by the Second Amendment. The Court ruled that states are allowed to enforce “shall-issue” permitting, where applicants for concealed carry permits must satisfy certain objective criteria, such as passing a background check, but that “may-issue” systems that use “arbitrary” evaluations of need made by local authorities are unconstitutional.

In the wake of *Bruen*, several lawsuits involving federal and states' gun regulations have been filed, their plaintiffs arguing that the judiciary should evaluate the regulation not in consideration of the public good, but in light of the “historical tradition of firearm regulation”, a phrase penned by majority opinion author Justice Clarence Thomas. Several of these cases had successfully overturned long-standing regulations due to the regulations being not of historical tradition. The Supreme Court's decision has been considered by some to be a dramatic expansion of its gun jurisprudence, and has been criticized by some lower court judges as unworkable. Others hold that the findings of *Bruen* reaffirm the precedent set by *District of Columbia v. Heller* and clarifies the framework with which lower courts are to decide second

amendment cases. On June 30, 2023, the Supreme Court granted certiorari in *United States v. Rahimi*, after the *Bruen* case has led to disparate results in lower courts.

7. **“All laws which are repugnant to the Constitution are null and void.”** *Marbury vs. Madison*, 5 US (2 Cranch) 137, 174, 176, (1803)
8. **“Where rights secured by the Constitution are involved, there can be no rule making or legislation which would abrogate them.”** *Miranda vs. Arizona*, 384 US 436 p. 491.
9. **“An unconstitutional act is not law; it confers no rights; it imposes no duties; affords no protection; it creates no office; it is in legal contemplation, as inoperative as though it had never been passed.”** *Norton vs. Shelby County* 118 US 425 p. 442
10. The general rule is that an unconstitutional statute, though having the form and name of law, is in reality no law, but is wholly void, and ineffective for any purpose; since unconstitutionality dates from the time of its enactment, and not merely from the date of the decision so branding it. “No one is bound to obey an unconstitutional law and no courts are bound to enforce it.” *16 Am Jur 2d, Sec 177 late 2d, Sec 256*

### **Other Maxim**

*Neminem lædit qui jure suo utitur.*

He who stands on his own rights injures no one.

*Arma in armtos sumere jura sinunt.*

The laws permit taking arms against the armed.

2 Inst. 574.

“False is the idea of utility that sacrifices a thousand real advantages for one imaginary or trifling inconvenience; that would take fire from men because it burns, and water because one may drown in it; that has no remedy for evils except destruction. The laws that forbid the carrying of arms are laws of such a nature. They disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes.” ~ *Cesare Beccaria*

“The laws that forbid the carrying of arms...disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes. Can it be supposed that those who have the courage to violate the most sacred laws of humanity...will respect the less important and arbitrary ones... Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants, they serve rather to encourage than to prevent homicides, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed man.” ~ *Cesare Beccaria*

Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it everywhere,  
diagnosing it incorrectly, and applying the wrong remedies. *Groucho  
Marx*

I hereby object to any infringement of any and all of my and the lawful Natural and Absolute Rights the People of all unconstitutional anti-firearms, anti-gun, anti-self-defense legislation by any legislator that violated his/her Oath of Office, backed my Giffords' Organization, Bloomberg's Everytown for Gun Safety, or anyone usurping any Right.

I already exercise my right to travel freely since I don't need a driver's license because the term in law is as follows: Driver. *Bouvier's Law Dictionary, (1914) p. 940*. "**One employed in conducting a coach, carriage, wagon, or other vehicle...**" therefore no license required since I'm not a driver.

As I exercise my awful Natural and Absolute Rights to keep and bear arms any infringement from any individual, entity, employee, corporation, municipality, city, state, federal especially if they do not have a scribe *Oath of Office* as required by law forfeits any immunity defense in a 42 U.S.C. §1983 action.

#### **PERMISSION NOT REQUIRED TO EXERCISE RIGHTS**

Done this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, Anno Domini

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**Dennis W. Ragsdale, Sui Juris**  
*Jure Soli, Jure Sanguinis*  
*Jure Coronea*

p.s. Also possible defense is *Vattel's Law of Nations*

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/16/2024 6:32:39 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This Is Our 2nd Amendment.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/16/2024 6:33:07 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I, Rosemarie Vailisale, oppose of this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/16/2024 6:42:40 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

What’s being proposed is unconstitutional, illegal and opens up the state of Hawaii to lawsuits.

“...assault rifles, assault shotguns, .50 caliber rifles, and assault weapon attachments...assault pistols...” as stated are simply modern day weapons and modern day accessories.

Side note

Assault rifles are select fire rifles that are capable of fully automatic fire which is very different from semi automatic rifles and the fire mode of all other firearms listed in this proposed bill.

There seems to be this focus on hunting regarding the 2nd amendment. The 2nd amendment isn’t about protecting hunting it’s about protecting fighting rifles and other firearms made for defending and fighting as well as the right to own equipment to compliment those weapons and to train with them. It grants us the ability to defend ourselves and our homeland effectively from threats foreign and domestic.

On magazines, we have had unlimited capacity magazines for rifles in the state of Hawaii since I’ve been alive. It’s virtually never been an issue. I say virtually because the issues that we have had most have to do with people who have illegally obtained the firearm in the first place. So there is no need to regulate it.

I oppose this bill and everyone who supports it. You cowards need to get out of office. You are ruining this state and this country.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/16/2024 6:46:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I Strongly oppose this bill! Our justice system has proved time and time again that they are an extreme failure! just recently they let 2 people roam free after they beat a Kupuna to death ON VIDEO! But you have the gull to tell us that we aren't allowed to protect ourselves from the people YOU LET WALK FREE?!

SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/16/2024 6:49:56 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Please support this common sense bill. Mahalo.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/16/2024 6:55:45 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose all anti gun laws.why not try to stop the drug epidemic that is ruining Hawaii instead?

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/16/2024 6:59:33 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Atom Kasprzycki	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Attention all legislative members,

You must oppose SB3196, SB2845 as these bills violate the US Constitution and Second Amendment by infringing on my rights and others as American citizens to keep and bear arms. SB3196 proposes illegally restrictions on simple modern-day semi-automatic rifles and shotguns. I own these types of rifles, shotguns, standard capacity rifle magazines (rifle magazines holding over 10 rounds), and various rifle and shotgun attachments which aid in my use and control of my rifles and shotguns. SB2845 proposes the violation of the rights of American citizens who are between the ages of 18 and 21.

You must also oppose SB3349, SB3040, and SB3042 as these bills add unnecessary actions and expenses to existing agencies while also approaching and crossing over into violations of privacy of American citizens.

I would like to also point out that this is not the first time, or first SB bill, that I have written you about advising of the Constitutional violations and illegalities being proposed. I wrote you all, the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General back at the end of 2022, and a few times in early 2023, about the Constitutional violations contained within SB1230. I also advised you that if you did not opposed the bill, and instead voted it into law, there would be lawsuits which would cost the state and Hawaii tax payers money to fight. You all still ultimately voted and approved SB1230. I, along with another Hawaii couple, then proceeded to file suite against the State of Hawaii for constitutional violations contained within SB1230. A federal judge here in Hawaii agreed with me and issued a preliminary injunction on major portions of SB1230.

I am a law abiding American citizen, born and raised here in Hawaii. I do not like to continuously, each year, have to write testimony and fight legal battles to preserve my constitutional rights here in Hawaii. Please stop attacking the Second Amendment and vote to oppose SB3196, SB2845, SB3349, SB3040, and SB3042.

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**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/16/2024 7:02:39 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196. Punish the criminals not the law abiding citizens.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/16/2024 7:24:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This goes against my second amendment rights as a United States citizen. It is not the gun but the person behind it.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/16/2024 7:30:46 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This is against the second amendment and is unconstitutional.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/16/2024 7:38:54 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/16/2024 7:39:44 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

oppose, it's unconstitutional.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/16/2024 7:41:19 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am compelled to articulate my opposition to the proposed gun legislation in Hawaii, which I perceive as a significant threat to our Second Amendment rights. Recent legislative efforts have sparked considerable concern among citizens, fearing an overreach into our constitutional freedoms and questioning the efficacy of such measures in genuinely addressing the foundational issues of gun violence.

The discourse surrounding gun control frequently posits a direct correlation between firearm availability and crime rates. However, seminal research by Kleck and Gertz (1995) contradicts this narrative by demonstrating the frequent utilization of firearms for self-defense, challenging the premise that increased gun ownership directly results in elevated crime rates. This assertion is corroborated by data from the Pew Research Center (2019), indicating that a significant segment of U.S. adult's own firearms predominantly for personal protection, thus underscoring the essential role of guns in ensuring individual safety

Further scrutiny, particularly an analysis conducted by The Daily Signal, examines a study from the Violence Policy Center that erroneously labels concealed-carry permit holders as a significant risk to public safety. This critique, informed by Swearer and Conway's examination, elucidates a flawed interpretation of data, including the inappropriate categorization of incidents, such as suicides, thereby inflating the perceived risk presented by permit holders (Swearer & Conway, n.d.). This distortion of public perception detracts from the fact that concealed-carry permit holders rank among the most law-abiding demographics

Considering the Supreme Court's decision in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen*, it is crucial to understand its implications on Second Amendment jurisprudence. Eric Ruben's testimony before the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary sheds light on the complexities introduced by this decision. Ruben (2023) critiques the historical-analogical method mandated by Bruen for evaluating gun laws, highlighting the potential difficulties in applying historical precedents to contemporary gun regulation and public safety issues. Ruben's analysis raises important considerations about the historical-analogical method introduced by Bruen for evaluating gun laws, underscoring the challenges and potential impacts on judicial decisions regarding gun regulation.

It is imperative to consider the extensive implications of restrictive gun control measures on citizen rights. Practical strategies to curtail gun violence should prioritize addressing illegal gun

possession and misuse, augmenting background checks, and amplifying mental health support rather than imposing broad restrictions that unjustly impact law-abiding gun owners.

In closing, I strongly advocate for policymakers to thoroughly examine the evidence that illustrates the positive impact of gun ownership on self-defense and public safety. Embracing a nuanced and balanced approach is crucial for upholding our constitutional rights while effectively addressing the multifaceted nature of gun violence. This approach should recognize the legitimate role of firearms in personal protection and the importance of implementing policies that respect the rights of law-abiding citizens, ensuring that measures taken are both just and effective in promoting public safety.

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**SB-3196**

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

Comments:

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**SB-3196**

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Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tyler Matsuda-Yamamoto	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello,

If you are reading this thank you for taking the time to hear my plead for your help. I am born and raised here in Hawaii and I am a 6 year veteran of the Active duty Army as a Combat Engineer. For many of my younger years I have struggled attempting to find my path in career choice after I had be honorably discharged from military service. It has been a long and difficult road for me to find suitable work for me to sustain a comfortable living for me and my two sons. If this bill passes I will be losing my career as I have now finally finished schooling with the help of my GI Bill to become a gunsmith at Firearms International LLC here in Honolulu.

Despite those who may know or not know, it is always a very difficult transition for us vets once our government let's us go from a lifestyle that is taught to us as necessary for the security of our nation. To summarize, I love my job and it is my passion to be able to bring my customers, friends and family here in Hawaii safe and affordable services for their hobbies in sports shooting activities. But with this bill which would take away any chance of our hobby thriving, will also take away my ability to feed and house my children. It has taken me years to finally love my work and I hope that you hear my plead.

Mahalo and I hope you have a great day,

Tyler Matsuda-Yamamoto

Chief Gunsmith

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**SB-3196**

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Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Propose bills that actually lessen crime and stop limiting law abiding citizens who responsibly enjoy shooting for sport as well as a means to defend ourselves.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/16/2024 8:12:28 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Strongly oppose!! Criminals will be criminals don't punish law abiding citizens.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/16/2024 8:18:34 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Unconstitutional, please refer to the second amendment....

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/16/2024 8:28:13 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha Senators of the JDC committee, thank you for giving me the opportunity to voice my opinion.

I believe the issue we face in America today is not the so called “gun violence”, but rather it is a mental health issue and a gang/crime violence issue as well as the lack of punishment in the judicial system. I don’t understand how one can blame a mechanical device or a tool and let’s keep in mind that it requires someone to pull the trigger and because of these actions of some individuals us law abiding individuals are being punished by them wanting to take away an excellent sporting rifle. It’s kind of like blaming the automobile instead of the drunk driver for killing an innocent family, it just doesn’t make any sense.

As of 2022 firearm related deaths have been on a slow decline. At its 2021 peak statistics show 48,830 firearm related deaths. 53% of that is suicide (26,328), 43% is homicide(20,958), and the remaining deaths were either accidental or involving law enforcement. ALL LONG GUNS that’s including ASSAULT WEAPONS AND SHOTGUNS combined make up around only 4% of that firearm homicides. I will also throw out there that the Opioid and Fentanyl epidemic kills over double the amount of firearms, that’s well over 100,000 people killed by these drugs.

Now if we look at the data given we can clearly see the guns are not the issue, suicide, crime/gang violence and a soft slap on the wrist type of judicial system are the problems we face today.

I firmly believe there are other areas that need to be focused on instead of attacking our constitutional right and if we could agree on that I believe we could get much more done. Fixing the mental health care system, start handing out stiffer criminal judgements and getting the drugs off the streets will in fact have an impact on the outcome. The attack on firearms seems to be a lazy man’s approach to finding the solution, there are better ways.

I appreciate your time in reading this and if you have any questions or would like me to answer some questions I would be more than happy to. 8084639438 is my phone number.

Thank you for hearing me, Bronson Teixeira

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/16/2024 8:50:29 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Eugene Pasalo Jr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Taking away our right to protect ourselves and our 2nd amendment.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/16/2024 8:51:41 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose bill SB3196 it's not only affecting the law-abiding citizens this bill will also affect local business owners that are in the fire arm industry. Not only are you trying to take away our rights but it's also taking away from our local business owners in the fire arm industry. That is their way of making a living not just for them selves but also for their families.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/16/2024 8:59:00 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I highly oppose this bill because it's clearly unconstitutional for us law abiding American citizens. The bill(SB3196) says "The legislature is committed to protect the safety and wellbeing of its citizens." This bill is going to disarm the law abiding citizens and give the criminals the upper hand. So obvious that no criminal will follow any gun law(s). I really don't understand why the legislature is always helping the criminals by making it so difficult for us law abiding citizens!?

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/16/2024 9:03:07 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Dearest Legislators,

I'm writing you to express my concerns and opposition regarding SB3196 this bill will not only violate our 2nd amendment rights to bear arms and also infringing our rights of freedom to exercise to protect our property,families against criminals.

We as a law abiding gun owners are not the problem in this country. I encourage you to please focus on a much better solutions and a better equipped law enforcement and intelligence officers to go after criminals and locked them up.

None of this bills will prevent nor stop a criminal's committing a crime,simply because criminals don't follow the laws.

Hawaii State is one of the most stricter gun laws in america,gun owners are undergone a background check,handgun safety training,and a lot more say. I hope and pray that this bill will not be passed. Thank so much!

Mahalo

Iric Viscarra

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/16/2024 9:04:31 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am not in support of this bill. Criminals will find a way to get any weapons even if they are banned. All you are doing is punishing law abiding citizens.the second amendment shall not be infringed and yet you keep wanting to ban rifles that are in common use by all citizens. Why do you keep taking our rights away?

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/16/2024 9:23:15 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose sb3196, having the right to own a firearm is our constitutional right. We already have strict laws against firearms in the atate of Hawaii. Banning certain types of firearms from law abiding individuals is not going to help or change anything that a criminal would do or the ability for someone to obtain it illegally. I strongly believe that the government should not be involved with my second amendment rights. There is more pressing issues in the atate that should be addressed.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/16/2024 9:25:06 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Harry Naidas Jr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I will continue to oppose of bill SB3196

Again, I question if this bill was made in response to the deaths that occurred the beginning of this year?? Are the politicians behind this bill aware that the criminals responsible for these horrible crimes are NOT LAW ABIDING CITIZENS and have attained these firearms ILLEGALLY??

How would putting more gun laws on innocent law abiding citizens stop evil people from attaining such weapons and attachments illegally??

For the law abiding people of Hawai'i, we are aware the need for background checks, mental health checks, Firearm applications and registrations of firearms. We are aware of the need of firearm safety class. We are also aware that our police cannot be everywhere and that if the emergency arises, we should be able to protect ourselves from those who wish to do harm to us. Us, law abiding citizens, are aware of the gun laws the state of Hawai'i has placed on us and we do our best to comply with all of them, yet we question the politicians on how these rules apply to those who won't follow these laws?

This bill only makes it harder for law abiding citizens to protect ourselves from evil people and practicing our second amendment right.

Restricting these firearms and attachments and putting a limit on all firearm magazines will not stop evil people from breaking the law and purchasing these firearms and overloading their magazines illegally.

If the politicians who propose this bill think this will stop the gun crimes happening in Hawai'i, I would like them to reflect on Hawai'i's Fireworks bill.. how well has it been working out for us? How many times have we caught people buying "illegal fireworks"? How many tons of "illegal fireworks" have been confiscated yet a lot of these illegal fireworks are being shot up in the night sky during 4th of July and New Years Eve.

Putting restrictions on us law abiding citizens will not stop those from breaking the law.

Again, I oppose of bill SB3196 and will continue opposing bill SB3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/16/2024 9:46:36 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose bill sb3196 because I believe it goes against peoples rights to keep in bear arms. It will prohibit people from being able to own semiautomatic firearms, which is an infringement on the 2nd amendment. Thousands, if not millions of semi-automatic firearms , are already owned by law abiding citizens, which make them in common use. This bill only aims to restrict people who follow the law and will have no effect on criminals who wish to do harm.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/16/2024 9:55:07 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This is an infringement and violation of constitutional rights.

Criminals do not follow rules. All this bill does is empower criminals and punish law abiding citizens. This will be the same as the aerial fireworks ban- ineffective, and all it will do is increase prices and demand.

There are many of these firearms already in common circulation, and banning them will prove ineffective.

Stop empowering criminals and let the people have the opportunity to protect themselves and their families.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/16/2024 9:59:10 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose SB3196.

Mahalo

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/16/2024 9:59:14 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose sb3196 as it infringes on my God given right and violates the second amendment to bear arms to protect myself and family. Im a law abiding citizen. Criminals do not obey laws. This bill will not help gun crimes.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/16/2024 9:59:23 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/16/2024 10:01:48 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Denver Esmele	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Hawai'i State Legislature,

My name is Denver Esmele. As a law-abiding citizen, I am deeply concerned about the preservation of our constitutional rights and the safety of our communities. I urge you to carefully consider the implications of any proposed legislation aimed at banning semi-automatic rifles in Hawai'i. The Second Amendment guarantees the right of individuals to bear arms, and any infringement upon this fundamental liberty demands thoughtful scrutiny and consideration of its consequences.

The Second Amendment stands as a cornerstone of our nation's principles, affirming the right of law-abiding citizens to bear arms for self-defense and protection of one's property. Semi-automatic rifles are a commonly chosen tool for these lawful purposes, whether it be for hunting, sport shooting, or safeguarding one's home and family. Law enforcement resources are finite and should be directed towards addressing actual threats to public safety. Responsible gun owners who utilize semi-automatic rifles for lawful purposes contribute positively to community safety, and diverting resources towards enforcing a ban on these firearms would only strain law enforcement efforts without addressing the root causes of crime.<sup>[1]</sup> Banning semi-automatic rifles is unlikely to significantly reduce gun violence, as criminals often obtain firearms through illegal means regardless of legal restrictions. Rather than enacting measures that restrict the rights of law-abiding citizens, efforts should be focused on implementing comprehensive solutions that address the root causes of violence in our communities. A blanket ban on semi-automatic rifles unfairly penalizes law-abiding citizens who use these firearms responsibly. Such a measure would not effectively address the underlying issues contributing to gun violence and would disproportionately impact those who rely on semi-automatic rifles for legitimate purposes, such as hunting or competitive shooting. Looking at historical examples, it becomes clear that blanket bans on firearms have not always yielded the desired outcomes. It is essential to examine the effectiveness of similar measures in other jurisdictions and consider whether they have succeeded in reducing crime rates or preventing mass shootings.

For many individuals, semi-automatic rifles serve as important tools for lawful activities such as hunting, sport shooting, and self-defense. These firearms hold sentimental value and are integral to cherished traditions and recreational pursuits. Personal anecdotes illustrate the real-world impact of proposed legislation on law-abiding citizens and their ability to exercise their rights responsibly. We must explore alternative solutions that address the complex factors contributing to gun violence. This includes investing in mental health services, addressing socio-economic

disparities, and ensuring the effective enforcement of existing laws. By taking a holistic approach, we can work towards meaningful and lasting solutions that promote community safety without infringing upon individual rights.

In conclusion, I urge policymakers to carefully consider the implications of any proposed ban on semi-automatic rifles. Upholding the rights guaranteed by the Second Amendment is essential, while simultaneously addressing the root causes of gun violence through comprehensive and effective measures. Let us work together to promote community safety without infringing upon the liberties of law-abiding citizens.

Mahalo for your attention to this matter,

Denver Esmele

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 12:06:28 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kristian Ibana-luis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a person in the army national guard, WITH history of family fighting in WW1, WW2, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, and even in the early 2000's. I kristian Ibana would like to say that this is very unconstitutional, along with being very unclear of what the UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION SAYS, MEANS, AND STANDS BY, and very unprofessional for a state to OPPOSE, AND NOT UP HOLD YOUR OATH TO SWEAR TO PROTECT AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION ALONG WITH ITS AMENDMENTS. My family of many generations fighting in many wars, have lost 1 too many friends in these wars, JUST TO PROTECT OUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS BUILD AND ESTABLISH A SO CALLED FREE COUNTRY/STATE. We've won wars NOT TO BE A CORRUPT GOVERNMENT BUT TO STRENGTHEN OUR MEANS TO BE CITIZENS OF A COUNTRY THAT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED SINCE 1776. Over the years I have seen old pictures of HPD back in the 50's and 60's TEACHING ABOUT WEAPON SAFETY AND HANDLING OFFERING WHAT IT MEANS TO BE CONSTITUTIONAL, THE STATE OF HAWAII HAS SINGLE HANDEDLY DESTROYED ALL OF THAT DURING MY GENERATION OF LIVING(90's - early 2000's), For the state of Hawai'i to introduce this bill ENOUGH IS ENOUGH WITH THE CORRUPTION, THE GUN CONTROL IS SOO MASSIVE AND RIDICULOUS TO WHERE THE PEOPLE CANNOT AFFORD A TICKET FOR SOMETHING THEIR PRACTICING THAT IS 1) CONSTITUTIONAL, 2) FOUGHT AND PAID FOR WITH THE LIVES OF THOSE FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM IN THE PREVIOUS WARS, and 3) over 65-80 years of these gun laws with Hawai'i ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. THE HAWAII GOVERNMENT IS SUPPOSED TO BE FOR THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE, WE THE PEOPLE, INWHICH PROOFS MY CASE THAT BY SEEING THIS BILL BEING INTRODUCED WE HAVE A FEDERAL RIGHT BY THE 2nd AMENDMENT WHICH THE STATE OF HAWAII DOESN'T TRUMP. YOU ALL ARE SUPPOSED TO SUPPORT AND UPHOLD, NOT STAND AGAINST. READ THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTION BECAUSE THE STATE OF HAWAII ISNT A SINGLE POWER, AGAIN THE STATE OF HAWAII ISNT A SINGLE POWER, YOU ANSWER, SUPPORT, AND UPHOLD A FEDERAL DOCUMENT SIGNED AND DATED BACK TO 1776, YOU HAVE NO POWER TAKING AWAY OUR CONSTITUTIONAL FREEDOM WHEN ITS BEEN PAID FOR BY SOO MANY LIVES, AND SOO MANY WARS, IF WE GO DEFENSELESS BECAUSE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII THEN WHAT WILL THAT MEAN. IF A NATIONAL THREAT WAS TO COME, HOW WILL WE DEFEND OURSELVES, HOW WILL WE PROTECT EACH OTHER FROM INVADERS IF YOU TAKE AWAY THE 1 THING THAT OVER POWERS EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU IN THE STATE OFFICE.

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. - 2nd Amendment

State laws can be struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court if the court feels that those laws are UNCONSTITUTIONAL. This is because Article IV Clause II of the U.S. Constitution, as well as the 14th Amendment, make federal law the supreme law of the land.

Question by Anonymous: Do we have the right to overthrow our government?

The Declaration of Independence says that we not only have the RIGHT but we also have the *duty* to ALTER or ABOLISH any [government](#) that does NOT SECURE our unalienable rights, including life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Referance: Given that the U.S. was formed by settlers who threw off British government rule, there is also an historic precedent for overthrowing the government.

"The time to guard against corruption and tyranny, is before they shall have gotten hold of us. It is better to keep the wolf out of the fold, than to trust to drawing his teeth and talons after he shall have entered." - 1st President George Washington

"there is So much Rascallity, so much Venality and Corruption, so much Avarice and Ambition, such a Rage for Profit and Commerce among all Ranks and Degrees of Men even in America, that I sometimes doubt whether there is public Virtue enough to support a Republic." - 2nd President John Adams

"When the people are afraid of the government, that's tyranny. But when the government is afraid of the people, that's liberty." - 3rd President Thomas Jefferson

**“We need a revolution every 200 years, because all governments become stale and corrupt after 200 years.” - Benjamin Franklin 1 of MANY FOUNDING FATHERS OF AMERICA**

All these great men and the constitution I have quoted was the reason why THE CONSTITUTION WAS MADE, THEY FOUGHT IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR TO ESTABLISH A FREE COUNTRY AND ITS STATES, FOR HAWAII WILL BE LOST IF ITS GOVERNMENT KEEPS ON THINKING WE CAN TRUMP THE AMENDMENTS, EVEN OUR BOYS IN BLUE HPD RAISES THEIR RIGHT HANDS AND EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU IN THE STATE OFFICE RAISES YOUR RIGHT HAND, INWHICH MY FAMILY AND MYSELF HAVE RAISED OUR RIGHT HAND TO SWEAR TO PROTECT, SUPPORT,

AND UPHOLD THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, NEVER TO GO AGAINST, ABOLISH, AND TRUMP IT. FOR EVEN THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF CANNOT TRUMP THE AMENDMENTS BECAUSE HE RAISES HIS RIGHT HAND TO SWEAR TO PROTECT THE SAME THING JUST LIKE EACH AND EVERYONE OF US.

PS. Government funded buildings is funded by the people, tax paying dollars are from the people, and the government is public servants for the people, and WHOS PUBLIC, The public is WE THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA that's who.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 12:22:36 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

## Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. These are more infringements upon our rights that are coinciding with the hampering of our abilities to already gain firearms, CCW, etc. I should have the right as a human and a law abiding American citizen to have firearms of these sort so I may protect my family, my household, and property. These restrictions will only continue to hurt law abiding citizens as criminals/bad-guys can and will get any of the equipment listed in this bill as we currently see on the news almost every other day. With the current rise in crime, especially ones that deal with gun violence, it is negligent to prohibit our rights to firearms in any way!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 12:36:21 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Unconstitutional. This infringes upon our 2nd amendment rights. If you want to claim not allowing foreigners to purchase Hawaiian lands is unconstitutional, stay consistent.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 12:37:15 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This bill is horrible. There is no such thing as an assault weapon. I use my AR for hunting. This is a violation of the Second Amendment.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 4:15:31 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jay r Pallas	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

1. Do not unarmed the good citizens criminals should be.
2. please do not take always second amendment
3. Some Citizens will leave hawaii when this law approved do not chase away aloha.
4. hawaii will come like California soon. Please don't be like that. Keep hawaii it should be. We already have enough in Hawaii. Why just concentrate the people of lahaina?

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 5:05:46 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 5:51:22 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

The parameters used for defining "assault" rifles, shotguns, and pistols are too far reaching and this bill would be a de facto ban on all semi-auto rifles. Most of the "assault features" listed are in fact common and popular features found on virtually all firearms. Reducing the number of "assault features" that qualify a firearm as an "assault firearm" from two features to one feature means that virtually all semi-auto rifles would qualify as "assault rifles".

These firearms are already owned and possessed by many law abiding firearms owners in Hawaii. By prohibiting ownership, transfer, possession, etc, the value of these firearms are effectively reduced to zero. The same would be true for all accessories, ammunition, and all other incidental items, like carrying cases, cleaning supplies, shooting targets, etc. Most likely all firearms owners in Hawaii will be immediately financially harmed by this bill, including myself.

Additionally, according to the committee report on the previous hearing for this bill on February 14th, 2024, they received support testimony from "over one hundred individuals" and oppose testimony from "over one thousand eighty individuals". This bill was passed through that committee 3-0, unamended. It appears that the voice of the people fell on deaf ears. I fear that this will dissuade many from resubmitting their testimony on this bill. I urge you to take this into account in your decision making.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 5:53:05 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<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 law abiding gun owner I must vehemently again oppose SB3196. The breadth and scope of this proposed bill does nothing to address the root causes of crime and violence upticks in our state but does apply a blanket ban on nearly anything that is a semi automatic firearm.

Improving the conditions of our state and safety of our people does not come from infringing upon the 2nd amendment rights of citizens to defend themselves.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 5:53:38 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Before you pass this bill, do your homework. Most rifles today are semi automatic with detachable magazines.

They are used for everything from home defence to hunting. As far as an assault rifle is concerned, they are an automatic rifle. Automatic rifles are not sold in the U.S. The AR in AR-15 stands for Armrilitite, which is the original company that created the rifle. It is no more dangerous than a shot gun or a bolt action rifle. This bill is against the 2nd Amendment to the Constitution of the U.S. Take a safety course in gun handling. Again don't listen to propaganda. Take your time, use your common sense. Don't give into unwarranted fear. **DO NOT PASS THIS UNNECESSARY BILL!**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 5:59:57 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill because this further chips away at our constitutional rights as US citizens afforded by the 2nd amendment. Instead of restricting law abiding citizens rights, there should be tougher penalties and prosecution for violation of existing laws. This bill is unconstitutional and restricts our ability to defend ourselves.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 6:12:24 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Charles Kenui-Lee	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I STRONGLY oppose this bill. I still dont understand the purpose of this bill, there is no context for the reason of this bill.

Again, I strongly oppose this bill

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 6:32:53 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

My Second Amendment rights shall not be infringed in any way!!!! Strongly oppose this bill

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 6:52:04 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 6:54:32 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 6:56:09 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I continue to strongly OPPOSE this bill.

In the previous committee hearing, this bill received support testimony from over one hundred individuals, and OPPOSE testimony from over ONE THOUSAND EIGHTY individuals. Listen to the constituents who elected you and kill this bill.

This bill negatively impacts me, directly. I own modern firearms, and firearms components, commonly used throughout the country by law-abiding citizens, that would satisfy the proposed definitions for “assault rifle” and “assault weapon attachment”.

This bill would prevent me from being able to replace components that break on these currently owned firearms (for example, could not replace my existing magazines, or purchase additional spares).

This bill would prevent me from being able to take my firearms to another state for hunting, recreation, or competition purposes, and then return with them to the state.

This bill would prevent me from obtaining or using benign muzzle devices, such as a compensator, on pistols or rifles. (Note, the bill infers that “bad” muzzle devices are those which suppress sound or mask muzzle flash. That is why I point out uses of threaded barrels that aren’t necessarily “assault-y”)

It is also not clear in this bill what is the status of firearms owned by exempted personnel [134-8 (e)] when they leave their service as military, wardens, or LE. May they retain their exempted firearms, or must the firearm be transferred out of the state?

I have chosen to only list my personal impacts if this bill were to pass into a law. In addition, the bill states it is attempting to address gun violence. My understanding is that most perpetrators of gun violence (i.e. criminals) do not comply with existing laws, so new bills that add burden or impact law-abiding citizens do not have any significant impact on those criminals. The authors of this bill probably perceive this disconnect, at some level of self-awareness, and I will not dwell on it here.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 6:57:33 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dean C Hernandez Jr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

i oppose SB3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 7:08:55 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196 and I will continue to oppose it for the same reasoning as my previous opposing testimony.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 7:14:21 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I highly oppose sb3196. Stop infringing on our rights to bear arms.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 7:19:38 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kelvin N Asahina, DDS	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am strongly opposed to this bill. As I stated before, such legislation will do nothing to stop criminals from obtaining and using your vaguely defined "assault weapons" while committing their evil deeds. Gun laws only affect law abiding citizens!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 7:30:09 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Here we go again!! You folks need to understand our rights, by not allowing us to have these items is INFRINGING in our rights, at the moment it seems like all you politicians are doing is trying to eliminate all our rights too have complete control over "WE THE PEOPLE" as long as we are here we will stand for our right and for those reasons I strongly oppose this RIDICULOUS bill, please keep in mind Our RIGHTS IS OUR RIGHTS!!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 7:30:23 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am writing to strongly oppose this Bill. First, it clearly is so broad it does not make any sense to categorize so many firearms as 'assault', totally regardless of calibre. A simple item such as a pistol grip to aid in holding the firearm steady, or a heat shield to stop from being burned by a heated barrell, or an adjustable stock so it can fit multiple sized individuals, make zero sense to categorize as an assault weapon. Second, the CA ban on assault rifles that was not as restrictive as this proposed Bill, but still with bans on similar illogical items, was just overturned at the Federal level. These kinds of overly restrictive, overtly anti-Citizens 2a gun ownership rights, will continue to result in legal losses when challenged, and costs to all tax payers. It is time for the anti-2a/ anti-Bruen decision politicians to put their personal positions aside and stop attempting to make up for Federal decisions they personally disagree with. Just Stop Already. Includes the Mayor, Governor, Karl Rhoads, and the committee that passed this Bill with 2 members absent, despite an overwhelming number of opposing testimony. Please remember that we vote and that 1-2k votes is a big deal - you may soon have to seek new positions that pay nearly \$200k/year for part time work.

I am writing this as a private citizen, I also serve on the board of CrimeStoppers Honolulu, as well as in the past on the State of Hawaii Aerospace Advisory Board.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 7:41:27 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

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February 17th, 2024

Subject: Strong Opposition to Proposed Firearm Regulation Amendments

Hello,

I am writing to express my vehement opposition to the proposed amendments outlined in the bill concerning firearms, specifically targeting assault rifles, assault shotguns, assault pistols, .50 caliber rifles, and firearm attachments. I firmly believe that these proposed changes are misguided and will negatively impact law-abiding citizens without achieving the intended goals of enhanced public safety.

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The bill appears to overreach by categorizing a broad range of firearms as "assault weapons" without considering their legitimate uses in self-defense, sporting activities, and other lawful purposes. This overbroad classification neglects the distinctions between firearms and unfairly stigmatizes law-abiding gun owners.

**Impact on Law-Abiding Citizens:**

The proposed restrictions disproportionately affect responsible gun owners who use firearms for lawful purposes, including self-defense and recreational activities. By limiting access to certain firearms and accessories, the bill imposes unnecessary burdens on individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to safety and adherence to existing regulations.

**Failure to Address Root Causes:**

Rather than addressing the root causes of violence, the bill focuses on restricting access to specific firearms. Comprehensive solutions should involve addressing mental health issues, improving law enforcement strategies, and implementing educational programs to promote responsible firearm ownership.

**Inadequate Consideration of Individual Rights:**

The proposed bill raises concerns about infringing upon the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens. It is crucial to respect and uphold the constitutional rights of individuals while pursuing measures that genuinely enhance public safety.

**Potential Impact on Local Economy:**

The prohibition on the sale or transfer of certain firearms within the state may have adverse effects on local businesses and the economy, particularly those involved in the firearms industry. This could lead to job losses and economic downturns in affected sectors.

In conclusion, I urge you to reconsider the proposed amendments and explore alternative measures that prioritize both public safety and individual rights. Collaborative efforts involving all stakeholders, including gun owners, can lead to more effective and fair solutions to address concerns related to firearms.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I trust that you will carefully consider the implications of the proposed bill on the rights and freedoms of law-abiding citizens.

Sincerely,  
Wayne Asam

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 7:42:08 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

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Sincerely,  
Kai Asam

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 7:46:02 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill as I am a law-abiding citizen, hunter, and recreational shooter. Items that this bill is looking to ban are commonly owned by many residents who use them for lawful purposes. This bill is a burden on those who own and use firearms legally and disguises itself as a solution to a problem that does not statistically exist.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 7:54:11 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose bill SB3196 . It is against our 2nd amendment rights as U.S. citizens. to defend, protect ourselves, and others.

Thank you

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 7:56:57 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I as a owner of various types of firearms oppose and find this bill to be Uncontutional to it's very core making lawful abide citizens to felons overnight and criminal of course unlawful will have theses arms if this law were to be passed I as a firearms owner will NOT surrender no such arms because this bill is Uncontutional.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 7:57:15 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I Oppose SB3196. This is a violation to my 2nd Amendment rights. I am a Military Veteran. I took an Oath to served and protect my country, the nation and my state for 20yrs. I believe our Legislators do the same. Once again, I Oppose SB3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 7:59:30 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196. I feel it is infringing on my rights as an American citizen!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 8:09:02 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196 because it is clearly unconstitutional. This is a blatant act of lawlessness by this legislative to appear to be "doing something" about crime in the State of Hawaii. Banning firearms as this bill is written, will not stop criminals from harming and or stop them from violent act againts law abiding citizens. This is a concerted effort to eliminate the rights of law abiding citizens and their right to bear arms and self defense. This bill is a carbon copy of Colorado's assault weapons. Law makers need to focus on the root causes of gun violence. By simply banning something, we have learned, does not solve the problem. (illegal fireworks)

I oppose SB3196 because it is clearly unconstitutional and does not follow precedence. (Bruen)

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 8:13:35 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196. Taking away from law abiding citizens and turning US into criminals. You're doing nothing to mitigate crimes in our community. No CRIMINAL will ever follow any bill passed. All you politicians are doing is trying to disarm the community and turning us into victims while. Of course you all don't care about us. As long as your pockets get full right? You all should be ashamed of yourself.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 8:17:55 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I HIGHLY OPPOSE SB3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 8:20:19 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I don't see how this would keep us safer. This will only hurt people that obey the laws. Criminals don't care. They'll still get there gun, have mags larger then 10 rounds, still sell guns. I think this is just more restrictions on an already restrictive system

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 8:30:51 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jose San Austin, Jr.	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Jose San Agustin Jr Strongly OPPOSE SB 3196 it's a bill that warrants no proof by banning semi automatic rifles and shotguns that it will lower or stop mentally ill people from killing other people. I refuse to call the firearms you want to ban as ASSAULT FIREARMS ??? guns don't kill people ? ? ? ? PEOPLE KILL PEOPLE ! ! ! ! So please show me proof and DATA that shows by banning these firearms will make it safer for Hawaii ? ? ? ?

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 8:39:30 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose Bill 3196, as it goes against our Constitutional rights!!!!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 8:47:09 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I support this bill to pass.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 8:47:29 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

**I strongly oppose SB3196. This will ruin many peoples hobbies and not to mention our right as a citizen. This will not help anything and will only make the people of hawaii upset at those in charge. The people you should be worried about will still find a way to illegally possess "illegal" firearms and use them as they want. Enough is enough. This is getting ridiculous.**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 8:51:36 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 8:56:29 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Triston Vera Cruz	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose bill SB3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 9:03:19 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196. The real issue to gun violence is the mental health of the person behind the gun. It seems everyone wants to blame the guns when it's a mental health issue. Getting help for these people should be the main focus, not violating my 2nd Amendment of the Constitution. Hawaii Legislators have no right to do this.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 9:04:43 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill and feel that with proper training and permits that should be enough to allow citizens to have these type of rifles and guns.

I feel the more you try to take away will only lead to more illegal or ghost guns being out there and may end up in the wrong hands.

Its better to know what's out there and who has them in my opinion.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 9:08:11 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose sb3196. Stop infringing on our 2A rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 9:11:26 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Two U.S. DOJ studies have shown that the 1994 assault weapons ban had no discernable effect on crime. Criminals don't use .50 cal. firearms as they are too expensive and unwieldy. Honest gun owners with any sort of firearm are not a problem. Criminals with any sort of weapon are a problem. Go after the criminals and quit harassing honest gun owner with laws that will only be contested and finally overturned as unconstitutional. Hawaii is still subject to the rulings of the United States Supreme Court.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 9:11:36 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196, I am a registered Voter and a Retired Combat Veteran that served this country to protect our Constitutional rights and all Amendments set forth in our United States Constitution. I myself spent thousands of dollars on firearm purchases and this band would hinder my Second Ammendment rights, this bill would only target Law-abiding citizens like myself from owning such firearms. I like to collect and shoot firearms as a Hobby and also for self-protection. Please focus your energy on criminals not Law Abiding Citizens.

Sincerely,

MSG. Maurice Aquino (Retired)

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 9:20:52 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Janeen Tilfas	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196.

This bill infringes on the second amendment rights of all law-abiding gun owners. Instead of penalizing citizens who lawfully bear arms and have the right to feed and protect themselves and their families, the use of government resources should be redirected from punishing responsible, registered firearm owners, to addressing the root cause of crime/violence and the illegal possession of firearms by individuals.

Legislators should focus on providing more education including safety and training classes. Perform periodic mental health and background checks on registered firearms owners. Require the immediate surrender/seizure of all firearms for individuals who are served with TRO's or charged with violent crimes as their mental health may be altered and are no longer in a position to safely bear arms. Provide more mental health and behavioral resources to the community. Hire more law enforcement to provide adequate support and quicker response to violent situations so firearm owners aren't left in a position where they have no choice but to self-defend.

Guns don't kill - People do. Guns aren't dangerous - People who shoot them with ill-intent are. This bill provides NO evidence of a solution to reduce gun violence or any type of crime. This bill will not stop criminals from illegally acquiring, possessing or using guns; it will only make it more difficult for legal gun owners to exercise their constitutional rights and will compromise their ability to protect themselves.

**I do NOT support SB3196.**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 9:25:19 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this SB3196. This is unconstitutional and infringes on our rights as citizens of the United States of America and a direct assault on our constitutional rights. This bill does more harm than good. It erodes our ability to defend our selves. It strips our rights to enjoy our hobbies our way of life, our interests and are means to hunt and provide for our families. SB3196 needs to be terminated. Save our country from failure, save our country from corruption and in competent law makers.

Remember criminals don't abide by laws. They don't care about others. They are selfish in nature and have little to lose. They don't pay taxes or support the system. Law abide citizens are who you should support and protect. They are the ones supporting this government. They are the ones who take pride in this country and hold its values. Realize these things and you will realize a better tomorrow.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 9:32:53 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Joshua Pang-Ching	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB3196. This bill would directly impose on citizens rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 9:34:57 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose bill!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 9:37:43 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 9:41:34 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am writing to oppose SB3196. We are protected by the second amendment and have a right to bear arms. With the second amendment comes the right to protect self, family and property. This bill would ban most rifles and pistols from Hawaii. Hawaii already has the some of the strictest gun laws in the country. All these laws do nothing to stop crime, but they punish the law abiding citizens. These laws have no effect on criminals as they do not follow laws anyway. Please do not pass this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 9:56:55 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I submit this testimony in strong opposition to this outrageous bill. I understand that the disturbing uptick in violence needs to be addressed and stopped. However unlawfully infringing on the constitutional right to bear arms is not the way to go about solving the problem. This bill will not only endanger the citizens right to defending themselves (especially in regard to police response based upon location and availability of police officers), but will create economic problems for those who work in the firearms industry who we the people along with our law enforcement communities rely on. While curbing violence is a priority there must be another logical solution to go about it. I believe that increasing law enforcement presence through proper agency recruitment is the best solution to curbing violence. I strongly urge you not to pass this ludicrous bill. Our Founding Father's did not establish the Constitution for it to be trampled on. This bill will create more violence rather than prevent it.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 10:11:37 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I Strongly oppose sb3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 10:32:05 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

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While I understand the importance of addressing concerns related to firearms, the proposed bill fails to strike a balance between public safety and the fundamental rights of responsible gun owners. The following points encapsulate the primary reasons for my strong opposition to the bill:

**Overreach of Restrictions:**

The bill appears to overreach by categorizing a broad range of firearms as "assault weapons" without considering their legitimate uses in self-defense, sporting activities, and other lawful purposes. This overbroad classification neglects the distinctions between firearms and unfairly stigmatizes law-abiding gun owners.

**Impact on Law-Abiding Citizens:**

The proposed restrictions disproportionately affect responsible gun owners who use firearms for lawful purposes, including self-defense and recreational activities. By limiting access to certain firearms and accessories, the bill imposes unnecessary burdens on individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to safety and adherence to existing regulations.

**Failure to Address Root Causes:**

Rather than addressing the root causes of violence, the bill focuses on restricting access to specific firearms. Comprehensive solutions should involve addressing mental health issues, improving law enforcement strategies, and implementing educational programs to promote responsible firearm ownership.

**Inadequate Consideration of Individual Rights:**

The proposed bill raises concerns about infringing upon the Second Amendment rights of law-

abiding citizens. It is crucial to respect and uphold the constitutional rights of individuals while pursuing measures that genuinely enhance public safety.

**Potential Impact on Local Economy:**

The prohibition on the sale or transfer of certain firearms within the state may have adverse effects on local businesses and the economy, particularly those involved in the firearms industry. This could lead to job losses and economic downturns in affected sectors.

In conclusion, I urge you to reconsider the proposed amendments and explore alternative measures that prioritize both public safety and individual rights. Collaborative efforts involving all stakeholders, including gun owners, can lead to more effective and fair solutions to address concerns related to firearms.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I trust that you will carefully consider the implications of the proposed bill on the rights and freedoms of law-abiding citizens.

Sincerely,  
Ryan Ariola

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 10:38:58 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michael A Weisbrot	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I cannot stress enough how this bill does not make any sort of sense. Once again I am on the verge of becoming a felon just because of a hobby. Every time crimes are committed the common denominator is the majority of the firearms are illegally acquired by people not able to legally own them. Yet the only solution lawmakers seem to think will deter criminals is penalizing law abiding citizens. The statistics show handguns are used in the majority of crimes yet these bill targets rifles and shot guns, and antiques and relics at that. This will have zero impact on the black and grey market weapon market but put unreasonable pressure on law abiding owners to trash or destroy heirlooms that may have been handed down for generations and spent thousands of dollars on for lawmakers to pat themselves a pat on the back and give a false sense of public safety. It is exhausting conforming over and over and still being vilified. When will this much effort be put into the root issues?

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 10:43:30 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha, I am opposed to this bill. I have several guns that I hunt with that fall in the categories of guns that you are trying to ban. I am a law abiding citizen that legally purchased these guns and I am a responsible gun owner. This bill violates my second amendment right and I ask that you please do the right thing and not pass this bill. The issue isn't guns, their capacity, or type, the issue is the type of people committing crimes with guns that were illegally obtained and their mental health. I beg you to please not to punish the law abiding gun owners in Hawaii with this bill. Mahalo and please do not pass this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 10:47:30 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 11:01:02 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha, I oppose SB 3196. This is a poorly written piece of legislation and fraught with issues. Why should something be banned because of a standard piece of safety equipment such as a shroud? Pistol grips are simply a matter of stock design, nothing more. All firearms with detachable magazine would in fact be banned as they can accept mags greater than 10 rounds—its simple mechanics. This includes popular sporting and hunting long guns. This Bill goes too far in search of a problem that does not exist. T

additionally there is no avenue for people to have fair compensation for these so called "assault weapons" a \$200 gift card is insulting and most people have invested thousand of dollars in their firearms to hunt, target practice and defend their families and homes

there is no data showing that this bill is needed we the people who obey the laws are only marginalized these "gun control" laws are never followed by criminals

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 11:01:05 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 11:03:34 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. The firearms you want to ban are by definition not "assault rifles ". Assault rifles are select fire with fully automatic capabilities. (1 press of the trigger send multiple rounds down range). The firearms you want to ban are semiautomatic. (1 trigger pull 1 round down range). Also the SCOTUS decision in Heller says government can't ban items in common use. With MILLIONS of semiautomatic rifles & magazines holding more than 10 rounds owned by law abiding citizens, makes them very common. By banning these items you are denying people one of the best defensive weapons available . Limiting magazines to only 10 rounds could potentially get someone injured or killed. Especially if there are multiple attackers. The moment something bad happens you only have seconds (or less) to react. The stress and adrenaline isn't going to make easy to get a perfect shot. If there on drugs they may not stop with 1 or 2 shots. Why do LEOs & military carry more than 10 rounds in a magazine? Shouldn't We The People have the same chance to defend ourselves and others?

Bruen decision. TEXT, HISTORY & TRADITION. I couldn't find anything that banned what type of firearm or how much ammunition one can carry . Please follow the Constitution of the USA.

Shall not be infringed

Thank you for your time

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 11:05:12 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am in strong opposition to this unconstitutional bill, do you all honestly believe that this will stop the killing of innocents? All you are doing is allowing the criminals even more opportunity to commit armed crimes and prey on the weak with law abiding citizens not being able to protect their families with their God given rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 11:12:08 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am writing today as a concerned citizen and law-abiding gun owner.

I ask that you not pass any laws that further restrict my rights and do nothing to make the citizens of Hawaii safer. Unfortunately, most of the bills I have seen do just that , and not address the main concern mental heath .

I will start out by saying this: Guns are not the problem, law abiding gun owners are not the problem. Nor are so-called "assault weapons" or "high-capacity magazines".

The real problem is the fact that little can be done about known "crazies" until they actually hurt someone..

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 11:29:16 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sean Pepper Shiramizu	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To Whom it may concern,

I am writing in OPPOSITION of SB3196. This bill, introduced, is already an infringement on the 2nd amendment. You can't deny the rights of the people to keep and bear arms. Hawaii's firearms laws are already restrictive enough for law abiding citizens.

In 2019 according to the Educational fund to Stop Gun Violence Statistics. Hawaii Had 62 gun related deaths. 66% percent or 41 deaths were by Suicide. 23% or 14 deaths were by homicide and the remaining 7 were labeled as other... Seems like the deaths are more of a mental health issue which is terrible and everyone should have the opportunity to get the help they need! Maybe we should shift our focus to giving the people the ability to get help?

Hawaii currently has low gun crime as it is... With how restrictive gun laws ALREADY are. According to [Everystat.org](http://Everystat.org) Hawaii is #2 in the nation for lowest rate of gun deaths currently. Averaging 61 deaths, 60% by suicide or an average of 36 deaths per year. 30% by homicide which is an average of 18 deaths per year. 7% by shootings by police officers which is fewer than 10 deaths. Less than 2% are unintentional and less than 2% are undetermined deaths.

If this is in the effort to reduce "gun violence," let's stretch that logic to other kinds of deaths. When someone drinks alcohol, gets drunk and decides to drive while under the influence and kills someone. Who do we hold responsible? The person who decided to consume alcohol and drove. Why don't we go after the manufacturer of the car that this person used to kill someone? Maybe even ban those dangerous vehicles? "In 2021, HPD investigated 47 traffic fatalities. An overwhelming 23 of them were Alcohol related," per HPD's website. 23 fatalities involving traffic fatalities with alcohol which is more than gun homicides at 14. Now on the flip side, why is it when someone is injured or killed by a firearm, society holds the firearm responsible? Saying that we need to ban guns?

Another example is the state of Illinois. It is ranked 3rd according to [everytownresearch.org](http://everytownresearch.org) in terms of gun law strength. So a very restrictive gun law state. On average the homicide rate with firearms is 62% according to [everystat.org](http://everystat.org) which equates to 1,009 deaths per year. 36% by suicide which equates to 578 deaths a year. 1% which is shooting by police deaths, which is less than 10. Making Illinois have the 35th highest rate of gun deaths in the US on average. On an average year 1,622 people die by firearms.

If we would shift our focus on other issues that seem to be more pressing. Since most of the firearms related deaths in the state of HI are from suicide. Shouldn't the best course of action be to help create something that lets the citizens get the mental help they need? Not only getting the quality of care, but in a timely manner as well. Also how is it helpful for the Supreme Court of HI to defy the SCOTUS? Citing the "Spirit of Aloha," insinuating that we don't have the right to protect ourselves. Native Hawaiians were walking around with the Leiomano and other deadly weapons before America.

Hypothetically, if you were to implement these changes to all firearms in the future... Make it for everyone... That includes law enforcement, private/armed security, and politicians with security in the state of HI. I want to remind everyone that this is our inalienable RIGHT given to us by the Constitution. If the law-abiding citizens can't have them... Then nobody should have it...

I appreciate your consideration of the data and trust that you will make informed decisions that genuinely contribute to public safety while respecting our constitutional rights.

Sincerely,

A Concerned Citizen

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 11:31:36 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill! This egregious assault on our Constitutional rights need to stop! Why are we punishing law abiding citizens, when the lawbreakers are going to access guns regardless of any law. It is a proven fact that armed societies reduce crime. If a criminal knows that people are armed, they so not feel as empowered to commit crimes. Please stop this bill. You are supposed to be working for the will of the people.

Alice Abellanida

Waianae

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 11:32:35 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196, along with any other attempt to further restrict the ability of lawful citizens to legally own, possess, acquire or assemble firearms, such as the modern sporting rifle, and oppose any attempt to further restrict or regulate the ownership of parts, accessories and attachments for firearms, such as prohibiting magazines accepting more than ten rounds. SB3196 is a blatant attempt to infringe upon constitutional rights, interfering with the ability to keep and bear arms, a necessity to maintain the security of a free state. Passing SB3196 would only further restrict the ability of lawful citizens to adequately defend themselves from potential future threats, using the thousands of Israeli citizens recently massacred as a real world example, all of whom were unable to defend themselves as a result of restrictions such as this, and were unable to rely on the aid of military and law enforcement, who were not able to respond in a timely manner.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 11:37:23 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose bill sb3196.

it is unconstitutional as to what this group is trying to accomplish. A firearm does not have a mind of its own and their for cannot kill people on its own. It is the individual behind the firearm that makes it dangerous.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 11:42:52 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This bill is unlawful, unconstitutional and will harm lawful firearm owners like myself.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 11:43:38 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

First and foremost, this bill would infringe upon Hawai'i citizen's 2nd Amendment rights as provided in the United States Constitution. Secondly, many of the weapons you would be outlawing are extremely important tools in Hawai'i, from hunting, to self-defense, to sport-shooting. Lastly, the wording and definitions proposed in this bill do not, in my opinion, actually represent what the writers of the bill are trying to accomplish due to a lack of factual knowledge about firearms and, in particular, "AR" style rifles.

This state has a MAJOR ungulate problem, and one of the best conservation tactics available is the hunting of these mammals. Semi-automatic weapons are extremely efficient for hunting these overpopulated animals, especially the pigs and deer that are decimating farm lands that allow us to grow cheaper, more accessible food and other products that we can sell or export. Reduced farming means higher prices at the grocery stores. These animals are also utilized for food for many people, so removing an effective hunting strategy would also increase your citizen's food costs by forcing them to buy meat raised on the mainland, filled with antibiotics and unfavorable additives.

Semi-automatic rifles are also extremely popular self-defense weapons, which is very important in the rural parts of islands that cannot rely on a police response arriving in time to save your life. These same rifles are also one of the most affordable sport-shooting weapons. Many people cannot afford to buy a hunting rifle, a self defense handgun, and a sport-shooting .22 rifle. Having the access to 1 rifle that fulfills all three of those categories makes more sense in a state that has the highest cost of living in the country.

All of the introducers to this bill represent Oahu. What is best for Oahu is rarely what is best for the outer islands. Please consider the thoughts and needs of ALL the residents of Hawai'i before passing such a reckless bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 11:51:21 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Opposing SB3196 as it goes against my constitutional rights as a american citizen.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 11:53:50 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<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 strongly oppose sb3196. I'm a strong believer of our constitution And you politicians should be also, If you Do not support the Constitution of these United State of America you should not be holding a seat in government. You swore an oath to uphold the Constitution of our country. I will not be left unable to protect myself or my Ohana, because some young politicians wants to disarm me. I back the men and women in blue, but they can't be there whenever they are needed. Unarming the very people that probably voted for you (not me). Passing more nonsense laws does not stop a criminal from committing crimes, A criminal will be a criminal.

I AM NOT A CRIMINAL.

I OPPOSE SB3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 11:56:07 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 12:03:44 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Peter J Long III (Jim)	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I submit this testimony with ABSOLUTE & UNEQUIVOCAL OPPOSITION to the CATEGORICALLY UNCONSTITUTIONAL proposal, SB3196.

“Do you trust those in Government, NOW & FOREVER IN THE FUTURE, to not take your LIFE, LIBERTY, or PROPERTY with the force of government??

If the answer to this question is NO, the gun control debate is OVER!”

-KrisAnne Hall, JD

This ridiculous bill seeks to outlaw most semi automatic rifles, many of which are the most widely owned and used firearms in the State and country as a whole!. All because of cosmetic adaptations that make it “scary looking.” It also effectively extends the magazine ban for pistols to STANDARD capacity magazines of many rifles. These proposals have already been struck down in the Supreme Court of the United States as well as Circuit Courts across the country!

Almost every firearms owner in the state has some variant of an AR15 rifle, it is absolutely IN COMMON USE by law abiding citizens in the state and thereby protected by the US Supreme Court case ‘District of Columbia v. Heller (2008)’ I would also add that over the last several years, thousands of responsible citizens have become new firearm owners due to the unbelievable government encroachment during the COVID pandemic. Many of those firearms are precisely the ones mentioned in this bill.

You, as state legislators who have taken the please to uphold the US Constitution as well as the Constitution of the State of Hawaii are attempting to criminalize the possession of a tool that millions across our state and nation depend on to protect themselves and their families, simply because the tool “looks scary”. This bill is nothing more than an attempt to criminalize millions of responsible firearms owners is order to create an illusion of safety. It will only hurt the segment of the population you think you are attempting to protect. Criminals do not follow laws, will not rid themselves of their semi automatic weapons, and will remain on par with the government as the exclusive owners of semi auto firearms. In a world of politicians who want nothing more than the eradication of individual liberties, wealth and power and criminals that only want wealth and power, that’s a pretty scary proposition to law abiding citizens that simply want to be left alone and raise their families.

This faulty bill will also outlaw millions of STANDARD capacity magazines that are already widely in use within the state. Again, lawfully owned property that, with the stroke of a pen, becomes contraband, and a felon of the, now, responsible owner.

This proposal is in poor taste as it seeks to criminalize law abiding citizens and addresses a NON ISSUE in the State of Hawaii. This is fear mongering at the expense of citizens' civil rights.

I urge the Legislature to REJECT this proposal.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 12:04:08 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose proposed bill SB3196. I am a law abiding, tax paying citizen. I haven't broken any laws or committed any crimes. As a citizen of the United States, i/we have the right to defend ourselves against would be criminals from committing violent/deadly crimes. By enacting this bill, i could almost automatically become a felon as a legal owner of mentioned firearms. Why is there an exception for law enforcement? We all know that LE cannot protect us from violent crimes. it has been shown/proven time and time again. Violent and deadly crimes do happen, majority of the time LE cannot prevent it from happening, they can only file a report/case after the crime has been committed. We deserve the right to defend ourselves against violent criminals. Crime is becoming increasingly violent and law abiding citizens are at their mercy as the criminals will not obey laws and continue to carry and use deadly weapons. This bill disarms and weakens law abiding citizens and opens them up to be victims of criminals who use deadly force. This bill will not decrease violent crimes from happening, it will potentially lead to increase loss of the innocent lives of law abiding citizens whose rights were taken away by the passage of this bill and preventing us from defending ourselves. Law abiding citizens aren't the ones committing crimes with firearms. the data/evidence overwhelmingly proves that. passing this bill will not positively affect crime or criminals, rather it will turn law abiding citizens into criminals - whose main purpose of owning firearms is for self -defense/self-preservation. enacting laws should be based on fact and not emotions. thanks for your time

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 12:17:05 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This is wrong taking away part of our 2nd amendment right especially here in Hawaii we already have tuff laws with gun owners especially hunters those we hunt to provide food for our family please just stop this bill

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 12:19:03 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

To Whom It May Concern,

**OPPOSE! OPPOSE! OPPOSE!**

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 3196, which proposes to ban rifles, shotguns, magazines of more than 10 rounds, and legitimate business dealings involving assault weapons. As a law-abiding citizen and a responsible firearm owner, I believe that this bill infringes upon our Second Amendment rights and fails to address the root causes of gun violence.

First and foremost, banning certain types of firearms and accessories unfairly penalizes law-abiding citizens who use these tools for legitimate purposes such as self-defense, hunting, and sport shooting. It is important to remember that the overwhelming majority of gun owners are responsible individuals who handle their firearms safely and legally.

Furthermore, targeting specific types of firearms and accessories will not effectively address the complex issue of gun violence in our society. Instead of focusing on arbitrary bans, we should be investing in evidence-based solutions such as mental health resources, addressing socioeconomic factors, and improving access to education and opportunities for all individuals.

Additionally, prohibiting legitimate business dealings with assault weapons could have unintended consequences for law-abiding gun owners and businesses. Many individuals and companies engage in lawful commerce involving firearms, and imposing restrictions on these transactions could have negative economic effects and undermine the rights of law-abiding citizens.

In conclusion, I urge you to oppose Senate Bill 3196 and instead focus on comprehensive, evidence-based solutions to address the issue of gun violence in our communities. Upholding our constitutional rights while promoting public safety requires a balanced approach that respects the rights of responsible gun owners while addressing the underlying factors contributing to violence.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,  
Libert Chung

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 12:22:56 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Strongly oppose why must you remain fixated on punishing responsible legal gun owners. That is not where the problems are. You avoid punishing criminals & focus all your attention on law abiding citizens attempting to protect themselves & their families while crime runs rampant your priorities need adjusting in this matter, I'm very upset this is even on the table.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 12:27:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
John A Visitacion	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To SB 3196 Committee, I strongly oppose this bill. I am a retired military veteran that served this great country and state honorably. I am one of many brothers in arms that fought for the freedom that we have today. This saddens me greatly that our rights as 2nd Amendment law abiding firearm owners are being taken away. Please reconsider in opposing this bill. Mahalo!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 12:37:33 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196. Please vote no on SB3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 12:49:46 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

The citizens of Hawaii have one of the strictest laws when it comes to firearms. The law abiding citizens follow the law and the criminals don't. 10 round magazine limits have already been ruled against it by the 9th Circuit Court. Why does Hawaii legislature infringe on law abiding citizens instead of having teeth in laws and enforcement of the laws that is passed? I'm 51 years old, I don't have the the strength or agility to protect myself like when I was younger. I have matured with age but we still have to deal with criminals that don't care about you , me or our families or friends when at home or in public. The more the legislature takes my rights and freedoms away to protect myself, I seriously hope it doesn't get someone hurt or killed. I definitely can't run away or fight for 5-10 minutes before police to arrive, which is the average time. Remind yourself that less people are becoming officers to fill the vacancies. Semiautomatic rifles, pistols and shotguns are also used to hunt, for target shooting as well as home defense. Pass the laws that punish criminals not the ones like me who enjoy to hunt and time at the range and might save you and yours from a criminal.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 1:19:19 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
George Pace	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

NOOOO!!!

It's absolutely no business of any government agency or agent how a sovereign citizen exercises their rights. NONE! GO AWAY!

I know most of you are dictators at heart and want to control every single thing every single person does... you know, like keep six feet away from one another even though there's zero scientific evidence that could possibly make any difference. Just like "masks". And supporting and imposing clearly dangerous untested Emergency Used Authorization modified mRNA experimental gene therapy injections. And closing schools and businesses. Etc etc. etc.

BUTT OUT!

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain ***unalienable Rights***, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That ***whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it***, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

Anyone who votes for a "law" such as this, which is obviously an "infringement" of a God-given/Natural right, is a traitor for violating their oath/affirmation of office to support and defend the Constitution of the United States.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 1:21:15 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Please OPPOSE SB 3196.

This bill does nothing to increase the safety of citizens; instead, it infringes upon Second Amendment Rights and hinders a citizen's ability to defend oneself. It does not demonstrate how this group of firearms, which is poorly defined, operates any differently than other common firearms or poses some increased risk. The limit on magazine capacity serves no useful purpose and hinders responsible training; and therefore safety, by owners of firearms. Gun crime is committed by criminals who do not follow the laws, do not submit to background checks, and do not train. If you want to reduce violence focus on the individual, not the tool.

Please OPPOSE SB 3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 1:25:27 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Please no more worthless job destroying anti gun bills, this bill will hurt local business and our tax base . Mark Genovese p.o. box 1001 Haiku, HI 96708 808-572-8431 .

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 1:32:57 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE SB3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 1:38:44 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

To Whom I May Concern,

I strongly oppose this and any other legislation that seeks to further restrict and prohibit firearm ownership, acquisition, sale and transfer, including firearm components, parts, accessories, and magazine capacity.

This bill will do absolutely nothing to stop violent criminal acts but rather prohibit those who are law abiding citizens of this State. It is already against the law to commit a crime using a firearm and there are severe penalties for doing so. Yet criminals continue to commit crimes regardless. Although many of this State's elected officials, including the State Supreme Court have the opinion that We the People, should not have a right to keep and bare arms for self defense, We the People, do have this right and to restrict this right is a violation of the Constitution as well as the Oath of Office that our elected officials swore.

By restricting law abiding citizens and hindering our right to keep and bare firearms and accesories that are in standard and widespread use will only enable those with no regard for the rule of law and give them the upper hand.

Those who willfully try to violate the Constitution are treasonous and tyrannical individuals and should be held accountable when laws they create cause irreparable harm to the citizens of this State.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 1:39:38 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

As a legal, law abiding, working class, tax paying, family raising citizen- I strongly oppose this bill. This bill will NOT take illegal guns off the street or prevent them from being brought in to the state. All it will do is turn me and many others into scapegoats for the state to have their way with. If this bill passes it is a blatant overstep of the 2nd amendment of the constitution of the United States of America. This is just one step towards tyrannical action by a government meant to serve us as the people. How does this bill do anything but serve an agenda? If this does pass, who's tax dollars fund the states court case that will inevitably come with the Supreme Court? There is a lot of time and money being dumped into this that could be much better suited fixing our roads, improving security at our schools, affordable housing for local kanaka etc... I ask that you please oppose and shut this bill down. It is worthless

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 1:42:34 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Dear Legislators,

My name is Glenn and I am a life long resident of Waianae. I am a member of the NRA, the Hawai'i Firearms Coalition and also have participated in some of the activities of the Hawaii Rifle Association.

As a citizen of Hawai'i I will be personally affected by SB3196 should it become law in Hawai'i. I am OPPOSED to this bill in its entirety.

First of all, I am a law abiding, permitted owner of several firearms, and all of them would be affected by this proposed unconstitutional ban as a result of its broad language. I take issue with the broad, sweeping language of this bill because it pretty much includes every type of firearm that is now commonly used and available to anyone in the state of Hawai who is lawfully allowed to own, operate and for some to carry said firearms.

What you term so called "assault rifles" or "assault pistols" are simply common semi-automatic firearms which are used by Hawai'i residents and residents in every state in the US for lawful purposes, such as hunting, sports shooting, law enforcement, security and yes public carry for self defense. They are all protected by the recent Supreme Court decisions, of Bruen, Heller, Miller and many other rulings that have been issued even as recent as within the last couple of years.

These types of firearms are used lawfully and operated safely by millions of Americans every day and do not pose any threat to the general public. Just because criminals also use the same types of firearms, many of them acquired illegally for unlawful purposes should not be a reason to infringe upon the right of anyone else who is legally permitted to own, operate and carry such firearms.

Recent activity in my community specifically shootings which have been committed by underaged minors or possibly gang members or criminals involved in drugs or illegal gambling have brought the amount of gun crime up near and increase 100% and I truly believe, any law abiding citizen of Waianae and the rest off the leeward coast and anywhere in Hawai'i where there is a potential threat should be allowed to own operate and use firearms for lawful self defense. We are not the problem the criminals are. Do not restrict my rights of my firearms because banning them or restricting my use will have NO effect on the crime that is perpetrated

by these criminals and other agents of evil from doing what they will do. Your obsession and hyper focus on law abiding citizens is misguided.

If this law is passed it will give the criminals the upperhand, they will continue to acquire and carry illegal guns with more than 10 round magazines and potentially use these so called "assault rifles or pistols" (your words and categorization) which are more commonly known in the gun community as semi-automatic AR 15s or modern sporting rifles (MSRs) out in public to inflict any damage on anyone out there. How can this be okay?!?

If this law is passed it will greatly impact my ability to safely operate and maintain my legally acquired firearms because I will not be able to get the parts necessary to safely maintain my firearms if any necessary repairs are needed.

Many of you have said that you are for the 2nd Amendment and what you propose is not an infringement upon our God given and constitutionally protected rights but this law, as it is written doesn't reflect this position at all.

Please vote no on this ban because it is in obvious defiance to the rulings issued by the Supreme Court which is the highest law of the land. It is against the 2nd Amendment in both the US Constitution and our own Hawai'i State Constitution which says the same thing. This bill as it is written is clearly a violation of the 2nd Amendment text, so therefore you will need to offer historical analogs and also those from tradition from our nation's founding in 1776 up until 1891 or the ratification of the 14th Amendment. No such analogs exist so therefore this bill as it is written is in violation of our nation's highest law. It also represents a violation of your oath of office to uphold the constitution.

Please do what is pono and strike this bill down where it stands and don't waste anymore time trying to make it law in our state. It is unconstitutional and therefore unlawful.

Thank you for giving us an opportunity to offer our testimonies.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 1:46:11 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it is our rights as human beings to be able to protect ourselves, our families, and our friends with the tools that we deem necessary

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 1:48:00 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Oppose bill. Does nothing to prevent criminal gun control.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 1:51:53 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose sb3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 1:57:38 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Submitted... here is my testimony for anyone wanting ideas... Subject: Strong Opposition to Proposed Firearm Regulation Amendments

Hello,

I am writing to express my vehement opposition to the proposed amendments outlined in the bill concerning firearms, specifically targeting assault rifles, assault shotguns, assault pistols, .50 caliber rifles, and firearm attachments. I firmly believe that these proposed changes are misguided and will negatively impact law-abiding citizens without achieving the intended goals of enhanced public safety.

While I understand the importance of addressing concerns related to firearms, the proposed bill fails to strike a balance between public safety and the fundamental rights of responsible gun owners. The following points encapsulate the primary reasons for my strong opposition to the bill:

**Overreach of Restrictions:**

The bill appears to overreach by categorizing a broad range of firearms as "assault weapons" without considering their legitimate uses in self-defense, sporting activities, and other lawful purposes. This overbroad classification neglects the distinctions between firearms and unfairly stigmatizes law-abiding gun owners.

**Impact on Law-Abiding Citizens:**

The proposed restrictions disproportionately affect responsible gun owners who use firearms for lawful purposes, including self-defense and recreational activities. By limiting access to certain firearms and accessories, the bill imposes unnecessary burdens on individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to safety and adherence to existing regulations.

**Failure to Address Root Causes:**

Rather than addressing the root causes of violence, the bill focuses on restricting access to specific firearms. Comprehensive solutions should involve addressing mental health issues, improving law enforcement strategies, and implementing educational programs to promote responsible firearm ownership.

**Inadequate Consideration of Individual Rights:**

The proposed bill raises concerns about infringing upon the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens. It is crucial to respect and uphold the constitutional rights of individuals while pursuing measures that genuinely enhance public safety.

**Potential Impact on Local Economy:**

The prohibition on the sale or transfer of certain firearms within the state may have adverse effects on local businesses and the economy, particularly those involved in the firearms industry. This could lead to job losses and economic downturns in affected sectors.

In conclusion, I urge you to reconsider the proposed amendments and explore alternative measures that prioritize both public safety and individual rights. Collaborative efforts involving all stakeholders, including gun owners, can lead to more effective and fair solutions to address concerns related to firearms.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I trust that you will carefully consider the implications of the proposed bill on the rights and freedoms of law-abiding citizens.

Sincerely, JAMES KEANU-REICHEL

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Submitted on: 2/17/2024 2:01:56 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This bill infringes on a citizens constitutional right to acquire and bear arms. Please take this into consideration.

## Testimony Strongly Opposing SB 3196

According to the proposed bill, in 2023 Hawaii received an A- Rating from the Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence. Additionally, (the proposed bill explains) Hawaii had the third lowest number of gun deaths per capita according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). In the latest 2024 update, Hawaii had the second lowest gun deaths per capita according to the CDC.

When examining specifically firearm homicides (2021 Data), Washington DC had the highest number of firearm homicides per 100K at 14.4. Hawaii had the third lowest firearm homicide rate in the nation at 1.3 per 100K. Illinois had a rate of 6.7, while California was 3.6.

The states with the lowest firearm homicide rates per 100K are

Idaho (1.4) – Constitutional Carry State

Vermont (1.4) – Constitutional Carry State

Utah (1.4) – Constitutional Carry State

North Dakota (1.3) – Constitutional Carry State

Hawaii (1.3) – Permit Required State

Maine (1.3) – Constitutional Carry State

New Hampshire (1.1) – Constitutional Carry State

<https://www.healthdata.org/news-events/insights-blog/acting-data/gun-violence-united-states-outlier>

<https://www.usconcealedcarry.com/resources/terminology/types-of-concealed-carry-licensurepermitting-policies/unrestricted/>

Of the 7 states with the lowest firearm homicide rates, Hawaii is the only state that requires a permit to carry.

Clearly, more restrictive gun laws as proposed by SB3196 DO NOT make the people of Hawaii safer and only hurt your community that has already demonstrated incredibly lawful behavior. The people of Hawaii already live Pono.

It is only you, the politicians that do not.

Either you are ignorant of the facts and data or you are malicious in your intent to infringe upon the rights of an incredibly law abiding community.

With Hawaii being the second or third safest state in the union according to the CDC, what problem are you trying to fix? And at what cost to your community?

Shame on the ignorant or malicious politician who proposed this law.

Sincerely,

Cass K. Nakasone MD, FACS

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 2:09:29 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill its wrong on many different levels. People with none to very little education on firearms should not be allowed to propose bills and that go against the constitution one swore an oath to.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 2:12:56 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

i oppose sb3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 2:20:49 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

We as citizens of the United States, have our right to bear arms and protect ourselves.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 2:22:01 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 2:22:01 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose sb3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 2:23:21 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Joseph P Vesperas Jr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB3196. This is a gross infringement on our rights and will turn thousands of law abiding citizens into criminals overnight who folloewd the law and acquired their firearms legally.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 2:24:50 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it's unconstitutional. Several challenges of these types of bills are currently being addressed in courts on the mainland so it surely will be challenging here in Hawaii as well.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 2:26:01 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

We as United States of America Citizens have the right to bear arms and to protect our families in the case of being attacked, our government, city and state law enforcement cannot help all the people in the event of some type attack on our state by foreign or domestic terror in this event we the People would be able to assist in the protection of our people including Government city and state. legal gun owners are background checked and are responsible law abiding citizens please take this testimony into consideration Mahalo!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 2:28:45 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I disagree with this bill because it is illegal to ban assault rifles. it is unconstitutional to go against the peoples right.

please read the 2nd amendment

Mahalo

Mike Andrade

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 2:29:08 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Hello. I oppose this bill. Being a law abiding citizen it is our right to have the own firearms that you are trying to ban. I personally and solely use my firearm to hunt wild pigs to gather food for my family.

I am trained to use my firearm in a safe manner. Please do not confuse the people who are law abiding trained certified to carry and use with drug dealers etc.

by doing this you make the bad people carry while we law abiding people suffer by taking our rights away.

protecting my family is also another reason to be a trained person using this type of firearm.

I humbly ask to oppose this bill, my family, my property, sits in the protection and our livelihood that we live in today.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 2:38:57 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha, I oppose bill SB3196 as it infringes on my constitutional rights as a American citizen. I want to remind you on the 2nd amendment as it's written:

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.

Bill SB3196 if passed will only hurt the law abiding citizens like me, not the criminals because they don't follow the laws in the first place. I also believe that if this bill passes it will take away my right to defend myself and to defend my family if a hostile threat presents itself. Which could be for example a drugged out criminal that wants to cause bodily damage or a 4 legged creature that also wants to cause harm. "Assault weapons attachments" does not make a weapon more "deadly" but it makes it more comfortable for the user or users and in some cases also safer like a adjustable stock, Which was designed to fit the user better because every human has different body shapes and preferences. I'd like to touch up on .50 caliber rifles as they are only used in recreational activities due to the size and heavy weight of the rifle. The bill also states that it will ban certain "assault rifles and assault shotguns" which we the people of Hawai'i don't own. The definition on assault weapons means they have a fully automatic function but here in Hawai'i we own only semi automatic modern sporting rifles and semi automatic shotguns.

I would like to remind again that my 2nd amendment right of the U.S

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 2:42:16 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am writing to oppose SB3196. We already have some of the most restrictive gun laws in the nation. Adding more restrictions will not do anything to deter criminals from their activities. Do we blame the vehicle when there is an accident? As in the case of Sara Yara who was killed by a driver who had an extensive history of traffic violations. There was no call to restrict vehicles. Law abiding firearms owners are some of the most responsible people in society. They come from all walks of life and cross all demographics. Criminals will be criminals no matter what laws are passed.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 2:42:48 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I have been a law-abiding recreational firearms owner for 44 years and served in the military for 30 years. This bill is a misguided knee jerk effort to further disarm the law-abiding citizens of this State and makes law-abiding citizens criminals with its passage.

The bill will not deter or restrict criminals from obtaining firearms or committing gun crimes. Criminals do not follow laws and will not abide by the bans, purchase, or registration procedures. Recent events show that convicted felons and individuals with TROs have no problem obtaining firearms. They do not apply for permits to purchase, submit to background checks, or register their weapons.

As noted in the bill, the State already has the most restrictive gun laws in the nation and the third lowest number of gun deaths. This bill basically bans all current semi-automatic long guns and most pistols based on a single feature and bans copies, duplicates, variants, or altered facsimiles with the capabilities of any such weapon.

It wipes out all technological firearms updates for the last 20-30 years, punishes law-abiding recreational firearms owners, and may put all gun stores in the State out of business as it basically bans the most popular firearms, most of their current inventory, any future models based on the single feature clause, and almost excludes anything but weapons that are manually operated by a bolt, pump, lever, or slide action.

It implements a ban on ALL semi-automatic rifles with a detachable magazine and owning any spare parts to repair them. It also bans ALL AR and AK pattern rifles as well as many others by name, regardless of features and bans many due to a single feature.

Restrictions on High-Capacity magazines are overreaching as it applies to any magazine capable of holding more than ten rounds and makes mere possession a misdemeanor or Class C felony. It would be unlawful to bring or transfer assault rifles and shotguns into the State. You could not travel with your firearms if they meet the definition of an assault weapon.

It also imposes unreasonable restrictions on bequests or intestate succession to an assault rifle, assault shotgun by requiring that you must render the weapon permanently inoperable, sell or transfer the weapon to a licensed dealer of the chief of police of any county, or remove the weapon from the State within ninety days.

Please do not further restrict the rights and recreational opportunities of the law-abiding citizens.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 2:45:25 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This is a written testimony to oppose SB3196. This proposed bill is in direct opposition to the law abiding citizens of the state of Hawaii and is a direct infringement of their rights to the 2nd amendment. I may cite this bill is in conflict of multiple recent federal case decisions such as 2008 DC v. Heller and 2002 NYSRPA vs Bruen, and I believe using "the spirit of Aloha" as a means to decide the interpretation of such federal regulations is an inappropriate use of Native Hawaiian culture as a fellow Native Hawaiian. Advancing this bill will only serve to further restrict the law abiding citizens in our state and make those trying to make an honest living even more difficult to protect their loved ones in times of emergency when first responders are unavailable or not able to respond in the time needed of emergency. As such I oppose this bill and do not approve its advancement.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 2:48:21 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

**SB3196 is a blatant attack on our rights not only as American citizens, but as citizens of Hawaii as well.**

**SB3196 is not only an infringement upon the Constitution and Second Amendment of the United State of America, but upon the Constitution and Bill of Rights of Hawaii. The Hawaii Constitution, Bill of Rights - Article 1, Section 17 states;**

**“RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS**

**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. [Ren Const Con 1978 and election Nov 7, 1978]”**

**It is verbatim to the Nation’s Second Amendment of the Bill of Rights. Therefore, not only are you infringing upon the Rights of American Citizens, you are infringing upon the rights of Citizens of Hawaii. Regardless of form factor, arms are arms and our right to keep and bear them in our homes or on our person for protection of ourselves, our loved ones, and fellow citizens shall not be infringed upon in any way, shape, or form. It is literally the only Amendment, and one-of-two Sections, that states that it “shall not be infringed” so it cannot be altered or abolished by anyone.**

**SB3196 defines a multitude of firearms as “assault weapons” or features that would constitute one. Clearly those defining these firearms/features have no expertise or understanding whatsoever in the field of firearms. What's listed are merely blanket terms for various models of firearms. It's the equivalent of simply saying “sedan” when trying to describe what makes a “race car” a “race car”. What is currently even available to Hawaii civilians under current ATF and State of Hawaii restrictions are nothing more than mere sporting firearms with no assault capabilities. They are lesser versions than what the majority of the States have on the shelves of everyday sporting goods stores. The entirety of**

**the Second Amendment community would wager that you cannot define the key factors that make a firearm an “assault weapon” and not a simple sporting firearm without actual experience in the industry.**

**Furthermore, the restrictions this Bill imposes will only further restrict law abiding citizens and do nothing to restrict and control the criminals that will not obey the law to begin with - let alone protect the citizens from these criminals. Not only does this bill do nothing positive for the People, it will turn a massive number of good, honest, law abiding citizens into felons overnight.**

**The continued attacks on the People’s right to the Second Amendment and Section 17 year after year, bill after bill, clearly shows that Hawaii legislature clearly does not care for the Oaths they swore to uphold. These restrictions have done nothing to reduce crimes of any sort - yet the restrictions on firearms and our right to Keep and Bear Arms continues. Clearly this shows that Hawaii Legislation is more concerned with restricting the People more than they are concerned with restricting criminals, thieves, rapists and murderers. For example, as proposed in the this Bill, possession of a magazine with a capacity over 10 rounds - a device that's not even necessary for a firearm’s operation and is legal in any capacity in the majority of the States - can make a clean record citizen a felon instantly while a criminal - who would still be a criminal in all 50 States - can walk freely on the street due to Hawaii’s soft-on-crime laws? Please, explain to the law-abiding People you are meant to serve how any of that makes sense. It's apparent that the State is more concerned with the good guys than they are with the bad guys.**

**From threats both foreign and domestic, It is the People’s right to keep and bear arms in order to maintain a Free State. It is also the Right of the People to alter or abolish any Form of Government that becomes destructive of their Rights and institute a new government in its place as Government in and of itself derives its very power from the consent of People they govern.**

**If these former sentences seem grim, it's not. It’s merely paraphrased Section 17 and from the second sentence/paragraph of the Declaration of Independence.**

**“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the**

**People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.”**

**It's the duty of Elected Officials and Public Servants to uphold and protect the rights of the people they serve - Not to abolish their Rights and Freedoms. The Second Amendment and Section 17 are part of the very Rights and Freedoms that are to be protected. Failure to protect our rights is a failure at your duty and your oath to the People. Continued infringements and proposing of Bills with hollowed reasons that do not serve the People show where the intentions and loyalties of Hawaii's Legislators and Judiciaries lie - Not with the People of Hawaii.**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 2:57:47 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha ! I am a law abiding citizen and a veteran. I am writing to voice my opinion on this matter. We the people should be deciding on what we can and can't have. Ask yourself this , why do all the criminals have the guns ?! If you penalize the citizens then all havoc will break loose. We won't be able to protect our Ohana and property!! we would have to go to drastic measures!!! I don't want to see that happen!!!! Please reconsider this bill and do whats right !!!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 2:59:20 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I vehemently **OPPOSE !!!**

You are going against the constitution of the United States. You are making rules that appeal to you, your feelings; definitely not what the citizen and constituent of the state want; and you are going in lock step with the fringes of your party, the extreme left. You were not elected to be baby sitters of society or regulate the rights that people have, **Period**, as citizen of the United States.

I OPPOSE this bill with every fiber of my being.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 3:05:06 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This is unconstitutional! The root of the problem with gun violence is the person. Fix the people by fixing their environment. Guns will always find a way here. Just look at the illegal fireworks and drugs.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 3:06:25 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

2nd amendment right shall not be infringed.

You don't need anymore explanations than that and you are not above our constitutional rights to protect ourselves.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 3:08:53 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am highly opposed to this bill, sb3196. First off, it's unconstitutional. Second, it does nothing but hurt law abiding citizens when it comes to owning firearms. None of these new regulations in the bill will be followed by criminals. They never do when local municipalities around the country try to impose these types of regulations on firearms. Beyond hurting law abiding citizens and stripping them of their 2nd amendment rights to bear arms, it will hurt many businesses that sell various firearms, ammunition, accessories, etc.

This is a fruitless bill that will not change the outcome or quantity of homicides, robberies or any other illegal activity involving firearms that the individual(s) that drew up this bill probably thought it would prevent. It will put law abiding citizens in more danger and hurt local businesses. Most importantly, it is UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 3:10:34 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose this bill as it goes against everything the 2nd Amendment stands for. The 2nd clearly states that "A well Regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right to keep and bear Arms, Shall Not Be Infringed." This bill keeps the people from protecting our own state if so the Military/Police fail to do so. The people of Hawaii should have the right to defend themselves from enemies Foreign/Domestic.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 3:11:54 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 3:19:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mark Dela Cruz	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This directly infringes on 2A rights and will be struck down. 2A rights are meant to protect us from a tyrannical, overbearing government. We don't need to use competitive shooting or hunting as an excuse to own arms. SB3196 is ineffective and doesn't address the root issue. Instead it's punishing law abiding citizens for the actions of criminals.

Criminals don't follow laws and law abiding citizens are unconstitutionally and unlawfully punished. How many attacks have happened in 'gun free zones'? An 'assault weapon' is a fully automatic rifle or sub-machine gun, not a semi-automatic gun.

The people passing these laws all use armed security. Why should me and my family be made defenseless to make others feel safe? So you have to be a career politician now to be safe? Unfair and hypocritical of them. Guns are basically only available to law enforcement now which creates a divide in power where law enforcement and the government can abuse that power. Again, 2A rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 3:20:08 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

To each of the legislators:

Please think long and hard about your oath and the seat you currently occupy. I say currently because that position is at risk based on the recent actions of this group. You have taken an oath to defend and uphold the Hawai'i constitution and the constitution of the United States. In case you've forgotten, the constitution does NOT provide rights to the people. Those rights are ours from birth - God-given rights as humans. The purpose of the constitution is to ensure that the government, ie people who sit in the seats you occupy, does not overreach or in any way limit or jeopardize those rights.

Your job, as hired by the people of Hawai'i, is to serve the will of the people. The people, as a whole, do NOT agree to the conditions or ideas of this bill. It is clearly infringement on our rights, it endangers good, law-abiding people and it increases the upperhand that criminals will have in our society.

As shown just recently with the man you stopped a carjacking while carrying a lawful weapon, armed citizens, trained and capable with the arms, are an asset to society. This bill is not lawful and it is not productive. Please know that we the people of Hawai'i will not be disarmed, limited in our rights, or controlled by these efforts.

Each and every one of you are advised to vote on this bill per the rights protected by the constitutions you swore to uphold, and based on the will of the people you are paid to represent with your vote.

Mahalo,

Laurie Langton

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 3:20:37 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This is ridiculous. This bill is unconstitutional at every bullet point. Why try to pass something that will do nothing to solve the problems we actually have on this island but pander to a certain type of voter. This bill will be knocked down in the courts. Stop wasting our tax payer dollars on political theatrics. This state is going downhill because of senators like these. OPPOSE!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 3:25:51 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 3:30:40 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 3:32:23 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I would like to express my concern of another attempt to limit our 2 nd amendment rights. This bill is absolutely over bearing and is simply an attempt to take away our legal right to bear arms and in a captacity that allowed for enjoyment. We can not let this bill pass or any other bill similar. We enjoy our firearms for sport and self defense and this bill severely hampers that use.

Mahalo Tyler Coons

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 3:35:28 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill because it violates my second amendment rights as an American.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 3:36:36 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

SB3196 is an infringement on the 2nd amendment rights of all Hawaii law abiding citizens and I oppose it.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 3:48:12 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

As a voting citizen of Hawaii I oppose SB3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 3:48:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kevin Katayama	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**\*\*Testimony Against SB3196\*\***

Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Kevin Katayama, and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 3196. While I understand the intention behind this bill, I believe that its provisions pose significant risks to law-abiding citizens and fail to address the root causes of gun violence in Hawaii.

1. **\*\*Infringement on Second Amendment Rights\*\***: SB3196 unfairly restricts the rights of law-abiding citizens to own certain firearms, including assault rifles, assault shotguns, and pistols with detachable magazines. These firearms are commonly used for self-defense, hunting, and sporting purposes by responsible gun owners. By imposing blanket prohibitions on these firearms, SB3196 infringes on our Second Amendment rights without addressing the underlying issues of gun violence.

2. **\*\*Overbroad Definitions\*\***: The definitions of "assault weapon" and "assault pistol" in SB3196 are overly broad and ambiguous, potentially encompassing firearms that are commonly used for lawful purposes. This could lead to confusion and unintended consequences for law-abiding gun owners who possess firearms that fall within these categories but are not used for criminal purposes.

3. **\*\*Impact on Law-Abiding Citizens\*\***: SB3196 would impose unnecessary burdens and restrictions on law-abiding citizens who wish to possess or acquire certain firearms for lawful

purposes. By prohibiting the sale, transfer, and possession of these firearms, the bill unfairly targets responsible gun owners without addressing the root causes of gun violence.

4. **\*\*Lack of Effectiveness\*\***: There is little evidence to suggest that banning certain firearms or attachments will effectively reduce gun violence in Hawaii. Instead of focusing on restricting access to firearms for law-abiding citizens, policymakers should prioritize comprehensive approaches that address mental health, education, and community safety.

5. **\*\*Exclusion of Law Enforcement and Military\*\***: While SB3196 creates exceptions for members of law enforcement and the military, it fails to recognize the importance of preserving Second Amendment rights for all citizens. Allowing certain individuals to possess prohibited firearms while denying others the same rights is unjust and discriminatory.

In conclusion, I urge you to oppose Senate Bill 3196 and instead focus on evidence-based solutions that address the root causes of gun violence while respecting the rights of law-abiding citizens. Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,

Kevin Katayama

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 3:52:57 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly disagree with this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 4:00:53 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. I am a law abiding taxpayer who follows the law. Your legislation will not deter criminals as they do not purchase firearms legally.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 4:08:04 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I Jason Kagihara am submitting my testimony for SB3196. I am opposing this bill. This is imposing on my 2nd amendment right to bear arms. This bill should not be passed as it will handcuff citizens from exercising our right to bear arms. I am OPPOSING THIS BILL NOT TO PASS.

SINCERELY,  
Jason Kagihara

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 4:13:19 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This bill will restrict my second amendment right to bear arms and to protect myself in a self defense situation. Banning firearms and taking that right away from citizens is unconstitutional. Legal gun owners are responsible and safe.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 4:14:16 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This is wrong.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 4:16:59 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

As a Veteran, This bill is a direct violation of the 2nd Amendment. Any and all who support this bill should step down from office or be removed. History already shows what happens when you disarm the populace and it shouldn't be allowed here. Current crime statistics show that criminals don't follow the law, but not enforcing Current laws don't help either. Passing new laws has not done anything to curb gun crimes if will not enforce what's already on the books.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 4:17:44 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Norman Akau Jr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hi , my name is Norman Akau Jr and I firmly oppose Senate Bill 3196 as it infringes on my constitutional rights as a law abiding citizen of the United States of America. For the people responsible for introducing this bill , I will let my colleagues know and remember to vote against you in the future elections. Thank you for hearing my concerns.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 4:22:31 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
RICHARD HOLIBAUGH	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To Whom it May Concern: Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony. I do not agree with SB3196 and urge you to oppose the passing of this bill. As a former and retired member of the Hawaii Army National Guard, and as a current Federal Law Enforcement Officer stationed in Honolulu for the past 17 years, I can state I am intimately familiar both with specific types of firearms, and with individuals charged with specific federal crimes. The term "assault weapon", a term created by a gun control lobbyist which caught on and was used by the mainstream media in order to cause confusion and deliberately mislead the American people in order to pass gun control legislation. Just because a firearm may "look" menacing, it has nothing to do with its capabilities. For example, a firearm listed within this bill, the Daniel Defense M4A1 Rifle, may look identical to a rifle used by the US Army; however, this firearm is identical in appearance only, as the mechanical functionality of the firearm differs in its firing capability. As the saying goes, please do not judge a book by its cover. Millions; say that again: Millions of Americans currently own semi-automatic rifles, shotguns, and pistols, and thousands of Hawaii residents currently own and legally use many of the firearms that will be banned with passage of this bill. Ask yourself, why it is necessary through legislation to ban such common use firearms? Hawaii currently has very strict firearm acquisition and registration requirements. In addition, with passage of this bill, it will put undue financial burden on local businesses legally engaged in firearm sales, repairs, and firearm accessories. With passage of this bill, criminalizing possession of certain magazines may make law abiding citizens into criminals overnight. I urge you to oppose this bill. Thank you.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 4:22:31 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Assault is an action not a feature and doesn't exist as a description on firearms. Please oppose this bill it doesn't make any sense. Legal firearm owners are registered and legal. Criminals are the people who you should crack down on and stop them from breaking the law and killing people in Hawaii. All gun violence now days as all druggies and criminals. It's never a law abiding citizen that does it (especially on Oahu). There is a huge disconnect between politicians who want to change the constitution and our rights and the people who they represent. It's almost like we do not exist to politicians anymore. Yet they like our vote? I say we all stop voting for these anti American anti constitution politicians! They broke their oaths to serve the people.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 4:28:32 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this unconstitutional bill!!!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 4:29:51 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

HORRIBLE BILL

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**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 4:34:13 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Landon Labrador	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha my name is Landon Labrador and I live on the island of Kauai. I am currently working as an RN and have previously worked as an EMT/paramedic in Las Vegas and Portland, Oregon.

I support thorough background checks and safety courses for acquiring and possessing firearms. That being said, I cannot support this bill and several others which are similar to other attempts in other states such as California or New York - which have already been overturned as being a violation of our second amendment rights. I don't understand why Hawaii would try to spend time on this given those facts alone. It seems like a gross overreaction and quite frankly a waste of our governments time and money.

In addition, I cannot support, an across the board ban on "types" and "features" of weapons - as you can easily convert a simple small caliber/starting rifle such as a the SUPER popular Ruger 10/22 - into an assault rifle "look" with some cheap modifications however it won't be as lethal as say a larger caliber .308 Ruger Predator bolt action rifle. The Ruger 10/22 would not be legal to own under this bill & it is probably the most popular gun in the country and state.

In fact, a lot of popular and often used guns from learning/entry level to advanced ones would become illegal. Those that people regularly use to eradicate invasive species, put meat on the table for their families and their communities. The feral pigs, axis deer, ring necked parakeets and feral goats would thrive even more if only bolt action - non semi automatic weapons were allowed

so what does banning these weapons, but allowing those who already have them, to keep them create?

It creates a black market & higher demand for non law abiding citizens to acquire these

I would encourage a focus on improving mental health services and outreach starting from the middle school level to adult hood if not earlier. This is truly the root cause of the violence, not the guns themselves. The guns have all been around for years, they have been easily accessible for years. The mental health services through the state and country have fallen far below the bare minimum for much too long. I encourage you guys to put funding into that realm, as few shooters/mass shooters come with no warning signs or previous history of Mental health and or substance abuse issues.

thank you for your time and all your efforts. I support new bills that are common sense and have not already been overturned or determined to be unconstitutional on other states. Please do not waste the time or money of your constituents on bills as poorly written as this. Let's do things right that can work, not just do something to do something.

mahalo

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 4:42:08 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha, as a concerned citizen born and raised on Maui, I strongly oppose SB3196 that seeks to expand the prohibition on certain firearms and accessories outlined in the legislation. While the intention to address public safety concerns is commendable, the proposed measures are deeply flawed and raise significant constitutional and practical concerns. First and foremost, the amendments unfairly target law-abiding citizens and impinge upon their Second Amendment rights without addressing the underlying causes of gun violence. The proposed expansion of the prohibition on assault weapons, including rifles, shotguns, and pistols, is overly broad and fails to differentiate between responsible gun owners and criminals. Punishing law-abiding citizens by restricting their access to firearms does not effectively address the root causes of violence and may even exacerbate existing social tensions. Moreover, the proposed restrictions on firearms and attachments ignore the fact that the vast majority of gun owners use their firearms responsibly for hunting, and recreational purposes. Blanket prohibitions on certain types of firearms and accessories unfairly penalize law-abiding citizens without providing any meaningful impact on public safety. Additionally, the provisions prohibiting the sale or transfer of certain firearms within the state impose undue burdens on lawful gun owners and undermine their ability to exercise their Second Amendment rights. Restricting the sale and transfer of firearms to authorized individuals only creates unnecessary barriers and limits access to legal means of firearm ownership. Furthermore, the proposed exemptions for members of law enforcement and the military create a troubling double standard that undermines the principle of equal protection under the law. All citizens should be entitled to the same rights and protections under the Constitution, regardless of their occupation or affiliation. In conclusion, while the goal of promoting public safety is laudable, the proposed amendments to prohibit certain firearms and accessories are deeply flawed and fail to address the complexities of gun violence. Instead of imposing sweeping restrictions on law-abiding citizens, policymakers should focus on evidence-based solutions that address the root causes of violence while respecting the constitutional rights of all Americans. Mahalo for your time.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 4:46:10 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

As a law abiding resident of Hawaii I and I oppose SB3196.

The bill is too restrictive. I currently have a legally registered shotgun and pistol that are NOT modified, but exceed the magazine capacity of this measure. I'm sure there are many other Hawaii residents with a similar issue.

Strongly suggest the bill be amended to remove or reword those paragraphs. There are already local laws that cover those situations.

I understand the intent of SB3196, but believe it is much too detailed as currently written. There will be someone who will find a loophole in that bill if passed as currently written.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 4:53:39 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Hello,

My name is Rebecca McGuire. I oppose this bill as it infringes on the right to bear arms and is too restrictive in the firearms it mentions.

thank you,

Rebecca McGuire

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 4:55:26 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

"Right to bear arms" Hawaii please do not take away my Second Amendment.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 4:57:10 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Wilfred Lum	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I stand in strong opposition of this bill on the basis that this bill restricts law abiding citizens from exercising their 2nd Amendment Rights and limits their choice in what firearms they may obtain to protect themselves, their family and property. This law will do nothing in preventing criminals from obtaining the firearms they want on the black market. A perfect example of this can be seen on New Year's Eve when there are thousands of illegal aerial fireworks going off. There is ban on all such aerial fireworks, but as you can see that does nothing for these fireworks from being brought in and being used by people in the public. What makes you think this law will prevent criminals from bringing in & obtaining firearms on the balck market?

True reform should come in the way for mental health programs, and tougher penalties & convictions for those who use a firearm in the commitment of a crime. We should look into getting more prisons built to house these individuals as well, instead of allowing them to return back onto the streets.

I live in Kahaluu and my property has been trespassed multiple times & burglarized twice. My entire property is surrounded by a 6 foot chainlink fence and signs mind you. On all occasions I have been fortunate that no one was home. But in the event that this happens again & I am home, I would like the opportunity to be able to arm myself properly to handle such threats and to stop them from occurring. The police are not there to protect myself, family or property....I am my first line of defense and I strongly feel that the government has no right to take that right away from me, or decide on how many bullets my firearm should carry.

It would not take you long to go online to see surveillance video of break ins & it shows multiple people entering all at once. Contrary to what you see in a movie, one bullet does not necessarily drop an assailant, and if I have multiple people wishing to do me harm, I would like to have more than 10 rounds in my magazine to take care of the multiple assailants.

To our legislators, if you truly wish to tackle the issues with guns being committed in crimes, do not go about it in such a way that you take away the rights of law-abiding citizens.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 4:57:11 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose.

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February 17, 2024

Subject; My testimony concerning SB3196

To whom it may concern,

Aloha, my name is Don Tisinger. I have been a resident and licensed painting contractor on Maui since 1998. During this time I have been actively involved in the competition shooting community as well as a certified range safety officer and certified pistol instructor.

I would like to state that I am strongly opposed to SB3196. I will explain why as briefly as possible and hope that you will keep an open mind and consider why this bill will do absolutely nothing to lessen the amount of gun violence that we have today.

It breaks my heart every time I hear of another mass shooting. And then, a day or two later, the topic of gun control comes up. Or banning assault weapons. Sometimes more laws are enacted and sometimes the talk just goes away until the next mass shooting. And it starts all over with the same cycle. Year after year. I feel like it started with Columbine. April 20, 1999. Since then, how many gun laws have been enacted? Have the shootings stopped? Have they slowed down? No. And they won't by continuing on this path of putting blame on the gun and penalizing responsible gun owners.

The "gun" or firearm is an inert object. It cannot do anything without a human guiding it. Like an automobile, a pencil, etc. We don't ban cars because a drunk drivers keep killing people. We don't ban pencils because someone misspells a word. The gun is a tool. Just like a hammer or saw or a wrench. You have different kinds to do different jobs. I've always taken offense to words used to describe or sensationalize a firearm. "Assault weapon"? It generally refers to a military style rifle. But ,if you think about it, it's not a weapon unless it has been used as one. Otherwise it is just a firearm. An inert object. If someone uses a hammer to hit another person in the head, is that an assault weapon?

I know that the law makers and politicians that come up with these gun bills, have good intentions. But with all due respect, please open your eyes and your minds and take this and every opportunity to bring to the table and pass laws that will actually work to help stop all the senseless shootings. If you could please just take the focus off of the banning the gun and punishing the responsible gun owner, and focus it on the criminal and mental reasons for the degradation of society.

If this bill, SB3196 passes, I will be sick to my stomach that another opportunity has passed for making a real difference. And once again taking away more rights of responsible gun owners while doing absolutely nothing to stop the criminals from using guns. The criminals don't care about your laws. They don't care about magazine capacity. No matter how many more SB's you come up with. They don't care. They are going to continue until you pass laws against "Them". This is the degradation of society. No responsibility for their actions . No real consequences. No deterrents. And as long as these guys have their guns, how can you sleep at night asking law abiding citizens to give up theirs? No disrespect intended.

Until we start using a common sense approach to dealing with gun violence by focusing on the human instead of the gun, it will only get worst. And that is why myself and almost everyone I know will keep our guns because we know what is coming if this is not fixed soon.

I pray to God that this bill does not pass and that God will guide Hawaii's lawmakers to bring forth bills that will actually help our society.

Thank you for your consideration,

Don Tisinger

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 4:58:41 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Terence Wilson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a responsible gun owner and law-abiding citizen let me start by saying "shame on you" state a local officials for infringing on Hawaii residents' Constitutional Right to bear arms. If you are going to take all other constitutional amendments at their literal meaning then you must also do the same for the 2nd Amendment without metaphor or allegory.

Any type of gun ban will have no impact on the big picture of keeping our families and our communities safe. It will only weaken responsible gun owner's ability to protect themselves and their families while at the same time assisting criminals with being better at what they do. Criminals, by definition do not obey the law. No matter how many gun laws you pass, crime will continue to exist because once again criminals DO NOT obey the law. Gun control laws only affect law-abiding citizens who go through legal avenues to obtain firearms.

Per FBI statistics, more violent crimes are committed with handguns than rifles or shotguns. Statistics from 2020, the most recent year for which the FBI has published data, show that handguns were involved in 59% of the 13,620 U.S. gun murders and non-negligent man slaughters. Rifles – the category that includes guns sometimes referred to as “assault weapons” – were involved in 3% of firearm murders. Shotguns were only involved in 1%. Handguns by far are the gun of choice for homicides, robberies, and gang violence. Looking at the FBI statistics, a semi-automatic rifle ban makes no sense.

Please provide statistics showing semi-automatic rifle crime is so grave and dangerous that a ban needs to be implemented. I'll wait.

Further restrictions on responsible gun owners will makes instant felons out of law-abiding citizens, further jeopardizes people’s safety and their Constitutional Right to bear arms and defend themselves and their families and emboldens criminals who aren't listening to the laws to begin with. This ban will also penalize citizens who are following the law in a state that's already extremely restrictive on matters related to gun control.

Keep in mind Prohibition didn't stop alcohol and the statewide ban on aerial firework is having zero impact on residents' ability to acquire them. The fireworks ban has been completely ignored since its inception. The same will happen with a semi-automatic rifle ban.

Everyone that purchases a firearm is not a criminal or has bad intentions. Some are hobbyists, collectors, hunters and some just want to be able to protect themselves and their families. Some

like myself, want to begin shooting competitively. A ban will make it extremely difficult to do the aforementioned things. A ban will also negatively impact many businesses and related industries as well.

I encourage you to work with the 2A community to find a viable solution and not create larger problems. Please do not fall on deaf ears.

For the reasons stated above I oppose SB3196 as it is unconstitutional and severely infringes on my Constitutional Right to bear arms.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 5:04:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
david ainoa jr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a former Marine and avid hunter that provides 70% of the meat that my family consumes I oppose any firearm restriction . I swore to uphold and defend the constitution of the United States. It's a people problem not a gun problem. Blame your plate and silverware because you overweight.... shame on you if you swore to uphold the constitution

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 5:05:09 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Cread Mitsui Jr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 5:08:55 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

## Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. As representatives you are not upholding anyone's right instead you are infringing 2nd amendment rights of all firearm owners, future owners and Hawaii businesses. You have managed to put many small business owners OUT of business during covid and are only continuing your unchecked perversion of law. The statistics of gun violence in Hawaii does not warrant these measures however the statistics of assault and assault with a weapon (not a firearm) continue to rise. How about a debate? Especially before you enact something based on your feelings.

Lawrence Baptista

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 5:10:04 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sharee Orr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB3196 as a Hawaii state citizen and a taxpayer.

The Hawaii State Constitution along with the US Constitution both have right to bear arms that state the wording shall not be infringed in them so why is there a bill to disarm peaceable citizens. The narrative of gun violence is just that a narrative. Why when peaceable owners aren't the ones committing crime are they to take the brunt of the criminals do? Criminals don't follow laws. Murder is against the is if your trying to prevent that's you've already done so.

This, if passed, will go to court as it is unconstitutional. Any bill going against the Constitution is unconstitutional. Taxpayer money is used to go to court. And when the state loses the plaintiff usually asks for their court costs to be paid by the one who loses that means more Hawaii taxpayers money being wasted. I agree that the plaintiff should be able to ask for court costs to be paid as the bill was unconstitutional. I get tired of the state wasting taxpayer monies on this infringement topic (and many others) as they've went to court over a number of unconstitutional laws already. It is best not to pass a bill that ends up in court. Taxpayers are already burdened too far as it is. No more unconstitutional doings by the state legislators.

The legislators need to reread the Hawaii State Constitution and the US Constitution. You as legislators are to uphold them not go against them. I have included the ones I feel as important for reviewing that this bill violates The state and federal constitutions limit the government not the citizens.

**Hawaii State Constitution**

**Article I - Bill of Rights**

**Right to Bear Arms**

**Section 17.** 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. [Ren Const Con 1978 and election Nov 7, 1978]

**RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS**

**Section 2.** All persons are free by nature and are equal in their inherent and inalienable rights. Among these rights are the enjoyment of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and the acquiring and possessing of property. These rights cannot endure unless the people recognize their corresponding obligations and responsibilities. [Am Const Con 1978 and election Nov 7, 1978]

## **US Constitutionn**

### **2nd Amendment**

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.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 5:15:23 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

It against my second amendment rights. And this wouldn't make a difference in gun violence or crimes

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 5:28:53 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose sb3196. Do not infringe the 2nd amendment!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 5:29:51 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

If I had the time, I work 6.5 days/week, I could write a book on all the ways you're not only violating your oath of office to UPHOLD Our Constitution but also how your intent and actions are the equivalent of legislative crimes. Myself which is a part of We the People have an unalienable (cannot be changed, relinquished nor taken away) right to keep and bear Arms for all lawful purposes especially weapons "in-common-use", our 2A which is codified into law as an imposed limitation on Govt., along with all our Bill of Rights and our other extensive unalienable rights not enumerated, recognizes this pre-existing right to fight with offensive/defensive action against all forms of tyranny wether foreign, domestic or criminal. You may not personally like these facts but your opinions and feelings are irrelevant. You are obligated to protect and defend all aspects of our Constitution, the fact you're not speaks volumes of your lack of integrity and weaponization of our legal system. You may not like firearms but every freedom and liberty that allows for your lifestyle has been predicated upon 2A, you may think your actions are a "safeguard" against violence but you're ultimately setting the tone for continued and increased tyranny, what that future looks like will be far worse for everyone, which includes your own family and children. They will ultimately suffer for your transgressions and the inability to defend themselves with adequate force as the world's hostilities increase. Educate yourselves on the historical facts of what happens to disarmed populations, the result is mass genocide, which even you aren't safe from, just another puppet to be removed once used up. You're traitors to EVERYONE you know and love but are to ignorant and pretentious to see clearly. STOP attacking We the People with your constant threats and intimidation to violate our unalienable rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 5:33:48 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I **strongly *OPPOSE*** bill **SB3196**. This bill will make every responsible firearms owner a felon. And also hurt gun store business owners by making shotguns and rifles illegal.

It's just another bill trying to restrict my consitutional rights, which you as senators swore to uphold. But guess what criminals will still commit crimes with these banned weapons if bill is passed. No matter how many citizens that speak against this bill, we feel that you will not listen to us anyway. So the next best thing is to vote in someone who will. Besides you work for the people...not the other way around. Mahalo for your time!!!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 5:39:23 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

As a concerned citizen I strongly urge you all to vote against SN3196 as it is only affecting law biding citizens rights. This does nothing to help with the way criminals do what they do. It is an infringement on the people's second amendment and will only become a waste of everyone's time and tax dollars. Thank you for listening, have a great day.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 5:40:13 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose, bill SB3196. This will only affect responsible individuals that practice the second amendment rights, and will negatively impact all local firearms businesses. If this bill was designed to lower crime rates or to keep the "Aloha spirit" intact, this isn't the way to do it.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 5:44:06 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha my name is Norbert Ang and I oppose SB3196. The reason for that being it infringes on my 2nd amendment right as an American. In my honest opinion, SB3196 is pretty much a ban on most of if not, all firearms in the state of Hawaii. I think that is just unethical, illogical and irresponsible to the law abiding citizens that want to express our constitutional right. The process in which to acquire a firearm in Hawaii was already a chore in and of itself and then to ban the firearms that I legally own is just unconstitutional. We will not have sufficient firearms to protect our families, friends, properties and businesses if this passes. Thank you for your time, Mahalo!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 5:50:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
GENER MACARAEG	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello,

I oppose SB3196 . I ask you to please oppose SB3196 and do not pass this bill. It is very restrictive for law abiding citizens and banning things does not work (ie., fireworks, drugs, etc).

This bill goes against The Second Amendment of the United States Constitution which grants citizens the right to bear arms. I shall not be infringed. This bill is too restrictive by depriving law abiding citizens from acquiring the tools they need to protect themselves.

This bill will also leave law-abiding citizens defenseless because they will not have access to the right tools they need to protect themselves, unable to practice and be proficient with these tools, therefore unable to protect themselves at any given place where crime can occur. It will help criminals instead of helping law abiding citizens. This bill will not help or prevent crimes. Criminals will likely commit crimes against unprotected citizens. Criminals will know that citizens will be easy targets and the Police will likely not going to be there to protect them before the crime happens.

This bill will also cause extreme financial harm and burden to law abiding citizens who wants to sell/transfer firearm related items/parts lawfully to another person in Hawaii. Law abiding citizens will not be able to give or transfer these tools to their families and loved ones when they pass away. It will also have great effect to local businesses and commerce.

Again, this bill goes against The Second Amendment of the US Contitution which grants citizens the right to bear arms and self protection anywhere at any time. The right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed. This also infringes on lawful industry commerce and economy, and banning things does not work (ie., fireworks, drugs, etc), so please do not pass it.

Thank you,

Gener Macaraeg

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 6:03:01 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<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 with every fiber of my being. I can choose to write a long section with paragraph after paragraph, hitting points like a nail on the head but i fear it will fall on deaf ears in your voting center. So Ill keep it short and sweet. Do not impede on our 2nd amendment rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 6:03:47 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I too oppose this bill with every fiber of my being. I can choose to write a long section with paragraph after paragraph, hitting points like a nail on the head but i fear it will fall on deaf ears in your voting center. So Ill keep it short and sweet. Do not impede on our 2nd amendment rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 6:05:11 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<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 with every fiber of my being. I can choose to write a long section with paragraph after paragraph, hitting points like a nail on the head but i fear it will fall on deaf ears in your voting center. So Ill keep it short and sweet. Do not impede on our 2nd amendment rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 6:06:46 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

to whom it may concern,

I appose SB3196 as it is unconstutional. Hawaii is a state of the united states of america.

and the constituion is the one thing that must not be ignored. We the people are you employers

that means you work for the people. this bill is a flat out infringement of the second admenment and is just another way of taking away our rights.

thank you,

Capt. M Hasbrouck

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 6:11:49 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jacob Medeiros	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Jacob Medeiros. I work as a Project Manager for a construction general contractor. I was born and raised on Oahu. My parents raised me to be a good citizen, and to follow the law. I was a boy scout and became an Eagle scout. I learned how to live in the outdoors, and during that time I learned how to properly handle firearms. I embraced the outdoors and hunting lifestyle. The Boy Scouts also took the time to teach me about my civic duty and my constitutional rights. It seems I have to protect my second amendment right every single year in the state of Hawaii.

I **oppose** SB3196. As a law abiding citizen in the state of Hawai'i of the United States of America I have the *constititutional* right to own firearms. Especially those in common use. History has shown prohibition does not prevent criminals from obtaining illegal items. It only prevents law abiding citizens. I strongly oppose SB3196. I do not believe that it will curtail illegal gun violence or reduce crime. Just as the firework ban did not stop illegal aerial fireworks.

The firearms I own are used for hunting, recreation, and are stored safely in my home for self-defense. If this bill were to pass I would lose the ability to hunt axis deer for food for my family. I will lose the recreational benefit. Most importantly, this bill will strip me of my ability to protect myself and my family with equal or greater force multipliers that a criminal will continue to use.

In summary, I believe the intention of the bill is to create a "safer" Hawaii for everyone, but in reality it creates a haven for criminals to run unchallenged. It denies citizens their constitutional right to bear arms. It takes tools away from families that use them to hunt food. It will not work.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 6:19:51 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill because I believe in the second amendment. This bill goes against what the people of this country fought for.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 6:27:39 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Miles Freed and I am submitting this testimony as a private citizen in opposition to bill SB3196. I find it ridiculous that legislators believe that they have the right to arbitrarily pass legislation that goes against the wishes of their constituents, bypassing our voices and wants and believing that they can make decisions for us as if we're children that need handholding through life. You were not elected so that you could take away our God given rights, but so that you would protect and defend them, while defending and increasing our rights and access to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Restricting and banning access to firearms and their attachments and modifications, goes entirely against the 2nd amendment that was enshrined in the constitution of the United States as well as going against multiple decisions made in the Supreme Court. Taking firearms away from and restricting access for law abiding citizens does nothing to stop violent crime, and will only do the opposite and make violent crime an even more serious and pressing issue as can be shown in the multiple states and cities across the country where they have the strictest regulations, but also have the highest rate of gun related crimes, violence, and deaths. The people of Hawaii do not want this bill to pass. If you want to sit and claim that we live in a democracy, then listen to the majority when they tell you not to pass this bill. Also, do us all a favor and don't run for office again.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 6:34:32 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am strongly opposed to this bill! We as citizen have the right to protect/defend ourselves and family! The 2nd amendment gives us the capability to do so. So again I am strongly opposed to this bill!

Mahalo for your time!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 6:42:45 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I have been a law enforcement officer for many years, both on the mainland and here in my beloved Hawai'i, and have been a professional firearms instructor for several of those years. I have dealt extensively with firearms, both regarding legal use but also combatting their illegal use, and am quite familiar with violent crime both from my career and my young life in the city of Baltimore. When I see laws such as SB3196, my blood runs cold; laws like these, which trample the fundamental rights of the citizens we serve, rarely have any effect on violent crime, delivering a net negative: our citizens are less free, and they don't even get the trade-off of increased public safety to make up for it.

A member of the legislature will undoubtedly make the claim that allowing semiautomatic firearms to remain in the market is somehow a danger to first responders. But that claim belies a cruel intent: to deny modernity for the sake of increased state control. We are now arguing the legality of the most common design of firearm for nearly the last century; are we to also clamor for the outlawing of social media for its facilitation of political extremism? No, we aren't; that, after all, doesn't win a legislator more votes in their next election.

I have sworn throughout my life to uphold the law, and to do so means to respect the rights of my fellow citizens. I would rather face a foe with an AR-15 than deny tens of thousands of good people their ability to safely own one. I believe in life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness- the question is, does the state legislature?

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 6:46:02 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha, committee members,

I am writing to you today to express my opposition to Senate Bill 3196 (SB3196), which I believe represents a significant infringement on the rights of law-abiding citizens as guaranteed by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution.

While I understand and respect the need for public safety and the protection of our citizens, I am concerned that the proposed legislation, rather than effectively addressing the issue of crime, will instead place undue burdens on responsible gun owners. In its current form, SB3196 threatens the rights of those who adhere to the laws and use their firearms responsibly, while doing little to deter those who would use them for illegal activities.

The Second Amendment was not written lightly, nor was it intended to be easily dismissed. It is a fundamental right of every American citizen to bear arms for their protection and the protection of their families. This right should not be unnecessarily restricted or infringed upon, especially not by legislation that targets law-abiding citizens rather than criminals.

It is also worth noting that the implementation of SB3196 would place an enormous strain on our already overburdened law enforcement agencies. They would be required to enforce these new regulations, diverting resources away from the fight against real crime, and towards penalizing responsible gun owners.

As a concerned citizen and a believer in our constitutional rights, I urge you to consider the implications of this bill. Rather than passing legislation that infringes on the rights of law-abiding citizens, I urge you to focus on measures that would effectively deter criminals and prevent illegal activities.

I ask you to stand up for the rights of your constituents and oppose SB3196. I believe that with thoughtful consideration and a commitment to protecting our rights, we can find a solution to the problem of gun violence that respects the rights of all citizens and effectively targets criminal behavior.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my views on this matter. I trust that you will make the right decision for the people you represent.

Sincerely,

Josh Stueber

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 6:48:02 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Dear Senators of Hawaii,

I am writing this letter in regards to the anti gun bill that is currently being shoved down our throats here in Hawaii. I voted in opposition to it and like all other bills that we vote against, and still, somehow, magically gets your yes on it, except for our Senator Awa, whom us conservatives and some liberals hold in high regard for actually listening and voting for what we support. Im asking to not allow this bill to go any further up the chain as it is unconstitutional. The law abiding citizens of Hawaii, follow your strict and often times sickening rules for firearms for fear of losing our 2nd amendment rights, which is illegal might I add. I do fear that you already have your minds made up on this topic and as a person that pays his taxes and follows the everyday rules of a good citizen, I ask you to not vote yes on the bill. I understand that you want Hawaii to be reminiscent of Stalingrad or North Korea but the normals of Hawaii nei do not. If you do some research, you will see that blue states with strict gun laws, have the highest violent gun crime rates. Regardless of the laws you pass, criminals will never follow them and the only ones that suffer are the ones that lose our rights as good law abiding citizens. The lack of knowledge on firearms is what creates the fear mongering with the limited anti gun population. I would suggest making classes available for those so that they no longer are ignorant on the topic and the fear will disappear like a bad dream.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 6:49:25 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 3196, which proposes a ban on semiautomatic rifles. While I understand the concerns surrounding gun violence and the desire to enact measures to address it, I believe that SB3196 is not the appropriate solution and would have serious negative consequences for law-abiding citizens.

the ban on semiautomatic rifles, such as infringement on Second Amendment rights, lack of effectiveness in reducing crime,

Furthermore, I am concerned that SB3196 unfairly targets law-abiding gun owners and fails to address the root causes of gun violence. Instead of focusing on restricting access to certain types of firearms, efforts should be directed towards addressing mental health issues, improving background checks, and enhancing law enforcement efforts to prevent illegal gun trafficking.

It is essential to balance public safety with the protection of individual rights, including the right to bear arms. SB3196, in its current form, undermines this balance and sets a dangerous precedent for further erosion of Second Amendment rights.

I urge you to oppose SB3196 and to work towards more comprehensive and effective solutions to address the complex issue of gun violence. Let us focus on strategies that respect the rights of responsible gun owners while promoting safer communities for all.

Thank you for considering my perspective on this matter. I hope that you will prioritize a balanced approach to gun legislation that respects the rights and concerns of all citizens.

Sincerely,

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 6:54:01 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill in its entirety.

It seeks to make common use guns that have been in use for several decades illegal. I and many other people use many of the weapons on this list for hunting, sport shooting and self defense. Many people like myself, collect guns for investment and for future securities. I like so many others would be hurt and made into a criminal by no fault of my own. This bill only seeks to take away guns from law abiding citizens and does nothing to either stop actual criminals and their activities.

This bill should be deferred. Many components of this bill are being challenged in courts a cross the nation, up to the Supreme Court of these United States. You have a duty to uphold the constitution not subvert it. This will be an expensive bill to fight in court and the people of Hawai'i should not have to shoulder the burden for a misguided and clearly unconstitutional bill.

Crime is on the rise, not because of guns; but because we are not enforcing the laws we already have. The latest law enforcement statistics tell us that. Illegal ghost guns and stolen guns comprise almost all of the violent crimes. Yet we have seen time and time again its these violent criminals that perpetuate these crimes.

Please vote no to this bill in its entirety.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 7:03:36 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am writing to you today to express my opposition to Senate Bill 3196 (SB3196), which I believe represents a tyrannous infringement on the rights of law-abiding citizens as guaranteed by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution and Hawaii State Consitution.

I am concerned that the proposed legislation, rather than effectively addressing the issue of crime, your proposed legislation has zero consequences for criminals who display blantant disregard for the public. Where is the accountability? This will instead place undue burdens on responsible gun ownership. In its current form, SB3196 threatens the rights of those who adhere to the laws and use their firearms responsibly, while doing little to deter those who would use them for illegal activities.

The Second Amendment was not written lightly, nor was it intended to be easily dismissed. It is a fundmental right of every American citizen to bear arms for their protection and the protection of their families against. This right should not be unnecessarily restricted or infringed upon, especially not by legislation that targets law-abiding citizens rather than criminals.

As a concerned American citizen and a believer in our constitutional rights, I urge you to consider the serious implications of this bill. Rather than passing legislation that infringes on the rights of law-abiding citizens, I urge you to focus on measures that would effectively deter criminals and prevent illegal activities.

I ask you to stand up for the rights of your constituents and oppose SB3196. I believe that with thoughtful consideration and a commitment to protecting our rights, we can find a solution to the problem of gun violence that respects the rights of all citizens and effectively targets criminal behavior.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my views on this matter. I trust that you will make the right decision for the people you represent.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 7:13:38 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brendon Heal	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is COMPLETELY UNCONSTITUTIONAL, and goes against all Supreme Court precedent.

Use your time in legislation to address real CRIMINALS.

STOP HARASSING LAWFUL CITIZENS RIGHTS.

"False is the idea of utility that sacrifices a thousand real advantages for one imaginary or trifling inconvenience; that would take fire from men because it burns, and water because one may drown in it; that has no remedy for evils, except destruction. The laws that forbid the carrying of arms are laws of such a nature. They disarm those only who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes. Can it be supposed that those who have the courage to violate the most sacred laws of humanity, the most important of the code, will respect the less important and arbitrary [laws], which can be violated with ease and impunity, and which, if strictly obeyed, would put an end to personal liberty—so dear to men, so dear to the enlightened legislator-and subject innocent persons to all the vexations that the guilty alone ought to suffer? Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants; they serve rather to encourage than to prevent homicides, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed." Source: Cesare Beccaria, On Crimes and Punishments, 1764

These are the very ideas in which the founders of this country subscribed to.

Abide your oath of office and immediately oppose this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 7:14:02 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am an engaged and actively voting member of the public, as well as a Hawaii born and raised veteran of the United States Marine Corps who served this country with pride.

I strongly oppose 3196 and any effort to further restrain the 2nd amendment rights of law abusing citizens in our state. US Supreme Court rulings have clearly defined that these types of measures are unconstitutional. These types of poorly thought bills will continue to cost the state taxpayers money when they are challenged, and lost in the judicial system. Why does the legislature of Hawaii continue to push laws that fail to protect the community, rather than putting time and effort into providing our community with efforts that promote safety and security.

The last few years it feels (anecdotally) that there has been a rise in firearm related assaults and murders. By all media accounts these crimes are NOT committed by law abiding gun owners, but criminals who are traditionally barred from firearm ownership. Criminals by nature don't follow the law, why does the legislature feel that piling more laws will make them think twice.

All this does is expose the state to legal jeopardy. As an engaged voter and member of the community, passing these types of laws will only engage me in donating more money to pro-second amendment and civil rights groups to fight against these unconstitutional laws. With US Supreme Court rulings clearly aligned with preserving the 2nd amendment, I would become engaged in getting these types of laws taken to the Supreme Court so they can (once and for all) be settled as unconstitutional across our country.

Respectfully,

J.Hirose

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 7:14:57 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cliff mello	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Testimony Against the Unjust Bill:

Honorable Members of the Legislative Assembly,

I address you today with grave concerns regarding the proposed bill, which not only disregards our constitutional rights but also distorts the true essence of the "*Aloha Spirit*" to justify its unjust provisions. This bill, if passed, would punish law-abiding citizens and stand in direct opposition to established legal precedent, including landmark cases such as *Bruen v. City of New York* and *District of Columbia v. Heller*, which unequivocally affirm the sanctity of our Second Amendment freedoms.

In *Bruen v. City of New York*, the United States Supreme Court reaffirmed the fundamental right of individuals to keep and bear arms for self-defense purposes, emphasizing the importance of respecting the rights of responsible gun owners and rejecting arbitrary restrictions imposed by government entities. Similarly, *District of Columbia v. Heller* underscored the individual's right to possess firearms for self-defense within the home, highlighting the integral role of the Second Amendment in preserving individual liberty and security.

Numerous legal challenges to similar bills aimed at restricting firearm ownership have been struck down by courts across the country, demonstrating the judiciary's commitment to upholding the Second Amendment and protecting the rights of law-abiding citizens from unwarranted government intrusion.

The attempt to use the concept of the "*Aloha Spirit*" to justify the infringement of our Second Amendment rights is not only misguided but also deeply disrespectful to the true meaning of aloha, which embodies principles of respect, compassion, and mutual understanding. To gaslight citizens into believing that the "*Aloha Spirit*" can be weaponized against them to undermine their constitutional rights is an insult to our intelligence and an affront to the values we hold dear.

Furthermore, the proposed bill fails to address the root causes of crime and violence in our communities and instead targets responsible gun owners who have committed no wrongdoing. Rather than focusing on punitive measures, our efforts should be directed towards promoting education, addressing mental health issues, and fostering a culture of responsible firearm ownership.

In conclusion, I implore you to reject this unjust bill and stand on the side of freedom, justice, and individual rights. Let us not allow the misguided intentions of a few to erode the liberties enshrined in our Constitution. The people of our great nation deserve better, and it is our duty to uphold their rights and protect their freedoms.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 7:15:31 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

The Highest Court in the United States Has already ruled that No State can Ban so called Assult Weapones ,or Magazines of any kined .This would be a clear Violation of the 2nd Amendment.

Any one that Votes for this is a COMMUNIST .We the People of Hawaii do not want any Communist Here. We will be watching. November is not far away!!!!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 7:54:22 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am against this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 7:58:18 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 8:01:38 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shaun Duldulao	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony. I would like to start off by saying that I oppose SB3196. As our elected officials, I would hope that you take your paths seriously and uphold them. Hawaii constitution, Bill of Rights - Article 1, Section 17 states;

**RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS**

**Section 17.** 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. [Ren Const Con 1978 and election Nov 7, 1978]

I am also a veteran with 13 years of service and still serving. The bill threatens to take away my ability to remain proficient by training on my own when not in service. I work and pay hard earned money to stay on top of my training so that one day, if needed, I may save lives. Classes I pay for include becoming more proficient with an array of weapons, and classes that provide triage for self or others.

i do understand there is a stigma on firearms and the dangers it poses but it is a tool to preserve life. If this bill is to pass, not only will you be disarming law abiding citizens but also making them targets against the evil doers who don't give two cents about going through the proper steps to obtaining a firearm legally in the first place. Hard working families will fall victim to those who just enter their property, cause property damage and also inflict emotional and psychological damage as well. Bad guys will think they can get away with anything. Do not disarm us, do not pass this bill.

Just recently, on Maui, a CCW holder held a woman at gun point for driving a stolen vehicle who had prior arrests. That individual helped MPD with zero casualties. Can you imagine if he didnt do that and the person who was driving the illegal vehicle decided to make the wrong choice by driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol and lost control and killed pedestrians? Families of the victims would be mourning the loss of loved ones. But this brave person

mitigated that.

The firearms industry is always busy and helps to generate local revenue for the islands. I myself do work at a local gunshop part time. If the ban were to go through, this extra bit of income could have a negative impact on my finances. Hawaii already is so hard to live in with the ongoing inflation and rising costs of groceries. I enjoy my part time job and talk to like minded people. It feels more like a hobby than it does work.

i would highly encourage stepping into a gunshop and seeing firsthand how tightknit the 2A community is. Visit Koko Head gun range and ask the people there for some honest feedback. If you've never shot a firearm before, I'm sure they will be more than willing to let you shoot some firearms ranging from ARs to bolt action, 5.56 to 9mm to even .22lr.

Please reconsider and not allow this bill to go through.

Thank you and Aloha!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 8:04:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Hello my name is Joshua Drye. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony for this bill. If you will please take the time to read my testimony. I strongly oppose to bill sb3196. I've been raised on firearms my whole life. My son has been raised on firearms his whole life. He was raised to respect them. Guns do not hurt people. It's how people are raised. With this bill you will ban nearly every firearm made today from hard working law abiding citizens. Criminals will STILL have their guns. And we will be left defenseless to protect ourselves. I live in a very rural dangerous area where cops can take up to 45 minutes to reach where I live. I as a human being have the right to protect my family just as much as any police officer or military personnel. You said it yourselves that Hawaii is one of the safest states in the United States of America. And taking away from the law abiding citizens will just turn it into a more dangerous place. Because criminals will know that they are the only ones left with the firearms. And it's not just about self-protection. For me firearms is a sport a hobby that I enjoy doing on my free time. We should have the right to use which firearms we wish and what attachments we wish to apply to them. Please stop attacking the law-abiding citizens. And please allow us the right to exercise our freedoms as the Americans that we were born to be. Please focus more on raising people properly and teaching them respect for firearms and other people. I humbly thank you for your time sincerely Joshua Drye

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 8:13:16 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I highly oppose bill SB3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 8:14:36 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Martin Dixon	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Martin Dixon. I am writing in absolute OPPOSITION of SB3196.

I am a resident of Oahu and a father to 3 children. I've lived here since I was 3 years old and have witnessed many changes, including the increase in violent crime and the extreme nature of violence in many incidents. While I understand the urgent need to address this issue, I firmly believe this not only doesn't address the root of it, but further endangers law abiding citizens. Those who are perpetuating these acts of violence are not obtaining their firearms by legal means. A criminal by definition does not obey the law, so I don't see the logic in creating more/stricter laws (pertaining to acquiring firearms) to address violent crimes involving firearms.

This bill focuses primarily on various features of firearms. Please keep in mind that a firearm is simply a tool. The result it achieves is determined by the hands that operate it. Neither the firearm or its features are a threat when handled properly/responsibly. While I do believe many of the features being listed in this bill make for a more efficient tool, that alone is also not inherently bad.

One of my responsibilities as a father is to protect my family. As the saying goes, "When seconds count, the police are only minutes away.". That is in no way a knock on our police department or its officers. It is a fact that they will not beat a victim/potential victim to the scene of the crime if they aren't already on site at the time. We are all our own first responders in the face of violent crime. A firearm is a highly effective tool for self defense. It equalizes disadvantages or weaknesses which may very well lead to being the target of violent crime to begin with. If the features of a firearm make it a more effective tool for the purpose of protecting oneself, it is senseless to deny law abiding citizens that advantage. Especially when the criminal element will still have unabridged access to them.

I ask that you please deeply consider the realistic effects this bill could have and the dangers it poses to the community. If the goal really is to increase the safety of the public, this certainly will not achieve it.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 8:27:58 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

Take a step back and look at the history of America. Imagine where we would be if our ancestors who created the constitution didn't fight back against tyranny. Our right to bear arms was written in the constitution for a reason. Do your duty and protect our right and stop infringing on them. Imagine our future generations and how they will suffer if we allow the government to keep taking our freedoms. Our future generations will have nothing.

mahalo for allowing me to speak my mind.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 8:29:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Frank DeJesus III	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose bill sb3196 I use a ar15 to hunt with it is a versatile gun that can shot different calibers so you can have it chambered fit your liking also if make any semi automatic rifles illegal that would put almost all rifles illegal

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 8:32:58 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose the passing of this bill. The people that you represent oppose the passing of this Bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 8:42:45 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I Matthew Salboro oppose SB319.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 8:51:22 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. The only reason we still have a first amendment is because it is protected by the second amendment. If you limit the people's ability to defend themselves, you make them a weak target. You also do not do anything about the crime that leads to the shootings, and now you trying to take away our ability to defend ourselves. The constitution says shall not be infringed. This law infringes a lot. And probably would not hold up at the Supreme Court, so please don't waste our tax dollars defending a bill that should have never passed.

I am writing in absolute OPPOSITION to SB3196. As one of the tens of thousands of rifle owners in the State of Hawaii, this bill absolutely aims and targets at lawful possession of these firearms for the pure purpose of retaliation, spite, and political bias. SB3196 will PROHIBIT any ability to repair the firearms I, and tens of thousands in Hawaii, legally possess as it will make all repair parts and components illegal. Firearms are just like ANY functional mechanical device and parts and components will wear out and will need periodical replacement.

Clearly this is the aim of the crafters of SB3196. To PUNISH current legal gun owners and to prevent future gun owners from exercising their rights of lawful firearm ownership of constitutionally protected arms.

Statistically there is no data-supported evidence firearms, specifically rifles, have caused a "public safety" issue in Hawaii. I have attached the Uniformed Crime Reports from the Federal Bureau of Investigation with tables archived from the most recent 2016 – 2019 years. In those four sample years, the amount of recorded homicides in the State of Hawaii because of bare hands and feet total to thirty (30) as compared to rifle-related deaths at FIVE (5). Again, other than political motivations and outright SPITE towards gun owners in Hawaii, there is ZERO rationale for the existence of SB3196 in ANY form or fashion.

Kevin Kacatin  
Pearl City, HI

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Table 20

### Murder

by State, Types of Weapons, 2019

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State	Total murders <sup>1</sup>	Total firearms	Handguns	Rifles	Shotguns	Firearms (type unknown)	Knives or cutting instruments	Other weapons	Hands, fists, feet, etc. <sup>2</sup>
Alabama <sup>3</sup>	4	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	0
Alaska	69	44	17	1	6	20	8	5	12
Arizona	337	213	170	6	6	31	47	67	10
Arkansas	231	177	87	10	5	75	21	29	4
California	1,679	1,142	762	34	26	320	252	183	102
Colorado	209	135	83	5	3	44	32	30	12
Connecticut	104	65	11	1	0	53	15	17	7
Delaware	48	40	13	0	0	27	2	3	3
District of Columbia	166	136	52	0	0	84	18	2	10
Florida <sup>4</sup>	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Georgia	445	367	305	14	3	45	34	35	9
Hawaii	32	9	0	0	0	4	7	11	5
Idaho	35	16	9	0	0	7	3	13	3
Illinois <sup>5</sup>	771	647	564	7	4	72	70	44	10
Indiana	247	185	118	3	1	63	25	29	8
Iowa	58	36	21	0	0	15	8	8	6
Kansas	93	56	37	1	0	18	12	13	12
Kentucky	221	174	101	9	5	59	23	20	4
Louisiana	522	433	200	21	3	209	24	54	11
Maine	20	13	6	0	3	4	2	4	1
Maryland	551	460	414	3	4	39	43	34	14
Massachusetts	146	86	33	0	0	53	38	14	8
Michigan	551	379	172	13	5	189	44	104	24
Minnesota	114	79	61	0	0	18	10	15	10
Mississippi	189	153	117	4	3	29	11	23	2
Missouri	566	486	255	26	10	195	31	37	12
Montana	27	16	11	1	1	3	4	4	3
Nebraska	45	35	26	2	2	5	2	4	4
Nevada	147	94	49	5	3	37	20	23	10
New Hampshire	33	16	12	0	0	4	5	7	5
New Jersey	262	176	118	2	1	55	45	25	16
New Mexico	146	96	51	1	3	41	21	24	5
New York	550	298	255	3	5	35	119	89	44
North Carolina	516	383	224	26	8	125	52	68	13
North Dakota	26	13	5	2	1	5	5	4	4
Ohio	521	382	178	13	3	188	26	88	25
Oklahoma	264	189	129	11	12	37	27	37	11
Oregon	98	61	31	1	4	25	19	14	4
Pennsylvania	556	429	350	11	11	57	46	66	15
Rhode Island	25	10	1	0	0	9	7	6	2
South Carolina	445	381	224	9	8	140	22	27	15
South Dakota	19	7	4	1	0	2	3	6	3
Tennessee	498	391	173	13	7	198	41	46	20
Texas	1,379	1,064	568	72	21	403	127	130	58
Utah	66	41	18	1	6	16	8	13	4
Vermont	11	8	3	2	0	3	0	1	2
Virginia	427	323	150	15	9	149	40	49	15
Washington	194	135	89	5	3	38	23	24	12
West Virginia	72	48	23	7	2	16	6	15	3
Wisconsin	178	119	53	3	3	60	25	27	7
Wyoming	13	9	7	0	0	2	3	0	1

<sup>1</sup> Total number of murders for which supplemental homicide data were received.

<sup>2</sup> Pushed is included in hands, fists, feet, etc.

<sup>3</sup> Limited data for 2019 were available for Alabama.

<sup>4</sup> Data submitted through the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

<sup>5</sup> Limited supplemental homicide data were received.



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### Murder by State, Types of Weapons, 2018

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Alabama <sup>3</sup>	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alaska	47	31	7	3	0	21	8	3	5
Arizona	336	203	139	12	6	46	45	87	4
Arkansas	218	156	66	6	5	79	17	38	7
California	1,739	1,177	834	24	27	292	252	223	87
Colorado	207	147	99	2	8	38	27	13	20
Connecticut	83	54	10	2	0	42	18	9	2
Delaware	48	40	14	1	2	23	4	3	1
District of Columbia	151	120	120	0	0	0	20	7	4
Georgia	568	460	410	11	10	29	44	62	2
Hawaii	33	11	6	1	0	4	10	6	6
Idaho	32	19	14	2	2	1	4	8	1
Illinois <sup>3</sup>	864	708	592	14	4	98	77	53	26
Indiana	371	294	136	10	7	141	33	29	15
Iowa <sup>4</sup>	43	20	6	2	2	10	8	9	6
Kansas	110	78	47	0	2	29	7	19	6
Kentucky	237	179	112	12	6	49	17	32	9
Louisiana	521	436	233	12	5	186	30	44	11
Maine	23	11	6	0	1	4	2	6	4
Maryland	470	388	345	1	10	32	39	30	13
Massachusetts	136	93	37	0	1	55	25	13	5
Michigan	550	394	166	17	11	200	31	99	26
Minnesota	104	49	36	4	0	9	16	28	11
Mississippi	142	118	99	3	2	14	7	15	2
Missouri	555	473	235	16	9	213	40	32	10
Montana	34	17	9	3	0	5	2	12	3
Nebraska	43	26	22	0	1	3	5	9	3
Nevada	201	134	46	1	1	86	23	24	20
New Hampshire	21	12	6	0	0	6	3	4	2
New Jersey	286	202	152	0	2	48	37	28	19
New Mexico	137	87	39	3	0	45	23	22	5
New York	546	313	254	6	10	43	124	63	46
North Carolina	479	346	231	15	16	84	44	52	37
North Dakota	16	9	8	0	0	1	1	1	5
Ohio	546	383	184	3	7	189	49	87	27
Oklahoma	202	134	95	7	3	29	28	29	11
Oregon	81	48	30	3	1	14	12	18	3
Pennsylvania	787	580	464	17	7	92	83	99	25
Rhode Island	16	12	1	1	1	9	2	1	1
South Carolina	386	296	188	8	6	94	29	42	19
South Dakota	13	8	5	0	0	3	4	1	0
Tennessee	496	397	245	26	8	118	28	49	22
Texas	1,301	956	522	33	37	364	128	133	84
Utah	59	28	17	1	0	10	12	10	9
Vermont	10	3	3	0	0	0	0	5	2
Virginia	391	297	141	8	5	143	30	49	15
Washington	232	138	76	2	5	55	45	35	14
West Virginia	57	34	21	1	1	11	5	14	4
Wisconsin	178	136	67	4	2	63	15	16	11
Wyoming	12	8	6	0	2	0	2	0	2

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- <sup>2</sup> Pushed is included in hands, fists, feet, etc.
- <sup>3</sup> Limited supplemental homicide data were received.
- <sup>4</sup> Limited data for 2018 were available for Iowa.

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Table 20

### Murder by State, Types of Weapons, 2017

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State	Total murders <sup>1</sup>	Total firearms	Handguns	Rifles	Shotguns	Firearms (type unknown)	Knives or cutting instruments	Other weapons	Hands, fists, feet, etc. <sup>2</sup>
Alabama <sup>3</sup>	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Alaska	62	37	7	3	3	24	13	8	4
Arizona	404	249	162	8	9	70	50	93	12
Arkansas	250	168	92	11	4	61	23	52	7
California	1,830	1,274	886	37	34	317	258	195	103
Colorado	218	137	88	7	4	38	37	22	22
Connecticut	102	72	30	0	1	41	11	9	10
Delaware	52	44	20	0	1	23	3	4	1
District of Columbia	116	90	89	0	0	1	15	5	6
Georgia	672	542	490	15	5	32	37	85	8
Hawaii	39	4	1	1	0	2	9	10	16
Idaho	28	13	8	4	1	0	6	3	6
Illinois <sup>3</sup>	814	693	596	24	3	70	53	50	18
Indiana	360	291	147	14	6	124	20	39	10
Iowa	100	57	25	1	5	26	18	18	7
Kansas	129	79	44	4	7	24	16	26	8
Kentucky	263	192	128	6	6	52	25	33	13
Louisiana	566	460	216	23	12	209	46	42	18
Maine	23	12	4	0	0	8	3	4	4
Maryland	475	370	339	5	3	23	44	50	11
Massachusetts	170	99	34	0	0	65	36	29	6
Michigan	567	381	185	13	12	171	55	101	30
Minnesota	113	69	58	1	2	8	14	23	7
Mississippi	149	111	90	4	3	14	12	20	6
Missouri	596	514	224	22	8	260	25	48	9
Montana	41	17	10	2	1	4	12	5	7
Nebraska	43	31	27	2	2	0	4	5	3
Nevada	270	201	16	58	0	127	28	30	11
New Hampshire	14	7	4	0	1	2	5	1	1
New Jersey	324	242	175	7	4	56	42	29	11
New Mexico	113	71	20	2	0	49	20	19	3
New York	547	292	233	6	9	44	113	91	51
North Carolina	547	413	279	9	26	99	33	64	37
North Dakota	9	5	2	1	0	2	1	2	1
Ohio	682	485	226	5	11	243	46	128	23
Oklahoma	239	163	131	5	5	22	25	32	19
Oregon	100	58	34	2	2	20	17	22	3
Pennsylvania	735	567	452	11	8	96	63	73	32
Rhode Island	20	8	1	0	0	7	4	5	3
South Carolina	387	312	183	11	8	110	29	36	10
South Dakota	21	8	6	0	0	2	7	2	4
Tennessee	525	407	271	19	11	106	42	64	12
Texas	1,364	1,012	594	40	26	352	156	131	65
Utah	73	46	32	0	3	11	7	12	8
Vermont	14	6	1	0	0	5	6	1	1
Virginia	453	338	156	11	11	160	44	54	17
Washington	228	134	75	1	1	57	36	40	18
West Virginia	79	45	25	4	4	12	8	23	3
Wisconsin	186	149	111	4	2	32	11	17	9
Wyoming	14	6	5	0	0	1	3	3	2
Guam	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

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Table 12

**Murder**  
by State, Types of Weapons, 2016

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State	Total murders <sup>1</sup>	Total firearms	Handguns	Rifles	Shotguns	Firearms (type unknown)	Knives or cutting instruments	Other weapons	Hands, fists, feet, etc. <sup>2</sup>
Alabama <sup>3</sup>	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0
Alaska	52	43	12	4	1	26	3	6	0
Arizona	336	227	156	16	10	45	40	63	6
Arkansas	209	151	72	11	3	65	25	25	8
California	1,930	1,368	930	37	36	365	280	193	89
Colorado	202	136	87	4	4	41	27	28	11
Connecticut	76	48	24	0	1	23	12	13	3
Delaware	56	41	17	0	0	24	7	8	0
District of Columbia	136	105	105	0	0	0	19	6	6
Georgia	646	522	421	20	14	67	48	71	5
Hawaii	35	19	12	3	2	2	8	5	3
Idaho	47	17	13	1	0	3	5	21	4
Illinois <sup>3</sup>	941	799	728	14	5	52	61	62	19
Indiana	348	287	169	12	2	104	19	32	10
Iowa	71	43	25	2	1	15	12	10	6
Kansas	96	61	43	5	1	12	8	19	8
Kentucky	260	207	143	7	8	49	20	22	11
Louisiana	543	445	219	26	7	193	33	52	13
Maine	20	11	2	1	3	5	5	2	2
Maryland	430	328	309	2	3	14	52	29	21
Massachusetts	132	85	34	0	0	51	25	11	11
Michigan	597	443	191	15	12	225	45	89	20
Minnesota	99	60	42	2	1	15	12	19	8
Mississippi	154	128	101	4	6	17	4	14	8
Missouri	535	437	211	23	6	197	37	50	11
Montana	34	17	6	4	3	4	9	5	3
Nebraska	41	30	30	0	0	0	9	2	0
Nevada	209	141	21	2	0	118	20	42	6
New Hampshire	16	8	4	1	1	2	2	0	6
New Jersey	372	278	212	1	3	62	29	42	23
New Mexico	99	60	13	1	0	46	17	19	3
New York	628	367	305	2	9	51	130	99	32
North Carolina	595	421	262	20	22	117	50	80	44
North Dakota	14	8	5	2	0	1	3	1	2
Ohio	627	452	197	7	8	240	39	104	32
Oklahoma	243	171	135	9	9	18	31	23	18
Oregon	100	51	32	6	1	12	24	24	1
Pennsylvania	655	486	395	10	12	69	68	78	23
Rhode Island	29	12	5	0	0	7	9	6	2
South Carolina	363	281	172	7	9	93	29	36	17
South Dakota	21	7	7	0	0	0	5	4	5
Tennessee	486	356	202	10	7	137	49	69	12
Texas	1,459	1,066	630	51	31	354	175	136	82
Utah	71	42	31	1	0	10	6	20	3
Vermont	14	6	2	2	1	1	2	6	0
Virginia	482	352	151	10	10	181	33	67	30
Washington	195	127	69	11	5	42	19	38	11
West Virginia	76	47	30	2	0	15	4	21	4
Wisconsin	226	166	119	6	4	37	27	21	12
Wyoming	19	6	1	0	1	4	8	3	2
U.S. Virgin Islands	42	34	3	0	0	31	0	8	0

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**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 8:53:08 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

As a retired navy veteran I spent 20 years defending the constitution and since this bill violates the 2nd amendment I can support this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 8:57:27 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<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 SB3196. This bill will destroy the Second Amendment rights of people in Hawaii now and will also deprive future generations of a fundamental right listed in the United States Constitution and the Hawaii State Constitution. In addition, SB3196 will shut down every business related to the firearms industry and other businesses such as airsoft. Covid already casued many businesses to close; this bill will do the same. Passing a bill that would cause businesses connected to a constitutionally protected right to close is insane. Finally, if this bill passes innocent people will be left defenseless. Police are unable to be everywhere at once and if criminals are the only ones armed, innocent people will be the victims. For reasons relating to the United States and Hawaii State Constitutions, people losing their jobs, and for not wanting innocent people to be defenseless I oppose SB3196.

Thanks,

Jordan Au

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 9:00:35 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

As a woman, I strongly oppose bill SB3196. You are severely limiting my firearms options to defend myself and to protect the lives my children. If these types of firearms are necessary to defend the lives of law enforcement, but not necessary to defend our lives, you are basically sending the message that our lives are less important. While we may not face threats regularly as law enforcement does, you cannot guarantee me that we never will, nor can you guarantee me they will arrive in time to save our lives. Should I or my children become victims, it will be a direct result of your policy which forced us to protect ourselves with options of lesser capabilities.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 9:01:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha , Im opposed to SB3196 cause its unconstitutional. Why is it that the law abiding citizens are the ones punished when these laws are being introduced? We shouldnt be introducing arbitrary laws. The looks of a gun and what someone chooses to lawfully attach to it dosent make it dangerous its a prefrence thing like upgrading a vehicle. " Shall not be infridged" when those words were written in the constitution it was open to interpretation.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 9:02:29 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. It completely defies the 2nd amendment ("...the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED"). This bill bans many arms and their accessories. Completely unacceptable and illegal.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 9:12:18 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill i strongly feel that it goes against the constitution.my second amendment right to bear arm..

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 9:40:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

An underlying premise of SB3196 is to keep items in this bill out the hands of people who would use them maliciously. However, my rights and civil liberties should not be reliant on whether or not someone else abuses theirs. The prohibitive nature of this bill impacts the second amendment right of all law-abiding Hawaii citizens because of the abuses of a select few. Instead, legislators should focus their attention on addressing these maliciously abusers (i.e., criminals) through greater enforcement of existing laws, stronger sentencing, etc.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 9:50:02 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

The 2nd Amd was specifically intended to cover "weapons of war" (though the firearms targeted in this bill are not used by any army anywhere). There are already cases against similar laws in other states moving towards the US Supreme Court, and you could easily wait to see their results (almost certainly struck down). How much will local taxpayers spend defending yours? Six figures? Seven? Who cares, because there's plenty more where you get it? "The welfare of humanity is always the alibi of tyrants." - Albert Camus

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 10:06:08 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

As a proponent of Second Amendment rights, I believe that banning assault weapons is not an effective solution to reducing violence. Such bans unfairly penalize law-abiding citizens who use these firearms responsibly for self-defense, sport shooting, and collecting purposes. Criminals will still find ways to obtain and use these weapons illegally, leaving law-abiding citizens at a disadvantage in defending themselves. Instead of focusing on restricting access to certain types of firearms, efforts should be directed towards addressing the root causes of violence and enforcing existing laws to keep firearms out of the hands of criminals.

Aaron Brogan

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 10:10:47 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Vernon L Kwan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly do not support this Bill SB 3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 11:28:37 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I Oppose the decision of SB3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/17/2024 11:54:15 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am a not a gun enthusiasts but I am a gun owner I purchased my firearms with the sole purpose of home and self defense I am not a criminal or violent person. But I do not believe this bill will solve any of the gun violence or crime. I believe it will infact increase it by baning certain types of firearms or as your bill describes them assault weapons it will only create a larger demand for them on the black market for example "fireworks" because it is banned now the only way for people to get them is illegally which isn't regulated which also means anyone can buy them. I support criminal and mental background checks because it helps keep guns out of the hands of those who shouldn't have them. But to tell those who have complied with all the restrictions and proven them selves responsible enough to own firearms that they can't own certain types of firearms because of simple features like a barrel shroud that is just there to help protect the shooter from getting burned and give them better control of there firearm is just stupid in my book. If law maker wish to make bills that will help with gun control then they should increase the punishments for having a firearms illegally. With all that said I strongly opposed Bill SB3196 because it will not help curb gun violence in fact it will more then likely force more black market firearms out on the streets in the hands of those who shouldn't have them in turn increase gun violence and crime.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 12:11:54 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am submitting my written testimony to OPPOSE SB3196. I live in Liliha which is only a few blocks north of China Town and Mayor Rights. Throughout the 15 years that I have lived here, the crime in my area has increased exponentially ranging from car/house break-ins, vandalism, stabbings, and even shootings. On top of this is the ever growing homeless population that is slowly making their way up to Liliha from China Town and Nimitz areas.

I am a responsible firearm owner because I am the man of my household and I firmly believe that I have the right to protect my family. All of the statistics out there show that you are your own first responder when it comes to crime and impending harm to yourself or your family. Criminals do not care about gun laws. They will obtain weapons through illegal channels and use them to take advantage of defenseless citizens. The only thing that SB3196 will accomplish is that it will disarm all law-abiding gun owners from protecting themselves and their families.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 12:15:15 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am in strong opposition of this Bill. These types of bans only harm law abiding citizens. As a Police Officer, I can assure you that these Bills do nothing for keeping guns out of the hands of criminals. The law abiding citizens are the only ones who will abide by these rules and they aren't the ones that Law Enforcement officers are worried about. Hawai'i already has some of the strictest gun laws in the Country. We also have some of the lowest gun crimes, not because of those laws but because of the culture here which is different than that of the mainland. Since the State has started issuing CCW permits, there hasn't been a single shooting involving a person who has obtained their concealed carry permit. On the other hand criminals don't care and there have been many shootings involving them. The Second amendment shouldn't be hindered by laws restricting citizens in which type of firearms or magazine capacity they can have. I urge you to not pass this unconstitutional Bill.

V/r,

Jason De Ponte

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 12:37:45 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Noah van Aardenne	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196! It is a destruction of our freedom and is very unfair and unfounded. Please don't proceed with this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 12:46:43 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose bill

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 2:50:53 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

Any legislator voting for this bill is violating their oath to uphold the constitution and infringing on the people's right to bear arms.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 5:31:55 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Why are we being stripped of our constitutional 2nd amendment rights?! I am very saddened by this particular bill, due to the simple fact that those of us who ARE LAW ABIDING CITIZENS are the only ones who will suffer from the effects of this bill! Meanwhile THOSE WHO ARE CRIMINALS, WILL STILL BE CRIMINALS!!! THIS BILL WILL NOT STOP SEMI AUTO FIREARMS FROM GETTING INTO THE WRONG HANDS!!! IT IS NOT GUNS THAT KILL PEOPLE, IM SURE WE ALL KNOW THAT!!!! IT IS PEOPLE WHO KILL PEOPLE!!!! I DONT KNOW WHAT IS SO HARD TO UNDERSTAND!!!! PLEASE RECONSIDER OPPOSITION OF SB3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 6:15:52 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I srongly oppose SB 3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 6:22:08 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha, I oppose SB 3196. This is a poorly written piece of legislation and fraught with issues. Why should something be banned because of a standard piece of safety equipment such as a shroud? Pistol grips are simply a matter of stock design, nothing more. All firearms with detachable magazine would in fact be banned as they can accept mags greater than 10 rounds—its simple mechanics. This includes popular sporting and hunting long guns. This Bill goes too far in search of a problem that does not exist.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 7:02:51 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

SB3196 is unconstitutional. Oppose this and all others like it. Bills and laws like it won't affect anyone but law abiding Americans. Criminals will go on despite it all and law abiding Americans won't be able or get the means to protect themselves and loved ones. Oppose SB3196

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Submitted on: 2/18/2024 7:21:57 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Steve Robertson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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This bill is **unconstitutional** and **unnecessary**. It will fail in the courts when challenged under the second amendment.

It is unnecessary because gun violence from legal guns is extremely low in Hawaii.

Please invest your valuable time and resources in something more meaningful and important for the citizens of Hawai'i.

**Oppose**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 7:38:25 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha, my name is Christopher Brun, and have been born and raised on Maui. I am a combat veteran having served two tours overseas. I have training and experience with nearly every weapon this bill seeks to ban. Some of which was acquired through the excellent instructors we have on Maui.

I strongly oppose this bill as it limits our freedoms as United States citizens. This bill is worded so broadly that it eliminates nearly every single modern rifle, shotgun, and handgun. It also eliminates historic rifles like the M-14, M-1 garand, and more.

These rifles, both modern and historic are used for hunting, funeral ceremonies conducted by Veterans organizations like the VFW, and recreational shooting.

Please do not proceed with this bill. It infringes on the rights and freedoms we fought so hard for.

Mahalo,

Christopher Brun

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 8:00:22 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Strongly oppose this bill.

Ever heard the saying "never bring a knife to a gun fight?" This bill will limit law abiding citizens from firearm options and leaving all the advanced hardware for the criminals and illegal gun owners to possibly use against us. They don't follow your laws. Criminals will still be able to obtain any type of gun they desire.

This bill infringes on our 2A rights and unconstitutional laws like this waste our tax dollars on unnecessary legal battles.

Words matter. Adding "assault" in front of every firearm description adds a negative connotation. Stop abusing our language and remove this word from any and all bills relating to firearms. Or change to "self defense" weapon which lines up better with our US Constitution.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 8:21:50 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

SB3196 is a complete and utter infringement on the rights of United States citizens. It is just another proposal to hold down the legitimate and law abiding citizens of Hawai'i by banning weapons and attachments that we have natural born rights to have. It does nothing to stop criminals from having weapons, it only stops law abiding citizens. The government can create as many laws and regulations as it wants but it will only oppress lawful citizens. Criminals and people intent on harming others are going to do so and they are going to attain "illegal" weapons no matter what laws are in place.

Not only does the constitution grant us the right to bear arms but this country was founded on freedom and that included the freedom to protect ourselves. The law abiding citizens are the ones who suffer because we have less tools to defend ourselves and our property from criminals and others intent on causing harm.

Please do not move forward with this atrocity.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 8:34:29 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jason Moore	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Good day to all,

I am in opposition to **SB3196** as I believe that it goes to far in restricting my access to and my ability to enjoy participating in and sharing my passion for firearms. As a voting constituent, I urge you committee members to vote NO on this measure.

As far as the committee if selected... How is it that Sen. Rhoades is a voting member of both committees? That doesn't seem right... Is he referring it to himself?

I urge ALL committee members to vote... either for or against each and every measure brought forth... Not voting or being excused is not a responsible action.

I appreciate your time and have a great day.

Jason Moore

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 8:34:47 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196.

Hawaii is already a safe place in regards to gun crimes and is not made worse by so called "assault rifles". Any increase in crimes with the use of a gun is not a result of lacking gun laws but a degrading culture. Simply disarming good people and making them criminals by passing a bill such as this is nonsensical and not solving the root problem.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 8:55:16 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This bill clearly violates the USA Constitution and only infringes on the rights of law abiding citizens.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 9:54:16 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

It would appear from the testimony for the 2/14 hearing that the overwhelming number of testimony opposes this. Of not is it is clearly Hawaii citizens opposing. Is the Hawaii legislature listening to them?

The support appears to come from multiple identical entries and non-local anti-second amendment groups. Please do not be controlled by outside agitators.

This remains a bill that addresses no Hawaii issue. It only penalizes Hawaii citizens that are not about to cause any issue requiring this measure. There is absolutley no compelling reason for this measure, please stop it now.

Robert McCarthy

Kailua Kona

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 9:59:33 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose to this bill as the firearms mentioned in this bill I payed with my own hard earned money that was already taxed by the state and will be criminalized to a Hawai'i state citizen that has not committed any crime to own these firearms legally. Its a direct violation of my second amendment and one of the examples why the Hawai'i people have no faith in Hawai'i legal system anymore.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 10:10:28 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I would like to submit a written testimonial opposing Senate bill SB3196.

It appears that this bill intends to ban the sale and passing of ownership of any and all self-loading (semiautomatic) firearms. The obvious intent is to deny the means of enacting a particular type of mass casualty incident. Although laudable, there should also be consideration of the consequences to law-abiding and respectful use these tools.

I am a former competition shooter. Many regional, national, and international competitions are based on exactly the mechanisms which this bill describes. To enact this bill will completely deny an opportunity for personal development in a sport which is less of physical abilities and more of the mental disciplines of repetition, patience, and focus, all in pursuit of the highest levels of performance.

I will cite a particular example. A local girl, Michelle Sc. (I did not solicit permission to use her full name), was an outstanding young shooter, so much so that she moved to Colorado to tryout for the 1996 Olympic Team. If she had made the team, would we have been proud or ashamed of her dedication and skill with firearms? It seems that the message of this bill is the latter. So, are only welcoming doors to athletic achievement for kids from Hawai'i are the baseball and the surfboard?

Respectfully, /s/ K Watanabe

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 10:16:52 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill as it infringes on my 2nd amendment rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 10:25:14 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Please do not consider passing this bill. It is unconstitutional, unenforceable, and just like the previous constitutional violation attempts by the state of Hawaii, it will be indefinitely tied up in litigation that will only cause millions of tax payers dollars to be lost and eventually the state will be sued and lose again.

I am in the Hawaii Army National Guard and am also an Emergency Room provider in an area of high crime. I understand the opportunities and threats weaponry carries. We have no difference in opinion for a desired end goal of less violent crime, only the place guns has in that problem. Approximately 1-2 cases per month of a fatal or near fatal assault come into my ED that I have to treat. Majority of them are not related to gun violence. Majority of both fatal and non-fatal critical patients we see are stabbing. There are also a significant amount of school related physical assaults. I believe if we want to get serious about the unified issue at hand we ban knives and alcohol, not guns. You may find this comical as you say knives are a necessary tool for life, but so are my guns. Some of my most cherished memories are with my family shooting guns, and yes assault rifles as well to include AR-15's. Owning them gives me nostalgia and a sense of peace looking back from my combat deployment to Iraq.

These memories and experiences are the collateral damage in your misguided pursuit of our unified goal.

Please say no to bill SB3196. If you wish to target a more appropriate cause of violent crime then first we should vote to ban knives. We could also attempt to place a prohibition on alcohol but perhaps our past mistakes can give guidance on the cause and effect of misguided constitutional bans.

Very Respectfully, Donnie Grey

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 10:29:29 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dave Macadangdang	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly appose this Bill. There are no reasons or supporting facts that would warrant any more regulation of any firearms in Hawaii. In Hawaii, we have some of the most strict gun laws already in place. I don't believe the the bill has the interest of the citizens of Hawaii. It is aimed at hampering the legal gun community. Instead of punishing or actively trying to undermine our second amendment rights there should be stricter penalties for those who are actually breaking the law. This bill is based on the fear of what they don't understand. It's grounded in false narratives and strawman arguments. It's another initiative to take more freedom from citizens. You cant place your fears to project them on me and infringe on my rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 11:19:38 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Law abiding citizens know this for a fact:

Murder is illegal.

Attempting murder is illegal.

A felon owning a gun is illegal.

Shooting people indiscriminately is illegal.

Using a firearm in a criminal manner is illegal.

Criminals do not go through background checks when purchasing illegal firearms.

Please explain to us how criminals will follow new laws?

Please explain to us how new laws will make us safer??

Please explain to us how restricting law abiding citizens even more will make us and our ohana safer?

If you cannot then your argument and law is invalid and only benefits criminals and is a complete waste of everyones time!

Find the answers to the above before taking away responsible peoples rights to protect themselves and family from criminals!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 11:35:04 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS BILL....VERY UNCONSTITUTIONAL!!!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 12:01:47 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
DENNIS P MANUEL	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hawaii already has the lowest gun related deaths in both homicides and suicides in the nation.

Hawaii already has one of the strictest gun laws in the nation. The current laws are working and further limitations are not necessary.

My wife and I are new gun enthusiasts. We take gun classes and enjoy going to the range to hone our skills. We feel that this bill will only limit the rights of gun safety conscious and law abiding citizens. Thank you

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 12:14:03 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David Sumikawa	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

Measures such as this demonstrate a clear lack of understanding of responsible gun ownership.

Criminals who are already breaking the law will not magically decide to obey this one.

It is also *Hawaii's long and strong standing Asian/Pacific conservative family values that has protected us all this time* from the ridiculous things happening on the mainland. It is not because of more and more laws, despite the desire to feel good by "doing something".

Thank you.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 12:41:53 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jennifer Ruggles	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am a resident of Mountain View on the Island of Hawaii, and was born and raised here. I represented my district on the Hawaii County Council for 2 years. I'm writing today to strongly oppose this bill because this measure would turn many of our armed, law-abiding citizens into felons and goes against the founding document of this country.

Furthermore, making certain firearms illegal means only criminals will have them.

I understand that this is designed to prevent gun violence, however, the evidence shows that gun control does not affect actual gun violence because **Cities with the Strictest Gun Control Have the Highest Crime Rates**. NO mass shooting has ever been done with a LEGAL firearm. Cities with the most strict gun-control laws like New York and Chicago have the highest number of gun-related homicides on record.

According to a survey of 2,000 felons in prison, (Armed and Considered Dangerous: A Survey of Felons and Their Firearms), **criminals actually fear armed citizens more than they fear the police**.

The 1st and 2nd amendments of the constitution are what sets our country apart from the authoritarian countries all over the world where citizens have no right to speak their mind or defend themselves. The 2nd amendment was designed to protect citizens from tyranny. If you do not support the 2nd amendment, you are welcome to move to another country where you are defenseless from armed criminals and your families' safety is dependent only on State police. **Please don't take our rights away.**

According to a report titled "Guns in America" by The Police Foundation, from 1991-2019, privately owned firearms in the U.S. has doubled while violent crime rates have dropped by more than half.

Gun control does not mean less guns, or safer communities. It just means more guns for criminals, less guns for law-abiding citizens.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Ruggles

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 1:26:20 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing in strong opposition to this bill. This bill is very broad in the definition of weapons to be banned. As written it would ban a very large amount of long guns used for hunting and sport shooting. I feel this bill as written infringes on my constitutional rights as a law abiding American.

MAHALO,

BRIAN FIELDS

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 1:26:33 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I Jason Keaulana Oppose this bill SB3196.

I Jason Keaulana have the right to keep and bear arm's. I keep my FIREARMS responsibly locked until. I hunt and to protect my FAMILY!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 1:35:53 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 1:49:14 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196 on these facts.

1. Its our constitutional right. 2A Hawai'i is part of the United States of America therefore we must comply with the constitution.

2. SB3196 will not reduce shootings or so called gun violence. None of the so called crimes in hawaii would have been prevented with this proposed new law. None of the firearms used were so called assault or legal firearms.

3.The proposed law only takes away rights and freedoms from law abiding citizens. We the people use firearms for the purpose of sport and hobby. Firearms teach discipline and respect when used properly, especially to youth with proper supervision and parenting.

4. This proposed law does absolutely nothing to solve the real issues dealing with violent crime in Hawai'i. Public service bulletins and education teaching proper parenting would be much more effective. Welfare reform and government corruption needs to be addressed and dealt with also.

5. This law will only further divide and promote dissatisfaction among the people and government.The Government is suppose to work for the people, not the other way around.

Many of my colleagues are against this proposed taking of our constitutional rights. They are all MD's , RN's and other professionals. Hawai'i already has a shortage of medical professionals that we dont need leaving the State.

Sincerely,

Dane

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 2:20:06 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
KEON L KUNITOMO	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Keon Li'ipono Kunitomo. I am submitting my testomy strongly OPPOSING SB3196. Reasons being that if this bill passes, that would be infringing on our rights as American citizens. Hawaii already has some of the strictest gun laws in America. The people in office wanting to pass this bill live within gated communities, don't hunt, aren't competing in competitions, so how would they know or even remotely relate and have a say in something they know nothing about. That is ridiculous. If you look at the numbers the Hawaii people, the real Hawaii citizens are 10 to 1 in opposition to this bill. Knowing that and still passing this unconstitutional laws you would be going against the Hawaii people. Is that what you were appointed to office for? To go against the people of Hawaii? These outside originizations that support the passing of this bill have nothing to do with Hawaii or Hawaiian people. This is crazy that we are even talking about this. Passing this bill you are knowing and willingly taking our rights away, knowing what you're doing is unconstitutional. Knowingly you will be opposing our rights. Do not pass this bill if you are truly for the people of Hawaii. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Mahalo,

Pono

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 2:33:44 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brian Bernard	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am **strongly opposed** to Bill SB3196. It will do nothing to aid in an individuals safety, it will only criminalize the average law abiding gun owner and further infringe on our constitutional rights to keep and bear arms. I see this as the next small step by the government to strip us of our ability to protect our selves, families, and our way of life, enabling them to push us closer to a socialist rule. Please do not let the minority agenda turn the law abiding into criminals.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 2:45:52 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tevan Nozaki-Baring	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 3:08:27 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

My name is Josh Black and I'm in opposition of Bill SB3196. I'm writing too you on this day because being a law abiding citizen of the United States of America and a hunter I feel that this bill is in poor taste and against those of us that not only provide food on our table, but also provide food on the table for countless family members and neighbors alike. As you are aware our State already has the strongest gun laws and the lowest gun related deaths in the whole United States and by doing this you are disarming countless American citizens of their Constitutional Rights too bear arms. Our fore father's placed this Right in the Constitution so that the Citizens of the United States of America has a way too protect themselves from all enemies foreign or domestic and in case the standing military was compromised. I respectfully hope you change your position on this bill and reject it in its entirety. Thanks!!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 3:28:16 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Dear Hawaii Law makers

it is with great sadness I have to right another testimony for my second amendment right to bear arms. It has been a life long hobby past down from grandfather to father and I. Today I pass down to my son and daughters for future enjoyment as an American. Your SB3196 goes over and beyond tyranny it takes away from future generations. Please reconsider and use the laws already on the books ready for your use we don't need anymore restrictions on our freedoms.

v/r Rodney W Rego

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 3:53:36 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 3:55:56 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

i stongly oppose this unconstitutional bill! stop trying to take away our god given rights. stop taking away lawabiding citezens rights to self protection.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 4:02:28 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 4:30:40 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I Oppose this bill which violates the second amendment rights of law abiding citizens.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 4:35:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed legislation that seeks to ban semiautomatic rifles in our state. As a law-abiding citizen and a life long supporter of the Second Amendment, I believe that such a ban would infringe upon our constitutional rights and disproportionately impact responsible gun owners.

The Second Amendment guarantees the right of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms, a fundamental principle that underpins the foundations of our nation. Restricting access to semiautomatic rifles would undermine the rights of responsible gun owners without addressing the root causes of gun violence.

It is essential to acknowledge that the overwhelming majority of gun-related crimes are committed using illegally obtained firearms. Enacting a ban on semiautomatic rifles would primarily affect law-abiding citizens who use these firearms for self-defense, sport, and other legitimate purposes. Criminals, by nature, do not adhere to laws, and any attempt to restrict legal access to firearms will only impact those who follow the law and even worse, empower and embolden criminals who would prey upon them.

Furthermore, small business owners who legally sell semiautomatic rifles will bear the economic brunt of this proposed legislation. Many of these businesses are integral parts of our communities, providing jobs and contributing to our local economies. Implementing a ban on certain firearms will undoubtedly have a detrimental effect on these enterprises, potentially leading to job losses and economic hardship.

Rather than targeting law-abiding citizens and small business owners, I urge you to consider alternative approaches to address gun violence. Focusing on enforcing existing laws, improving mental health services, and enhancing background checks for all firearm purchases are more effective strategies to enhance public safety without infringing upon the rights of responsible gun owners.

In conclusion, I implore you to uphold the principles of the Second Amendment and to consider the unintended consequences that may result from the proposed ban on semiautomatic rifles. Let us work together to find comprehensive and balanced solutions that address the root causes of gun violence without compromising the rights of law-abiding citizens.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 4:38:54 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE this bill. Property can't be made illegal without just compensation. 'Assault pistol and shotgun' are made up terms to suit a political agenda. This bill will end up in federal court and cost the Hawaii taxpayers a lot of money when the state loses - AGAIN. Nothing in this bill will reduce crime.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 4:51:15 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
kacob2@hawaii.edu	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this measure to ban so-called "assault weapons." This is a clear violation of our second amendment right to keep and bear arms and it will do nothing to prevent crime. Criminals will continue to commit crime regardless of what weapons are banned. Laws like the one being proposed do not address the underlying problems that cause crime in the first place -- Factors such as mental health, poverty, government corruption, etc. It is an attempt to treat the symptoms, but it does not address the underlying causes. Even as a treatment, it is not very good since the items that these lawmakers are proposing to ban are used in a small minority of crimes. Crimes (including murders) committed with handguns, sharp objects and even blunt instruments are done at a higher rate than so-called "assault weapons."

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 4:52:28 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael I Rice	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I stand in **STRONG OPPOSITION** to this bill. This bill is unconstitutional, violates the *Heller*, *Bruen*, and *Caetano* Supreme Court decisions. Such blatant opposition to the nation’s supreme judicial branch calls into question the validity of SB3196 altogether.

*District of Columbia v. Heller* found that arms in common use for lawful purposes cannot be banned because of a fear of them being used illegally. Lawful purposes included among other things, self defense and sports shooting. Many of the so-called ‘Assault Weapons’ are in common use for legal purposes not only throughout the state, but also the rest of the nation.

*New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc. v. Bruen* case found that states may not pass firearms laws that are not analogous to firearm regulations founded and enforced shortly after the founding of the country to be consistent with the intent of the 2nd Amendment. Should SB3196 pass, it will receive a legal challenge from grassroot Second Amendment groups both in and out of the state, and the burden of proof will be upon the State to find and cite such laws. There are no such laws to ban arms with specified features and such challenges have been filed across the country where similar laws have been found unconstitutional.

*Caetano v. Massachusetts* reinforced the *Heller* decision. The *Caetano* case involved a ban on Tasers and simular electric projectile self-defense tools and found that because they are in common use, they cannot be banned. Moreover,there are far more firearms in common use for lawful purposes throughout the country and state than there are tasers. To ban such a commonplace item already in lawful circulation is nonsensical.

This isn’t even taking into account that the current ‘Assault Weapon’ ban in Hawaii, which includes the 10+ magazine ban for handguns, which is being challenged in court and as mentioned, will likely succeed on the merits. The only courts that have upheld such bans are ones that flat out ignore Bruen and Heller.

This alone should be reason enough to kill this bill, the unnecessary expense of having to defend a blatantly unconstitutional bill that many other states with more money and experience have failed to do. Hawaii's AG hasn't successfully defended ONE of the unconstitutional gun laws that have been challenged, and they're not about to start winning now.

There are so many things wrong with SB 3196 that is overly broad whereby the ban applies even to non-'assault weapons', which would include the 'attachments' included in the ban that would be in use on non-semi automatic weapons like scopes commonly used on hunting rifles or even things like flashlights for home defense tools. None of which actually contribute to 'lethality' of the firearm as the bill proposes.

So many things have been thrown at this list of banned weapons that it includes by name:

- 1) A brand and series of airsoft and air guns, not firearms.
- 2) A design that, while famous from video games and movies, only has two functioning prototypes (one firing, one non-firing), neither of which are in the United States and are already illegal to import.
- 3) A brand and series of firearms that goes out of its way to be compliant with 'assault weapon' laws.
- 4) You have just a company name listed in several instances, not any particular model that they produce, which includes handguns, shotguns, and rifles that would not fall under even the overly broad definition set forth in this bill..
- 5) Include a model amongst a list of other models that are of a completely different design.

And this is just what I know of personally without doing further research.

Many currently legal firearms, which would not be considered 'assault weapons', would be banned because of one feature shared with 'assault weapons'. Almost all rifles and nearly all shotguns have a 'shroud' or other device that partly encloses the barrel to 'prevent the hand from being burned when fired'. This would also ban many replacement parts for not just semi-auto weapons but non-semi auto weapons because they are interchangeable with 'assault weapons' as defined in this bill.

There is also the problem of what is described as a 'transfer'. If someone were to leave the state with a firearm covered in this bill, even temporarily, such as for hunting, sport shooting, or

competition purposes then they would be in violation of the law. Those wishing to comply with the law will now be forced to leave their weapons in the state, putting them at a higher risk of being stolen by criminals even if properly secured. And this would also result in unsafe practices on the other end and unnecessary expenses. A competition shooter living in Hawaii will now need to find ways to store their high end and expensive weapons on the mainland where they will not be able to check on them to see if they've been stolen. This increases the chance for criminals, not just here in Hawaii, but on the mainland to steal firearms for their nefarious purposes.

The ban on .50 Caliber firearms is attempting to solve a problem that does not exist. We do not have gangs shooting at each other from long distances with .50 caliber rifles. The state has failed to produce any evidence that there is a threat posed by such arms over the past five years the measure has been introduced. It is irresponsible to maintain any attempt to ban a device whereby there is no proven threat vector.

Of course this doesn't even begin to mention that passage of SB3196 will do nothing to stop criminals who want to acquire these weapons. Just recently, the entire island witnessed how a convicted felon led HPD on a multiday manhunt and police chase through the island after shooting his girlfriend. The chase alone put many lives at risk, not only directly from the suspect's actions but indirectly, including two individuals who were, for lack of a better word, assaulted by police officers because one of them fit the description of the suspect. And this chase ultimately ended with two police officers seriously shot and wounded, one of whom will likely never fully recover from his injuries and his career in law enforcement is over. Who knows what else could have happened if the suspect did not end his own life when he did.

As I mentioned, this criminal was a convicted felon out on parole and very recently had numerous firearms charges pressed against him. Less than 6 months out of jail he got his hands on a machine gun and high capacity pistol magazines, and numerous other guns already banned by Hawaii law and some by Federal law. Rather than going right back to jail for his parole violation he was released on bail, and went on to terrorize the people of Oahu.

Had existing laws (such as Temporary Restraining Orders) been properly enforced, this event would have been mitigated since the individual would have been in prison rather than out on the streets, somehow getting his hands on illegal weapons more easily than it would be for a law abiding citizen to legally acquire firearms at around the same time.. This failure is a state and law enforcement failure, not a failure of the private citizen.

This bill will do nothing to make Hawaii safer, and in a few instances will actually make Hawaii less safe. The ones who would obey this law are not the ones who would cause problems. We

can barely enforce current laws and even then half the time when someone breaks a firearm law they aren't charged at all. We have children getting their hands on illegal firearms much more easily than a law abiding adult would be able to get a legal firearm. I have friends at Waianae High School who tell me that their security is more or less just for show now because they know of multiple students who carry illegally acquired firearms on campus. They didn't steal an unsecured firearm from their parents, they went to a black market dealer, flashed cash, got a Glock with a 'stendo' (high capacity magazine) and a 'switch' (illegal full auto conversion kit) for under \$1,000.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 4:56:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Derek Sato	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

I am writing to you in **strong opposition of SB 3196**.

As a 50+ year resident of the State of Hawaii, licensed professional engineer, and a victim of a violent crime, I feel that I must speak out against SB3196 and the notion that the measures of this bill will do anything to solve the ongoing issue of crime in our State. In reality all SB3196 will do is penalize all law-abiding citizens through the infringement of our constitutional rights.

I strongly oppose all measures of SB3196. This bill proposes significant and unconstitutional amendments to firearm regulations in our State of Hawaii.

None of the proposed measures will prevent any violent crimes, drug related crimes, or acts of terrorism. It will fail to effectively address the underlying issues related to all violence in our state. Public safety will not be achieved through the unjust emotion based sanctions against all law-abiding citizens.

Public Safety can be achieved by taking the difficult steps to address mental health and making a commitment to separating repeat criminal offenders from society. Mental Health is an unpopular topic and measures to manage mental health will be challenged by groups that do not have to live with the consequences. I've also learned through years of coaching sports that repetitive behavior (right or wrong) gets reinforced through repetition. This means that those who commit crimes without adequate repercussions will learn that the thrill and reward of the crime outweighed the penalty, therefore making it a worthwhile endeavor to repeat. Others recognize this behavior and the "snowball" effect starts to take place. This can be clearly observed in the rise of theft in the San Francisco area.

The proposed restrictions of firearms would disproportionately impact law-abiding citizens who use firearms for lawful purposes such as self-defense, hunting, recreational, and competitive shooting sports. Law-abiding citizens should not be penalized for the actions of a few criminals. By the definition of criminals, they do not follow laws.

My daughter was stabbed multiple times by a first offender who clearly had mental health issues. No firearm restrictions would have stopped this. However, stronger mental health requirements for those in need should be address. Had my daughters attacker been subject to mental health

treatment, my daughter would most likely been safe. Placing him at Saguaro is more than likely just providing him with tools to become more violent. All we know is he is coming back. And he said he won't forget us. And Hawaii wants to restrict my right to defend myself over addressing the true concerns of violence.

Illegal firearms used by criminals will enter the State regardless. How do I know? Aerial fireworks are illegal, but every New Year's Eve starting at 2350 hours, the entire population of Oahu is witness to how much gets through. SB3196 will only penalize us law-abiding citizens that legally acquire what we own.

There is insufficient evidence to support the efficacy of the proposed measures in reducing violence. The UK has proven that firearm restrictions do not work. Criminals will continue violent acts. Just with a different tool. Evidence-based solutions that are proven to effectively address the underlying issues contributing to crimes is dealing with mental health, socio-economic disparities, and allowance of repeat offenders to remain at-large. Criminals have no limitations. Remember, they are criminals, they don't follow laws. At all. Do not restrict my rights, those of my family, and all law-abiding citizens for effective self defense.

Hawaii Bill SB3196 represents a misguided and overly restrictive approach to firearm regulation that undermines the constitutional rights of all law-abiding citizens while failing to address the root causes of violence in Hawaii. I urge you to reject this bill and instead focus on implementing comprehensive evidence-based solutions that promote public safety without infringing on individual liberties.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Derek Sato

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 5:20:26 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I do not approve of bill SB3196, it is unconstitutional and will not stop criminals from hurting innocent people. Violent and unwell humans always find a way to do harm. this bill, if passed, will take firearms out of the hands of law abiding citizens.

thank you

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 5:39:55 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose bill sb3196. Taking law abiding citizens 2nd amendment away. Does not impact criminals at all. If anything it makes it easier to be a criminal. Every law abiding citizen deserves the right to keep and bear arms of any nature .

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 5:41:37 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 5:48:01 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose sb3196 On the basis of the second amendment. The right to bare arms is necessary as a way of survival.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 5:50:27 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am against having my 2nd Amendment rights taken away from me and many others. Please do not take my right to have my firearms. You will be taking the way I put meat on my table and to protect my family.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. I wish to voice my strong opposition to SB3196 for several reasons I will briefly touch on below.

My take away from SB 3196 is it is a long, poorly written law that invites legal challenges and likely violates the U.S. Bill of Rights; as it is full of arbitrary and many factual inconsistencies regarding features that are legal under the National Firearms Act (NFA) today, such as barrel lengths, over-all length, magazine capacities, special exceptions and exemptions, and irrelevant lists of specific makes and models of weapons being redefined as "assault" in an apparent effort to circumvent current Public Law. Additionally, this measure re-proposes initiatives that have failed over and over, despite support from special interests and government representatives, due to massive public opposition and the wisdom of the Legislature to represent the people of Hawaii based upon the groundswell of opposition. I believe the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs erred by passing this measure unanimously out of committee even though overwhelming, about nine to one, opposition by law abiding citizens.

This measure seeks to redefine firearms not by their operational capability, but by specified cosmetic features that do not inherently make them more lethal than other semi-automatic firearms. The authors seek to create the definition of "assault weapons" as a legal construct rather than a technical one. For instance, an "assault rifle" as defined by Merriam-Webster states, any of various intermediate-range, magazine-fed *military rifles* (such as the AK-47) that *can be set for automatic or semiautomatic fire*<sup>i</sup>, or by The Encyclopedia Britannica which defines an assault rifle as a *military firearm* that is chambered for ammunition of reduced size or propellant charge and *that has the capacity to switch between semiautomatic and fully automatic fire*.<sup>ii</sup> (Italic added) All of these common use rifles targeted by this measure lack the capability to utilize automatic fire. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives website as a succinct reference - Firearms Guide - Identification of Firearms Within the Purview of the National Firearms Act<sup>iii</sup> which describes and graphically depicts nationally regulates assault rifles and the features that make them such under the NFA.

According to the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program, rifles of any kind—which includes "assault weapons," as defined in the measure, are used in a fraction of homicides nationwide, less than 3% (2.6%) which is significantly less than homicides committed with handguns; knives; or even hands, fists, or feet. This data illustrates that the focus on semi-automatic rifles and their accessories does not align with the actual instruments most frequently used in violent crimes. Thus, the restrictions proposed in the measure are likely to impact and burden law abiding, responsible gunowners meanwhile failing to deter criminal elements.

Magazine capacity restrictions appear reasonable assuming that limited magazine capacity can limit gun violence, but in truth disproportionately impact law-abiding citizens, particularly those relying on firearms for self-defense, and overlooks the realities of criminal behavior. In high stress situations involving firearms accuracy diminishes under pressure studies show trained police officers have approximately 27% hit ratio when utilizing their service weapons under duty (high stress) conditions; thus two to three hits from ten rounds fired for a trained officer (HPD officers' service weapons have fifteen to seventeen round capacities meaning four to five hits). Most civilians will not approach this level of accuracy duress. Thus, if a civilian cannot stop an attacker or attackers in the first magazine (2 to 3 successful hits), it is unlikely that they can affect a magazine change and continue to engage. Therefore, limiting the magazine to ten rounds puts law abiding citizens at a disadvantage. Again, you and I know criminals do not care about magazine bans so they will seek magazines with capacities similar to the police or even larger. Why would you knowingly put one of your constituents at such a

disadvantage? Additionally, Hawaii currently has two lawsuits regarding large capacity magazines, *Abbott v. Lopez* and *National Association for Gun Rights v. Lopez*, it would be prudent not to be passing additional laws regarding the matter until these lawsuits are settled.

We know bans do not work, yet we continue to try to enact them, this is either the definition of insanity, doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results; or motivated by personal or ideological agendas which have no place in a representative body when the represented clearly oppose the proposed action. The findings by the Department of Justice of the seminal 1994 National Assault Weapons ban suggested that the ban may have contributed to a reduction in the gun murder rate and murders of police officers by criminals armed with assault weapons, however the ban failed to reduce the average number of victims per gun murder incident or multiple gunshot wound victims, and indicated that the public safety benefits of the 1994 ban had not been demonstrated.<sup>iv</sup> This one will be different?

I do understand the importance of addressing concerns related to firearms, however the measure fails to strike a balance between public safety and the fundamental rights of responsible gun owners. I believe the intent behind SB3196 is commendable in its goal to reduce gun violence, SB3196 is written overly broad to invite legal challenges, impact the local economy, and effectively punish law abiding citizens while not effectively achieving its aim. There are many other approaches that effectively promote the safety and wellness of Hawaii's residents like a focus on the root causes of violence (gun and otherwise), improving mental health, community safety, and secure economic futures which all can significantly and effectively address the issues rather than broad restrictions on firearms. I thank you for your attention, and urge you to oppose SB 3196.

Steven Takekoshi  
Waipahu, Hawaii

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<sup>i</sup> <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/assault%20rifle>

<sup>ii</sup> Britannica, The Editors of Encyclopedia. "assault rifle". Encyclopedia Britannica, 14 Dec. 2023, <https://www.britannica.com/technology/assault-rifle>. Accessed 18 February 2024.

<sup>iii</sup> <https://www.atf.gov/firearms/firearms-guide-identification-firearms-within-purview-national-firearms-act>

<sup>iv</sup> Impact of the 1994 Assault Weapons Ban: 1994-96, Research in Brief, NCJ Number 173405, Author(s) J A Roth; C S Koper, Date Published March 1999. <https://www.ojp.gov/ncjrs/virtual-library/abstracts/impacts-1994-assault-weapons-ban-1994-96-research-brief>

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 6:17:46 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This is only another attempt to infringe on our second amendment rights. To say that this is for the better of the community and will lower gun violence is a flat out lie. For examples, please see every major city and state with the strictest gun laws. Every one of them have the highest gun crime in the country. WHY?! Because bad people don't care about gun laws. What will make a difference?! Stopping the "soft on crime" policies. I Daniel Taylor very much oppose of this Bill. Thank you.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 6:24:03 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this to uphold my right to bear arms.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 6:47:13 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joe foglia	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing in refusal of sb3196. As this goes against our rights as Americans. To think that the spirit of aloha trumps our constitution is blasphemy. You think kamehameha united the islands using aloha. Ha, yea right.

I am a father and husband who teaches my wife/children firearms safety and skills. This is a fundamental in growing up. As I was thought when I was growing up by my father.

thank you for your time.

mahalo

joe f.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 7:10:10 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill because its unconstitutional.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 7:53:19 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

i oppose all antigun laws ,i wish politicians try to solve the drug adiction epidemic in Hawaii.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 8:00:44 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<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 SB3196 because it threatens the ability for the good citizens to protect ourselves, our families, and property. SB3196 also empowers the criminals, lets face it crime is very bad nowadays and if two or three home invaders were to break into your home with your family home what do you think they will do to your wife and kids..... Trust me it won't be nice. I'm asking you to throw SB3196 in the trash where it belongs. Gun owners are good citizens not criminals, please don't treat the good citizens like criminals.

Thank you,

Chris Pang

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 8:19:01 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael A. Cobb Jr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB 3196

Dear Senators,

**Please do not pass these restrictions on firearms that the public owns.**

**These restrictions excessively burden the public who have a right to self-defense from having access to their tools where ever they may face a dangerous confrontation. Why do you feel it necessary to limit the public’s ability to defend themselves when the aggressors, criminals, have no such limitations? Criminals can do anything but we the public have limitations? Who are you protecting with these ordinances anyway?**

**Perhaps you should read the 2nd Amendment and the 14th Amendments before you jump to the wrong conclusions regarding the rights of the People who you are violating.**

**Why spend the taxpayer’s time and money defending laws that are clearly against the U.S Constitution or even passing these ordinances in the first place? Everyone has the right to self-defense not just the criminals who break the laws and seem to have access to firearms with few consequences. The police do not have the responsibility to ensure the safety of the individual citizens and most of us can’t afford private armed guards. Most of us have a difficult time affording our basic daily needs. What about the people who deal with dangerous individuals every day at the bus stop? Who protects them? This proposal will embolden the criminal element in our neighborhoods. They will know we can’t defend ourselves and things will only get worse for the public. Do not limit our ability to transfer our firearms to our children upon our passing, they have every right to our private property.**

**Magazine limitations only put the defender at a disadvantage over their aggressors who don’t need to reload after the 10th shot.**

**We must carry the most effective tool for self-defense that we can obtain with our limited financial abilities. The current rules in place for the concealed carrying of a firearm are very burdensome for the public. Each individual, tax payers who pay for everything, deserve the ability to exercise the rights guaranteed by our creator and codified in the U.S. Constitution. I don’t understand why you believe it necessary to turn our rights into**

**privileges with this proposal. You need to use the time and taxpayer money to help the people of Lahaina rebuild, leave our rights alone.**

**The U.S Constitution, the Buren, and the Heller decisions are not suggestions nor are they just for the other 49 states, they are the law of the land. These new regulations are not about public safety, but about taking the power from the public and giving it to the criminal element. Do not pass this bill. Each senator who votes in favor of this proposal votes against our constitutional rights and should be held accountable. Do not change our existing laws to make them more restrictive for the taxpaying people of Hawaii. Do not pass this bill.**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 8:41:13 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I, Thomas K Beck, oppose SB3196. This bill severely undermines my constitutional right to "keep and bear arms". Thereby, crippling my ability to defend myself, my loved ones, and property from those with evil intent. I feel especially vulnerable and unsafe with the continuous rise of violent crime in the State of Hawai'i.

I oppose this Bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 8:59:57 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David P. Alvarado Jr.	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

Hello, my name is David Alvarado Jr., and I writing to you in order to convey my **STRONG OPPOSITION** to bill SB3196. There are several reasons I will like all of you to consider as this bill is being introduced/considered.

First I would like to highlight the **UNCONSITUTIONAL** nature of this bill. As an American, I feel that my constitutional rights are being yet again violated in the most overt way, without regard to the responsible, **LAW ABIDING** citizens, like myself and many others like me.

Secondly, I fail to see how this over-generalized bill will do anything to actually thwart the criminal element, which I assume this bill is intended or should be intended to address. Instead a bill like sb3196 will only vilify and single out the responsible citizens, which I might add already follow one of the nation's toughest/strictest gun laws already. You will in effect make thousands upon thousands of law abiding citizens **FELONS** overnight. Please to not make me a criminal.

Lastly, but the most important reason to strike down this bill, is that it takes my ability to protect my family. I am the frontline defense for my family. As the **CRIMINALS** get more brazen, this bill will effectively cut me off at the knees, and inhibit my ability to keep my family safe. This bill will make it easier for **CRIMINALS** to target people, because they will know, that the people will not be able to defend themselves. Again, the 2nd amendment was intended to leave citizens with the ability to defend themselves against unlawful violence. Instead my tougher penalties for the criminals who are the ones actually breaking the law.

As public servants, I urge you to follow what the people want, which is what is already outlined in the **CONSTITUTION** which you swore an oath to **UPHOLD**.

Thank you for your time

David Alvarado Jr.



**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 9:06:48 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Carol D. Yokoyama	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Committee,

Please support the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution by strongly OPPOSING SB3196.

The Second Amendment is direct and clear in understanding. SB3196 infringes the right of the people (all Americans) to keep and bear Arms. This bill hinders and destroys fundamental individual rights. Regardless of the type and size of a pistol, rifle, magazine, ammunition, attachments, barrels, etc., this bill violates ancillary rights because it hinders and infringes on the right of the people to keep and bear Arms.

I believe there is a duty for our elected officials to support our Constitution. Please strongly OPPOSE SB3196.

Mahalo Nui Loa for your time.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 9:12:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. A magazine ban has been deemed unconstitutional by the Supreme Court. An "assault weapon" ban is also being challenged in the Supreme Court. By banning "assault weapons" and limiting magazine capacity, you are violating a citizens right to keep and bear arms and limiting a law abiding citizen from being able to effectively defend one's self. While criminals don't follow laws and do as they please. Not to mention many of these criminals are released and return to their criminal activities once more.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 9:12:43 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha Honorable Members of the Legislature,

As an immigrant who has moved to America long ago and becoming a strong law-abiding citizen, I vehemently oppose and ask you to reject the proposed anti-gun bill SB3196. As an a supporter of individual rights and the 2nd Amendment, I feel that the State's commitment to enacting strong gun safety laws in this bill oversteps and infringes all law-abiding citizen's rights of responsible gun ownership. Banning assault rifles, assault shotguns, assault pistols, certain model/make of guns, .50 caliber rifles, and firearm attachments which also includes air rifle/airsoft replica firearms and banning of transfership is all a costly and misguided law that will impact all law abiding civilians, military families, and Law enforcement families.

Historically, Hawaii had an A- rating from Goffords Law Center without the additional enforcing of the new anti-gun measures proposed in SB3196. This proves that it is not about enacting new Gun Controls that helps Hawaii to be safer, but rather the Aloha State and its Law-Abiding Gun owners of Hawaii can keep Hawaii safe without the additional measures proposed by SB3196. Gun Safety starts with the Law-Abiding citizens, not the restrictions of the firearms or its accessories. Hawaii has the lowest gun crime rates compared to any other states and that is due to responsible gun ownership regardless of the characteristics of the firearm.

The people of Hawaii and its residents who are Law-abiding Gun owners uses thier firearms responsibly for protection/self-defense, hunting, sport shooting, education, workplace and as outlined in the 2nd Amendment as being part of the United States of America.

Proposing such overreaching, restrictive regulations, and penalizing Law-abiding firearm owners with this bill will only hamper Law-abiding firearms owners from properly using firearms in a safe manner due to the restrictions of the firearm type or reduced features or restrictive parts. This new bill will never address the problem of solving the gun violence or gun crimes whereas proper resources should be focused on mental health care, proper screening of criminals before release, and better social services to keep career criminals from obtaining firearms.

SB3196 Bill's proposed Assault Weapon Ban of Rifles, Shotguns, Handguns/pistols is not well thought out. It is a greatly flawed, arbitrary, and infringement of the 2nd Amendment. The list of firearms in SB3196 of the make, and cosmetic features or attachments does not address the crime and violence of Hawaii. It is not because of these so-called Assault Weapons, Assault Pistols, Assault Shotguns, or Assault Rifles or the attachments is the root cause of the crime and

violence. It does not deter criminals from using any tool/weapon for their crime. This bill not only is worded to ban rifles, shotguns, pistols and attachments of certain features but it bans many commonly owned firearms to the point there is almost no particular firearm that meets the criterias outlined in SB3196. The bill also describes of firearms or pistols that has a full-automatic variant is banned which will ban the Glock handgun for example that is commonly carried by many. This bill only targets the Law-abiding citizens, its Military Families, and Law Enforcement families from having the proper tools to self-defend, hunting, sport shooting, safety education, workplace requirement (such as guards/armored car) and to follow the 2nd Amendment. The Second Amendment of the United States Constitution reads: "**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.**"

In regards to the proposed restrictions on magazine capacity, gun length, no-pistol grip on rifles/shotguns, these are impractical and ineffective ways to address gun safety. Criminals intent on causing harm will not be deterred by arbitrary restrictions placed on firearms. Instead, such restrictions only hinder the ability of law-abiding citizens to defend themselves effectively or in the purpose outlined in the 2nd Amendment. Many firearm magazines are ubiquitous in that they can be shared across other platforms from rifles to pistols/or handguns in which banning such firearms does not solve gun crime either. The bill's statement of firearms transference to and from the State of Hawaii with these limitations is unnecessary burdens on the law-abiding gun owners, military personals and law enforcements/Federal/Government employees in the event they need to pass their firearms to their family who is non-LE or Military. The safety of Hawaii's citizen in achieving and promoting Public Safety is not found in this bill. It is a bill that does not preserve the rights of all Law-abiding citizens. The resources and efforts instead should be refocused for community health programs, Police Departments job opportunities, social worker programs to manage more homeless rehabilitation efforts, prison expansion, revamping of catch and release laws for career criminals, mental illness/ward expansion of services, tighter enforcement of airport security for screening criminals entering Hawaii and improvements to removing illegal drugs from Hawaii which is the root cause of most violent crimes. Drugs entering into Hawaii is the reason for many homeless people who are mentally unstable, dangerous, gangs, and career criminals that is making Hawaii unsafe. More effort must be done to our drug enforcement programs as well as the above mentioned issues. Hawaii is among the safest state in terms of gun violence because we are responsible with the firearms that is in our current possession with the current gun laws. I with the placed toughest laws in acquiring a firearm with background checks. Hawaii is safe for tourists to visit compared to many other states and tourists themselves come to Hawaii to also enjoy sports shooting that is in a safe environment like Hawaii. We pride ourselves as local residents of Hawaii to be given the right to own firearms and to be responsible for it. We can be the very example to other states to demonstrate safe firearm ownership without any additional bills to limit our right to own firearms and limitations to the type of firearms that can be owned.

As a longtime citizen of Hawaii who immigrated from Japan, I humbly ask to refocus the efforts in making Hawaii safer for all of our residents and visitors on creating better policies such as addressing enhanced mental health care, proper handling of criminals off of our streets, stricter drug enforcements, stricter enforcement of people driving under the influence of drugs/alcohol, finding red flags of unstable individuals, frequent screening of terrorists who enter

Hawaii, and better screening of visitors at airports with criminal history to prevent them from entering Hawaii. Policies must be made to focus on the actual root cause of gun violence, instead of imposing restrictive regulations that does nothing to curb gun violence. It is the responsibility of our Law Enforcement to apprehend criminals to prevent gun violence, not restricting Law-abiding citizens over a firearm type or feature. Criminals will use any weapon regardless of the restricted form or feature as described in SB3196, it does not prevent gun violence nor make a State any safer. A law-abiding citizen being penalized for owning any of the firearms as outlined in SB3196 and its new changes is once again an infringement on our 2nd Amendment rights. In closing, I ask with deep respect to please reject and retract this unlawful anti-gun bill. We as law-abiding gun owning citizens can have the responsibility to keep Hawaii safe for everyone. It is our right to do so as stated in the 2nd Amendment. We have the right to keep and bear arms in which shall not be infringed.

Mahalo for taking the time to read my testimony.

Sincerely,  
Ryota Takuma

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 9:15:38 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

My name is Kapeka Estrella and I live on the island of Kauai. I strongly oppose this bill. I live and work on a church property, and as you know, we are a target for many terrorist attacks. So the threat to our lives is very real and very possible as we see in the news quite often. And as the second amendment, clearly states, we have the right to bear arms and to protect our lives. This bill is trying to take that away. You are asking law abiding citizens to do some thing that criminals and terrorists will not. Please consider the safety of your law abiding citizens and the constitution in your decision.

sincerely, Kapeka

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 9:19:46 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jon Abbott	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Here we go again. Another year, another attempt to use the legislature to deny people their rights to self defense, their property, and freedom of movement.

I OPPOSE SB3196. This bill is in complete defiance of the US Constitution, the Hawai'i State Constitution, and the US Supreme Court decisions in Bruen (2022) and Heller (2008). Every time this bill or its ilk is submitted the excuse is the same - to increase public safety. This will do nothing to promote public safety. Instead, it is a flacid attempt to deny citizens the right to defend themselves with the most effective tools -semi auto rifles, shotguns, and pistols, and standard capacity rifle magazines (over 10 rounds). All of these arms are in common use and number in the hundreds of thousands here in Hawai'i alone. Even the most recent ruling by the Hawai'i Supreme Court underscored the utility of AR15s (and Semi auto rifles like it ) in the defense of home and hearth - the property owner who confronted the trespassers to his propety used an AR15 to corral the intruders until MPD was able to arrive.

I doubt that most of those on this committee will bother to read the testimony of people like myself- who believe in individual liberty and natural rights. To these Oath Breakers, I say shame on you. You are on the losing side of history. Our rights are not up to a vote, for the very core of our form of democracy prevents a majority from stepping on the rights of any political minority.

For over a decade, I have provided similar testimony on similar attempts to illegally take my guns away. Honestly it saddens me that so many legislators cannot see what they are doing is immoral and against their oaths to uphold the state and federal constitutions. Despite any evidence to the contrary, several of you on this committee somehow still blame us legal and lawful gun owners for all the violent crime unleashed in this state instead of going after the judiciary who has let repeat offenders go time and time again. Going after us lawful gun owners is an act of cowardice, and only shows the lack of grit and honesty on the part of law makers to address the real causes of increasing violent crime here in the Aloha State. The Spirit of Aloha is alive and well, and it does not support the infringement of citizens' rights -rather it compels the government of the State of Hawai'i to reify and enforce the rights of its lawful citizens. This includes their right to defend themselves with arms the citizen deems appropriate.

Not only will this bill ban all semi auto rifles and shotguns - it will ban all semi auto pistols and accessories- decimating all local gun stores and online sales. This will also encompass airsoft companies, hunting and fishing stores - decimating a large swath of small businesses that serve the hunting, shooting, fishing and airsoft communities. If the members of this committee would

do their due diligence, they would find NONE of these stores contribute to violent crime and infact are the resources depended upon by citizens, including police - to train and equip themselves against criminals. We are the best defense against crime.

Lastly, many of us in the gun community spend thousands of dollars each year seeking to further our training in the safe and effective use of firearms. This bill would prohibit us from traveling to other states to engage in this training by prohibiting the return to Hawai'i with our Semi-Auto rifles, shotguns, and pistols. How can this state be called anything other than a Banana Republic if it prohibits its most law abiding from traveling freely with their property?

I urge members of this committee to vote no on this most aggregious bill - your sacred honor and oath of office are depending on it.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 9:26:36 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this legislation which I feel will substantially affect my Constitutional right to bear arms. This Unconstitutional bill arbitrarily seeks to ban the vast majority of firearms commonly used by law abiding citizens. Criminals will still be able to gain access to firearms through various other means, the easiest and most common is bringing in firearms from outside the State. How will I be able to protect myself and my family if the vast majority of firearms used for self protection are illegal? Basically this bill will serve to disarm us. The criminal element will not comply and give up their firearms.

The bill also seeks to ban various firearms accessories, which is absolutely ludicrous. How will a flashlight or a scope make a firearm more "dangerous"? Or a handgun that will be illegal because it's over 12" long, weighs more than 50 ounces and used in internationally recognized shooting sports? The message is clear and is that this Unconstitutional bill basically seeks to disarm people. History clearly shows us what happens when government disarms its citizens. Hitler, Stalin, and Mao are just three examples of people who enacted gun bans and then proceeded to commit atrocities.

There are lots of laws already in effect which are not being enforced due to our State's soft-on-crime approach. The State doesn't need stricter laws, instead needs to actually put people in jail who break laws to make this place safer. If you look at people who commit crimes of violence such as Assault, Terroristic Threatening or Robbery, the vast majority have committed various property crimes and done little or no jail time for those offenses. Lock those people up instead of coddling them and violent crime should correspondingly drop.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 9:35:54 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I respectfully **oppose** this bill as it is an excessive and broad over reach into the rights of law abiding citizens.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 9:39:40 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
808 2A Aina	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

First and foremost, the proposed bill threatens the fundamental rights guaranteed by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution. The right to bear arms is a cornerstone of our democracy, essential for self-defense, hunting, and safeguarding against tyranny. Any attempt to restrict law-abiding citizens' access to firearms undermines this constitutional right.

Furthermore, the definitions used in the bill to classify certain firearms as "assault weapons" are overly broad and lack clarity. This ambiguity could lead to the unintended consequences of penalizing responsible gun owners who use firearms for legitimate purposes such as sport shooting or hunting. Banning firearms based on cosmetic features or arbitrary criteria does little to enhance public safety and only serves to infringe upon the rights of law-abiding citizens.

Additionally, there are significant concerns regarding the efficacy of bans on specific types of firearms in reducing crime. History has shown us that such measures often fail to address the root causes of violence and disproportionately burden law-abiding citizens without deterring criminals who obtain firearms through illegal means.

Enforcing the proposed bans would pose significant challenges for law enforcement agencies and strain already limited resources. Prohibiting the sale or transfer of certain firearms would create a black market, driving lawful commerce underground and making it more difficult to track firearms in circulation.

Instead of pursuing restrictive measures that target law-abiding citizens, I urge policymakers to focus on evidence-based solutions to address the complex issue of gun violence. This includes strengthening mental health services, improving background check systems, and targeting illegal firearms trafficking through enhanced enforcement efforts.

In conclusion, I respectfully urge you to oppose Bill 3196 and consider alternative approaches that respect our constitutional rights while effectively addressing the underlying factors contributing to gun violence.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 9:47:57 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Raynel Leo Espiritu	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Honorable members of the Hawaii Legislature,

I strongly oppose SB3196.

I am a father of 2 beautiful children and husband. I have never been arrested nor committed a crime. No bad record or any such. Please don't make me a criminal by passing this bill. We all know that this bill has nothing good to do with fellow law abiding citizens. Career criminals will always be a criminal, they do not follow the law. This bill will take away the security of my family and friends. Most gun related tragedies are committed by people that don't follow the law. If this bill passes, it will only make citizens distrust the government. I conclude that we should focus on criminals and not firearms or as ignorant people call it, assault rifles and pistols.

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.

Leo Espiritu

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 9:52:57 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

To the Honorable Members of the Hawaii Legislature,

I strongly oppose SB3196. This bill, in its current form, is unconstitutional and represents a substantial infringement on the rights protected by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution. It violates the decisions of the SCOTUS in the cases of Heller (2008) and Bruen (2022).

SB 3196 proposes bans and restrictions on a broad range of firearms and accessories, many of which are commonly used for lawful purposes, including self-defense, hunting, and recreational shooting. The bill's expansive definitions and prohibitions on widely owned firearms directly conflict with the principles outlined in the aforementioned rulings.

It will not help to lower gun violence in my opinion, but this bill will criminalize current legal firearms owners.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 9:53:36 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Shannon L R Schmeling	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Senators,

My name is Shannon Schmeling. I have resided on Kauai for the past 32 years. I oppose the proposed legislation outlined in SB3196. I ask that you not even consider this outrageous attack on our Second Amendment rights and vote down this proposed legislation. Thank you for your time.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 9:59:34 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196.

Here are the reasons for my objection.

One of the foundational principles of the United States is the Second Amendment, which guarantees the right of citizens to bear arms. Blanket bans on semiautomatic rifles/shotguns, or what you call “assualt rifles and assualt shotguns” and high-capacity magazines will infringe upon this constitutional right. The Second Amendment emphasizes the importance of preserving individual liberties and the ability to protect oneself, family, and property.

Semiautomatic rifles/shotguns and high-capacity, which is really standard capacity magazines can provide individuals with effective means of self-defense in certain situations. In scenarios with multiple attackers, these firearms will allow myself and others to respond adequately to ensure our safety. Restricting access to such tools will limit our ability to defend ourselves and our families effectively. We may not have the luxury of waiting minutes for police to arrive when armed attackers are kicking down our front door.

Many gun owners, such as myself, use semiautomatic rifles for various sporting and recreational activities, such as competitive shooting, hunting, and target practice. Banning these firearms could hinder law-abiding citizens' ability to engage in legitimate and well-regulated activities that contribute to the rich cultural heritage of firearm ownership.

Rather than focusing solely on the firearms themselves, addressing the root causes of violence is a more effective approach to enhancing public safety. Factors such as mental health issues, socioeconomic disparities, and inadequate law enforcement resources should be prioritized to prevent acts of violence, rather than placing undue restrictions on law-abiding citizens.

Bans on semiautomatic rifles/shotguns and high-capacity magazines will not effectively address the core issues of gun violence. Criminals often obtain firearms illegally, rendering restrictions on legal gun ownership meaningless and puts us in danger. Instead, of trying to pass these unconstitutional bills, would it not be better to increase mental health support, enforce existing laws and actually hold those that commit criminal acts accountable. I see too many instances of multiple repeat offenders being allowed back on the streets. This only emboldens their behavior. Ex. Sebastian Mahkwan who threw acid on a woman at Ala Moana. He was arrested 55 times

prior to this incident. Why wait until something terrible happens such as this before passing harsher penalties?

While concerns about public safety are paramount, an outright ban on semiautomatic rifles/shotguns and magazines holding more than 10 rounds is not an effective solution. We should focus on responsible ownership, i.e. advocate for, but not requiring, firearms training and basic safe handling of firearms. We should also be teaching children about gun safety and respecting firearms, not fearing them. Societal issues should also be addressed so that individuals do not need to feel that criminal activities are their only option to survive. All of this can create a safer environment without compromising constitutional freedoms.

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Submitted on: 2/18/2024 10:12:52 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Hello, I'm submitting a testimony to oppose SB3196. I believe this bill is unconstitutional. Banning certain firearms of any sort is wrong. I don't own a firearm yet but this bill also affects my hobby known as airsoft. My hobby is similar to paintball but we use rreplica firearms instead of paint markers. Our community will be affected by this bill on which a lot of business will have to shut down and we would be ban to play our game. Infringing on our rights is wrong, this state already has so many gun laws it's hard for your law abiding citizens to obtain a firearm. If the reason for this bill is to combat gun violence in the state of Hawaii, it won't stop the criminals to obtain firearms. Most gun violent cases criminals use guns that are on the black market. I don't want this bill to pass because it really affects my hobby and I won't be able to own a gun that I want to protect my family with. Please reconsider with this bill a lot of citizens don't want this. Please don't push your agenda's on your constituents, you guys are public servants. Please listen to our testimonies to oppose this bill. Thank you.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 10:29:53 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE this bill. This bill has ambiguous wording and makes law abiding gun owners criminals and does nothing to address criminals. In addition bills with similar wording in other states has already been found in by US Supreme Court as unconstitutional. So this is just a big waste of time.

thanks for your time and consideration.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 10:51:27 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Quentin Kealoha	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Members of the JDC,

I am writing in **STRONG OPPOSITION** to SB3196.

The initial hearing for this bill in the PSM committee, in which the chairman of the JDC, Karl Rhodes, spent most of the hearing looking at his phone and not listening to the testimonies of the citizens, goes to show that the voices of The People of Hawai‘i are clearly being ignored by the drafters and supporters of this bill. The results of the PSM hearing, of which the overwhelming majority of testimonies clearly indicated strong opposition to this bill, clearly indicates that The People not only do not see this bill as beneficial to our populace, but that it will result in more negative after effects with regards to our safety and way of life. As many have previously stated and likely will state in forthcoming testimonies, this bill is a clear violation of our constitutional right to bear arms, which many legislators apparently do not understand is the most essential factor in the preservation and protection of our free state and the rights of The People, from enemies both foreign and domestic, that seek to strip us of our ability to defend ourselves, our communities our nation and individual rights, while also ensuring unnecessary overreach and infringement upon the populace is cannot meet resistance. It has become apparent that the drafters and supporters of this bill do not have public safety and/or the common good at heart, given their constant referral to the weapons they propose banning as "weapons of war," yet openly excuse entities and organizations from possessing those same "weapons of war"; the same entities that have, over recent years, increasingly acted in enforcing unethical and unconstitutional policies and orders at the behest of this government to infringe upon and violate the freedoms, liberties and rights of The People. It is now clear that this bill, and others like it, serves the purpose of disarming the populace in tyrannical fashion, in order to empower the government so as to subserviate the people to its whim, something that the founders of our nation ademently warned us about.

Along with being antagonistic towards and a direct violation of a clearly defined constitutional right, specifically the 2nd amendment of the Constitutions of the State of Hawai‘i and the United States of America, this bill continues to serve as another example of legislators direct violating their oaths of office, as covered in HRS §12-7, which states thatwhen elected, they will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America, and the Constitution and laws of the State of Hawaii, and will bear true faith and allegiance to the same. It is interesting

that the same individuals who support this bill are also those who cherry pick aspects of the State and Federal constitutions to suit their purposes.

Members of the JDC I again express **strong opposition** to SB3196, as this is a direct attack on the rights of The People and in support of overempowering an already corrupt state government. Support of this bill means you are willing to not only violate the constutions of our State and Nation, but that you are not truly in service to The People, but rather in service those whom wish to subjugate us and destroy the fabric of our society. It is my hope that, with the execption of Karl Rhoads (who has already made up his decision to vote yes), the remaining members of the JDC remember their oaths of office and the purpose of their position in protecting the rights and freedoms of The People by opposing this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/18/2024 11:23:23 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
L. Miles	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose:

I am a constituent of Senator Joy San Buenaventura.

I am resubmitting my testimony and affirming that I still oppose this bill.

While I am not a gun fan, I oppose this bill as it is unconstitutional, and I see it as another attempt to infringe and chip away at American citizen's rights under the 2nd Amendment. The 2nd Amendment exists for a reason, and it does not contain conditions and limits on types, features, characteristics, measurements, amounts, styles, capacities, etc.

In addition to our Constitutional right to protect ourselves from a tyrannical government, we have the right, and need to be able to protect ourselves from enemies, foreign and domestic.

In a perfect world we would not need guns to defend ourselves. However, we do not live in a perfect world. There *is* a reason why Americans have the right to keep and bear arms and there *are* reasons why they would need to utilize that right.

With the rise in crime since our public servants who seem to have forgotten their oaths to uphold the United States Constitution have decided that it would be good for society to be lenient on criminals, defund police, let convicted criminals out of prison, do away with bail and not prosecute crimes, defund mental health services, release those with mental health issues into society, and allow open borders, citizens need to be able to defend themselves.

Since the unthinkable happened with Russia invading Ukraine and Hamas invading Israel, we have realized the importance of being able to defend ourselves against foreign invaders and terrorists as well.

Perhaps Ukraine would not have been invaded if their citizens were well armed. Perhaps Israelis would not have been viciously attacked and slaughtered if they were equally as armed as the terrorists.

Prior to these invasions, it was almost inconceivable that Americans would have to be faced with such situations. Now both Ukraine and Israel are at war, and we can see the need for citizens to

be able to protect themselves. Police and the military cannot be everywhere at once and cannot be there in advance of an invasion or attack.

With rising political tensions, crime, and terrorists and gang members being allowed to enter this country illegally, it is not unconceivable to think there may be those with bad intentions in our country or our very state and you are working hard to make it impossible to defend ourselves.

Invaders from other countries, terrorists, and criminals are not going to be stopped by “The Aloha Spirit.”

Banning guns or simply calling an area a “sensitive space” does not instantly make us safe. I work in a “No Weapons Allowed” space and have had persons with mental issues barge into our offices, threaten employees, and sometimes have been armed. There is no one making sure everyone obeys the “sensitive space” rules. Deeming a place a “sensitive place” or banning guns just makes targets out of the law-abiding citizens as the criminals know they cannot defend themselves.

Only law-abiding citizens obey laws. Criminals that already have guns will not be turning in their guns or banned magazines. Criminals will find the means and method to carry out their crimes, regardless of whatever laws Hawaii implements. Further restrictions on responsible gun owners only makes felons out of law-abiding citizens, further jeopardizes people’s safety and their Constitutional Right to bear arms and defend themselves, and empowers criminals, who do not abide by the laws to begin with.

Further, the determination of which type of firearm or how much ammunition is needed to defend oneself or our families should be up to the legal gun owner, not a legislator. You will not be there if our home should be invaded, our country invaded, or some other assault on ourselves or our families should occur.

Why are you trying so hard to limit legally owned firearms by law-abiding citizens instead of prosecuting actual criminals and incarcerating or deporting them and expanding mental health services?

Why should Americans be more and more limited in their ability to defend themselves when they have that right under the United States Constitution which includes the state of Hawaii?

What fate are you subjecting Americans to if we should be invaded by another country or attacked by terrorists and we have no means of self-defense?

We should be enforcing existing gun laws and have serious consequences for committing crimes. We need to stop ignoring warning signs of people who were “known to law enforcement” and intervene before they can carry out their crimes, and increase mental health services before adding more gun laws.

It is imperative that law-abiding Americans may exercise their rights under the 2nd Amendment as they deem necessary, therefore I oppose any bill that limits legal gun owner’s Constitutional

or civil rights or that limits the ability of a legal gun owner to defend themselves or their families and ask you to vote “NO” on this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 12:16:37 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Oppose.

It infringes on my 2nd Amendment right which the state does not have a right to infringe on.

Please vote "No" on this law.

Thank you.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 1:23:45 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

SB3196 will do absolutely nothing in the prevention of crime, not even gun crime. 50 caliber guns have never been used in crimes simply because they are big, heavy, very expensive, and unwieldy. Additionally, the bullets for 50 caliber guns usually cost about 10 times more than what normal gun ammo costs, and since it's such a small niche category, 50 caliber bullets are hard to find here in Hawaii, you're not going to see criminals stocking up on 50 caliber ammo, ever. This bill just doesn't make sense, none at all. Not even "common sense". However, this bill will discriminate unfairly against the many Hawaii firearms enthusiasts who do shoot 50 caliber guns for hunting, sport, and just plain old shooting fun at the range.

The Bill as written would also ban every part for firearms repair or upgrade. Many firearms owners in Hawaii are competitive shooters and purchase parts for their firearms for competition use. Hunters would not be able to acquire replacement parts for their rifles. By banning these parts, they will be unable to repair or upgrade their legally possessed firearms. Parts affected by this ban would be, but are not inclusive of; bolts, upper receivers, slides, barrels, extractors, ejectors, trigger shoes, firing pins, sights, springs and so forth.

Also, by making it illegal to purchase these parts, local firearms shops would lose the largest part of their business, which is accessory sales. This would result in lost tax revenue from lost sales and higher unemployment as shops lay off employees or cut their hours to account for the shortages in income.

To pass this bill does nothing but place more burdensome restrictions on law abiding citizens who are simply pursuing a hobby of craftsmanship, and a passion for creating something mechanically functional from scratch, which is rapidly becoming a dying art and talent here in Hawaii. Kids nowadays are more content to sit in front of the TV and play video games, than creating something with tools and their own hands in a shop.

This bill would continue to punish law abiding citizens of the State of Hawaii and infringe upon their right to defend themselves in a manner which they deem acceptable. It would severely impact their ability while at home in the unfortunate event of a home invasion. It's the middle of the night and someone breaks in with the intent to cause physical harm. The bad actors have firearms obtained illegally and are a threat to you and your family, but you are limited to only 10 rounds in a magazine and have no way to carry extra magazines in your pajamas and you are calling 911 with your cellphone in your other hand. What do you do? It has been proven on many different occasions that standard capacity magazines made the difference between life and

death for the law abiding citizen. Judge Roger Benitez from California declared magazine bans unconstitutional in his 2019 ruling. He ruled that magazines holding more than 10 rounds are "arms" under the U.S. Constitution, and that the... ..law "burdens the core of the Second Amendment by criminalizing the acquisition and possession of these magazines that are commonly held by law-abiding citizens for defense of self, home, and state."

Magazines that have capacities larger than 10 rounds were designed that way by the manufacturer for an explicit reason; to give the user the ability to defend oneself against bad actors with equality. To deviate from that would be redesigning the firearm from its initial and desired design. The Glock 17, which is the standard issue firearm for the Honolulu Police department, has a designed standard capacity of 17 rounds. The Colt AR-15 is the standard issue rifle of HPD, which is designed for use with 30 round capacity magazines. Is the intent of the statute to create two distinct classes of people in Hawaii? Is the safety of the Law Enforcement Officer more important than the safety of the law abiding citizen? That is what this statute is making.

Banning magazines with capacities of more than 10 rounds does nothing to address the real issues of crime in Hawaii and is only trying to fix a problem that doesn't exist. Banning larger-capacity ammunition magazines won't reduce the number of shootings, and is as daft a notion as banning all personal vehicles in the state in order to reduce DUI deaths.

I urge you to oppose this measure and to work to repeal the current nonsense law of pistol magazine restrictions for the safety and welfare of Hawaii residents. Instead of focusing your attention of the gun or the ammo, perhaps your focus should be on the bad guy using the gun. This bill will penalize the lawful for the misdeeds of the unlawful.

Please concentrate your focus instead on effective legislation, such as keeping repeat offenders behind bars. Hawaii's "catch-and-release" justice system is a farce.

Please do not support SB3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 2:04:54 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill and any bill that restricts the ability of law abiding citizens to purchase, sell, transfer and use firearms. The second amendment preserves the right to own firearms, yet some lawmakers believe that to counter law breaking citizens that the answer is the further restrict the ability of those abiding by the laws instead of enacting and enforcing existing laws on those who break the laws. I have see nothing but my personal rights being violated, with obstructions and inconveniences obtaining permits to acquire firearms, extended delays of lengthy background checks, which has caused many lives already and the inconvenience of going back a second time, waiting in long lines to register and pick up your firearm. The restriction of what kind of firearm that I am allowed to own and now I have to take a safety course every time I purchase another firearm? I have been a firearms owner for 30 years without one infraction of the law and yet I am being treated like a criminal. How about punishing those who break the law and allowing those following the laws to get back the freedoms protected by and provided by our constitution? Please punish the criminals and stop punishing law abiding citizens. Do NOT pass this bill and start repealing these over reaching laws that treat us like the criminals that you should be putting in prison.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 7:48:55 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I respectfully oppose SB3196 for the following reasons:

- It violates my Constitutional rights to bear arms.
- I am a law-abiding citizen with NO criminal record.
- Criminals violate laws NOT law-abiding citizens.
- Criminals use stolen or black market firearms not legal registered firearms.
- Firearms are inanimate object such as a car, bat, knives, spoon, pen, etc.
- SB3196 will NOT reduce gun violence, stiffer laws against violators and more focus on black market firearms.
- You cannot legislate morals.

Bottomline, I will NOT vote for any Legislator who supports this bill!!!!

Mahalo,

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 7:50:41 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

As an hawaiian and American citizen , I respectfully oppose Bill SB 3196. This proposed bill is a direct infringement on our 2nd amendment right with no clear purpose other than take away more rights from the people on this island.

This bill is not only unfair, but unlawful to any law abiding citizens trying to protect their family, property, and self. This is one step closer to taking away our freedoms as an American citizen and undermines the principles which our country was founded.

By manipulating the nomenclature of what guns are legal and proposing the magazine ban, will turn almost all gun owners into felons. This bill not only punishes gun owning citizens, but also the community that rely on firearms for protection. This bill has the potential to ruin the livelihood of familes and individuals by simply classifying their firearms as an "assault weapon".

Our state has bigger probelms than regulating what kind of firearm its citizens can own. This will have no effect on lowering crime with the higher probability of the wrong people being able to capitalize on this bill and sell weapons and parts illegally.

Our rights are already being ifringed upon when it comes to purchasing firearms in this state, and a total ban on so called "assault weapons" is just the start of an abuse of power and total control over the people of Hawaii.

Hawaii is a state of the union which must adhere the US constitution.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 8:51:55 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cindy R Ajimine	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**OPPOSE with request to defer this session until it can be properly written with both sides of the issues at the table.**

**Instead, please focus on creating laws that strengthen the consequences & rehabilitation of illegal carriers, violent criminals, education in the use of firearms, etc.**

**As written:**

- 1. Does not align with nor protect our US Constitution's 2nd amendment right of the people to keep and bear arms thus opening our state and people to litigation.**
- 2. Definitions are not clear for multiple items including barrel & overall lengths, magazine capacities, special exceptions and exemptions, & other.**
- 3. Includes irrelevant lists of specific makes and models of weapons being classified as "assault."**
- 4. Addresses items that already have governing laws, information is conflicting & again may open our state & people to litigation.**
- 5. Erroneously addresses standard pieces of safety equipment & stock design that includes sporting & hunting guns.**

- 6. Inadvertently targets & puts at risk your law-abiding citizens.**
- 7. Will put more businesses out of business.**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 9:08:45 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am a legal gun owner and am opposed to SB3196 as it does nothing to deal with those who most often are perpetrators of gun violence: criminals, the mentally ill and terrorists. Those individuals will not comply with any laws that prohibit or restrict ownership or possession of firearms. These types of laws have the actual effect of only punishing legal gun owners. Lets look at requiring enforcement of existing laws involving the use of firearms in any criminal act, establishing mandatory minimum sentences for these types of offenses; providing for effective screening and involuntary short term commitment for testing and diagnosis of persons that are emotionally disturbed or mentally ill; and increased surveillance and short term detention of persons suspected of engaging in potential terrorist activities.

Respectfully Submitted,

Howard Murai

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 9:35:10 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this Bill. This Bill is an infringement on are rights and will not do anything to change gun violence.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 9:36:05 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brandon Santiago	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, Brandon Santiago, oppose bill, SB3196. This bill is an infringement on our rights, as cited in the second amendment, of our United States constitution, and as cited in article one, section seventeen, of the Hawai'i state constitution, and is therefore, unconstitutional.

Bill SB3196, will do nothing to stop bad people from committing crimes, and will turn law abiding citizens, into criminals, almost over night. SB3196, like many of the other gun control laws, is a solution for a problem that does not exist. SB3196, is designed to disarm law abiding citizens, and not punish the criminal element. Criminals don't follow the law, while people who follow the law, get their rights chipped away.

Semiautomatic firearms are not as aforementioned, "assault weapons." Semiautomatic firearms, require the shooter manually actuate the trigger, in order to discharge each shot. Most modern firearms in use, that are available to the civilian market, are semiautomatic. Semiautomatic firearms, are most commonly used for self defense, sports shooting and hunting. Placing a ban on semiautomatic firearms, will only disarm the law abiding citizen, both present and future.

SB3196 does nothing for firearm safety and awareness. SB3196, places a ban on specific parts of firearms, of which are designed to allow the shooter to have more control over the firearm, and to protect the shooter from burns and auditory harm. SB3196 promotes poor firearms handling, and have disguised safe firearms handling features, as something that makes firearms more lethal. Any and all features, that can improve upon the control, handling and accuracy of any firearm, only makes the firearm safer to use.

SB3196, also bans the use of standard capacity box magazines used in most modern rifles and shotguns. In any lawful situation, where having more ammunition is needed, whether it be sports, hunting or self defense, the use of standard capacity box magazines allow the shooter to be the most efficient with their firearm. In regards to SB3196, lowering the capacity of modern box magazines, to ten rounds, per magazine, is a solution for a problem that does not exist, and only incriminate the law abiding citizen.

SB3196, also bans semiautomatic firearms, by make, model and manufacturer. This part of the bill is an outright infringement of our rights, as firearm owners, and will hurt the livelihood of retailers, who lawfully sell firearms for a living. Federal Firearms Licensees, are the unsung heroes, that keep our second amendment history and knowledge alive, and are of the most respected people of the second amendment community, military and law enforcement. SB3196, is designed to hurt small businesses and destroy parts of what's left of our already fragile economy.

Firearms, are mechanical devices, that thru use, over time, will require service and maintenance. SB3196, however, is designed to make these services, inconvenient, by banning the required parts, needed to keep firearms safely operational. By not allowing access to the parts

needed to maintain modern firearms, SB3196 will eventually disarm the law abiding populace.

SB3196 is also designed to ban .50 caliber rifles. Not only is this an infringement on our rights to keep and bear arms, but this part of the bill opens the door for language to ban other types of firearms, based on the type of ammunition they use. Some shotgun have bores that are close to fifty caliber and even paint ball guns have bores, that are fifty caliber. This part of the bill, is also a solution to a problem that does not exist, and is therefore, unconstitutional.

Firearms are a big part of my family. We train together. Discuss and practice firearms safety and handling. We budget, and always look forward to our next firearm purchases. We love the time we've spent together, learning about all of the different platforms we have, and the conversations we've had, during our cleaning sessions. Firearms are one of the cornerstones that keep our family together, and I would not have it any other way.

My name is Brandon Santiago, and I oppose bill, SB3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 9:56:55 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Hello, I am writing to oppose this from moving forward. I do not think that this well meaning bill will do anything to curb crime or protect law abiding citizens who want to exercise the rights given by the constitution.

As a lifelong resident of Hawaii, I have seen the ill effect of crime and the multiple chances of people going through the court system. We live in one of the states that have the most restrictive gun laws on the books, and while generally successful, it has not really reduced the amount of crimes of violence.

I also feel that by passing this bill into law it will adversely affect the economy of Hawaii as a state. It would shut down many small businesses, the lifeblood of our state.

So in closing, thank you for allowing my written testimony.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 10:07:52 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Francine Villarmia-Kahawai	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill as it is too restrictive for the average citizen.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 10:48:00 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha mai kakou, I am submitting testimony on this bill once again. I strongly oppose this bill. As a law-abiding citizen and resident of a rural area in the Puna district on the island of Hawai'i, I can definitively say this bill is not consistent with our way of life, our kuleana, our guaranteed rights, and our ability to protect ourselves, livestock, property, and our 'ohana. Please do not strip law-abiding citizens of their rights, especially those who have been loyal and compliant with the State of Hawai'i. This proposed legislation will not reduce gun violence as criminals do not abide by laws. The state is unable to enforce and curb current firearms laws as is, particularly in Puna district. Removing firearms from the hands of good people is not pono.

Mahalo nui,

Calvin Howell

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 10:51:33 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<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 will not do anything to stop the increasing crime in our state. It only effects law-abiding citizens, by banning common use rifles, and preventing us from buying parts to repair our legally and registered rifles. It also prevents us from travelling out of state for training or competitions, because we would not be allowed to bring our legal rifles back to the state of Hawaii.

Hello,

I am writing in opposition of bill SB3196

- It's unconstitutional! The second amendment reads as, "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.**"
  - A "well-regulated militia" refers to a well-armed, well-trained, and well-disciplined militia; it does NOT mean that arms should be regulated
- Why do we always blame guns for people's malicious behavior?
  - When someone stabs someone else, nobody blames the knife.
  - When a driver intentionally uses their car to harm/kill another person, nobody blames the car.
  - When a drunk person gets in a fight and severely injures someone, nobody tries to ban alcohol.
- Dozens of local businesses and workers will be affected. According to The Square Center, data from the ATF shows there were 95 federally licensed dealers or pawn brokers of firearms in Hawaii as of January 2022. While some of these dealers are individuals, most of these dealers are locally owned businesses with local employees. If this bill passes, many of these businesses will be at risk of downsizing or closure.
- Criminals won't stop doing bad things simply because it's "illegal!" Banning firearms isn't going to stop criminals from obtaining and using them. In fact, it will just open a black-market opportunity for them, giving criminals another way to prosper.
  - Drugs are illegal, yet we still have a drug problem.
  - Aerial fireworks are illegal, yet that hasn't had any effect on New Year's Eve celebrations.
- Instead of punishing law abiding citizens, more focus should be put on keeping criminals off the streets; especially criminals who have committed violent acts and/or who have a demonstrated history of breaking the law (i.e. Sebastian Mahkwan, Korey Farinas, Clinton Ka'aiali'i, Michael Caspino, etc.).

Thank you for your time,  
Randy

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 10:54:34 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill due to another restriction to my right to protect myself and bears arms as a law abiding citizen.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 11:01:18 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am strongly opposed to this unconstitutional bill. This bill is badly written with broad descriptions, and leaves too much open to interpretation. This bill is in direct violation of the supreme courts rulings in the cases of D.C. vs. Heller, and New York State Pistol and Rifle Association vs. Bruen. In The D.C. case, the court ruled that the very firearms that you are attempting to ban, are protected under the second amendment, as they are in common use, by law abiding citizens for lawful purposes. This law is also in violation of the second amendment, in the Bruen case, the court ruled that any gun related laws must be consistent with the text, history, and tradition of gun laws when the second amendment was adopted. This bill fails as there is no historical analog to back up this proposed unconstitutional bill. This bill is a gross infringement on the rights of law abiding citizens, and it must be killed now.

Thank You,

Bradd Haitsuka

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 11:08:26 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Hello, my name is Andrew Lum, I am a current resident of Pearl City and a contractor for the US Department of Defense with an active security clearance. As a concerned lifelong resident of Hawaii, I feel compelled to speak out in opposition of SB3196, which is currently being proposed. The notion that banning firearms will solve crime is idealistic but laughable. While the intention may be well-meaning, the reality is that this is just a marketing ploy to demonstrate to the average citizen that our Hawaii lawmakers are “doing something”.

As with all efforts for these types of broad reaching bans (both nationally and locally), if passed, these efforts would only punish law abiding citizens who happen to own/want to purchase firearms. Rather than enforcing existing laws, creating new laws will not prevent criminals from breaking the law. The second amendment was written into the constitution for a reason, eroding those laws to such an extent is an affront to what our founding fathers stood for.

History has show us that firearms in the hands of private citizens can change the course of a nation. The Nation of Hawaii was overthrown unjustly by armed militia (comprising mostly of foreigners and backed by the US government). Had Queen Lili’uokalani not faced the imposing threat of the US Marines that were deployed in tacit support of the overthrow, Hawaiian history would be very different than how it is now.

Additionally, it's important to consider the practical challenges of enforcement for such a broad scoped ban on firearms. Currently the Honolulu Police Department can’t even keep existing firearms laws enforced. Rather than waste taxpayer’s money on trying to enact and enforce new laws, those funds could be focused on trying to prevent violent crime by focusing on the underlying causes. Poverty, lack of education, and mental health issues should all be addressed before resorting to introducing laws that will end up spending years in court, and costing taxpayers millions of dollars that should be spend elsewhere.

While on its face, supporting this will the public that you are willing to “do something” about firearm related crime, it is a very misguided effort. The broad strokes that SB3196 is proposing will not do anything to deter criminals from committing crime, nor will it be upheld in the higher courts (that if passed would end up going to). It would appear to the public that SB3196 is just an overreacting response to the recent Bruen and Heller decisions in the higher courts, which is not a legitimate reason to propose new laws. As elected officials for Hawaii citizens, your job is to represent the best interests of Hawaii citizens, by introducing and voting in support of SB3196 it is showing that that is unfortunately not the case...

V/R,  
Andrew Lum

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 11:21:52 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose bill SB3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 11:23:53 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill, not only is it going against our amendment rights, but you are taking away from small businesses that sell these items.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 11:47:14 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am totally against this bill there is no reason to keep punishing the working tax payers of this state who own and abide by laws and enjoy firearms and yet the criminals who dont abide by any laws roam the state freely and when and if get caught get released from custody because of shortage of prisons my suggestion hold off on laws build more prison correct justice sytem and incarcerate criminals. then after that is done go back an adjust laws make sense?

## **SB3196 Assault Weapons Ban**

I am here to testify against SB3196, specifically the ban on semi-auto rifles and shotguns, and their parts. I am also against the 10-round limitation.

My husband and I have a rifle and shotgun. We are both NRA certified (now expired) rifle and pistol instructors.

These restrictions leave upstanding citizens significantly, disadvantaged in their own home, against violent criminals who are willing to commit violent crime, will certainly not obey lesser laws of carrying weapons.

My husband has been working as a federal law enforcement agent/officer for the past 19 years. I would be passing the same background database checks as him. Whenever a firearms is purchased, the purchaser already goes through the same database checks as any law enforcement officer/agent.

**Rather than limiting upstanding citizens in their 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Rights and their right to self defense, Hawaii should focus on laws that target criminals and their criminal behavior.**

Laws should be changed as follows:

1. increasing the penalties of felons, especially violent and repeat offenders;
2. limit the authority of the parole board, which is much, much too lenient.
3. Bail/bond guidelines needs to be drastically overhauled, making bond significantly higher for felons, especially violent and repeat offenders.
4. Drug court is a sham, a farce and is much too lenient. Prison or at least inpatient/in-custody rehab is much, much more effective than out-patient, and is needed for harsher drug addictions like cocaine, meth, and opioids.
5. Hawaii's judicial system is much, much more lenient, than, for example the US federal system.

This law also criminalizes the legal use of going down to Koko Head Shooting complex with our son, and having him shoot our rifle because it is registered to us, his parents, and not him. This will not fight violent gun crime. Similarly, what about the private gun ranges that cater, particularly to Asian tourists, who shoot guns rented from their private ranges. There are several of those in Waikiki area.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lori Fujimoto  
2/19/2024

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5. Hawaii's judicial system is much, much too lenient, and much more lenient than, for example the US federal system. Hawaii's criminal system needs to administer much longer, tougher sentences.

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Rory Fujimoto, S/A  
2/19/2024

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 11:50:20 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brandon Allen Kainoa Leong	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**I strongly oppose SB 3196.** Why do we have to go through this every year? You guys keep pushing the same bills every year all in the name of making it safer for Hawaii residents. All that you are doing is making laws that only the law-abiding citizens follow and do nothing to actually stop criminals from possessing firearms.

Take a look at the criminal who took the police on an island wide chase on New Years Day 2024. He was a career criminal. A violent felon that never should have been released in the first place and while waiting for his next court appearance he committed more violent crimes. On multiple releases he was able to acquire firearms and used them in his crime spree. These laws are only making it hard for law abiding citizens to acquire firearms.

For years we have taken firearms and hunter safety classes, passed background checks every time we apply for a permit, and now we have to retake safety classes every 4 years to comply with your rules/laws that you constantly change, only affecting us and do nothing to stop criminals. This is why the law-abiding gun owner of Hawaii will never trust you legislators or take the bills that you introduce every year seriously. We will never support your efforts because your bills are only feel-good legislation with no teeth to punish actual criminals. You are constantly fighting with the people who follow the laws and not the ones who disobey the laws. It is like you guys don't trust the law abiding public and the legal firearms owners of Hawaii.

As an HPD approved firearms instructor, the President of Lessons in Firearms Education, and a board member of the Hawaii Rifle Association we are actually working to train and teach safe and competent firearms handling and ownership. We do our part to be responsible members of the community, but you never come to us for input on legislation. You only listen to the gun control groups that do nothing to promote safe firearms ownership or safety classes. All that they know how to do is push for legislation to restrict ownership and have an agenda that is for the ultimate confiscation of firearms which is contrary to the Second Amendment of the United States.

What is your stopping point? When will you be satisfied with the firearms laws you introduce and pass? Hawaii has some of the strictest firearm laws on the books in the nation already, but you guys are never satisfied. You know that the semiautomatic rifles and shotguns that you are trying to restrict are rarely used in gun crimes in Hawaii and the nation but are probably the most owned firearms in the state and country. Just because they are in circulation does not make Hawaii unsafe. Criminals who illegally acquire firearms make Hawaii unsafe. Make laws to

target criminals when they use firearms in crimes and make it harder for them to be released from prison when they do commit firearms offenses.

Thanks,

Brandon Leong

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 12:26:54 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha Senators of the Committee,

I oppose SB3196 in regards that it lacks clarity and the intent to keep criminals from abusing firearms to commit crimes. The 2nd amendment is the right to bear arms. In exercising that right whether it be self defense, hunting, and tyranny; many law abiding citizens take the time to understand the process of law and how to lawfully procure arms.

With how SB3196 is written it restricts certain accessories that allow the firearm to be stabilized; adjustable stocks, foregrips, handguards, and magazine capacity limits.

Airsoft and paintball are great training and teaching tools that promote safety and competition. Many replicas would be affected by SB3196.

I ask this committee to not move forward on SB3196.

Thank you and God Bless!

**SB-3196**

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Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Robert I Nehmad	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a resident of the City & County of Honolulu and support this Bill.

Recent polls have shown that a significant majority of Hawaii residents favor strict gun safety laws. Banning assault rifles and large capacity magazines is important because they are designed to be capable of mass killings. Their potential for physical and mental damage to our community far outweighs any plausible use for hunting, recreation or self-defense. The sooner this ban is created, the sooner we can start reducing the needless spread of assault rifles and large capacity magazines in Hawai'i.

**SB-3196**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
steven a kumasaka	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

please oppose SB3196- assault weapons ban

this bill is an unconstitutional overreach that will result in a costly lawsuit that the state will lose

please concentrate on enforcing laws currently in place and put people in jail and keep them there

laws like this only punish law abiding citizens, criminals by definition do not obey laws...

mahalo

steve

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

Comments:

Aloha, thank you for allowing me to submit testimony in regards to SB 3196. I am very opposed to this bill and will use this testimony to give reasons and explain why this bill would be devastating for citizens of Hawaii and Americans alike. This bill will make us all less safe and will financially destroy many Hawaii citizens and all firearm related businesses in the state.

I am a firearms owner and safety advocate who teaches firearm safety and encourages citizens to be law abiding and good members of our communities. I have worked with hundreds of new and experienced firearms owners and potential owners on how to handle firearms properly and all aspects of ownership and safe handling. I believe this law will destroy the fabric of safe and law abiding firearm ownership through ambiguous wording and a confusing and unreasonable law if it were to be passed. All of the firearms I own would in one way or another be deemed as illegal to use or repair if this bill became law. This is truly unconstitutional in its foundation and would completely ignore the 2nd amendment of the United States constitution if allowed to pass. This will certainly lead to millions of tax dollars being wasted in courts as we pursue legal action against an unconstitutional law and would not do anything to promote safety or make this state safer for its members. If anything this will encourage the black market and illegal use of firearms and dissuade law abiding citizens from following laws.

The bill is filled with errors, in my opinion by design, as they go further into making things illegal than are likely intended. This is not okay and should not be looked over due to ignorance of firearm parts or their uses. A stock, handgrip, and foregrip/ handguard/ barrel shroud would all be an illegal part with the claim that it makes a firearm an "assault weapon." This rule alone would make my handgun, shotgun, and all my rifles illegal to use for hunting. All of my firearms are obtained legally and not once have they placed another at risk or have they ever, nor will ever, be used in the commission of a crime. Taking away my right to use or repair all of my firearms, magazines, parts and accessories will not make anyone safer. It will actually in fact do the exact opposite. I would be losing over \$40,000 worth of parts, accessories and tools used to safely shoot for competition, at the range for fun, for hunting and for the defense of my family in an emergency situation at home.

My shotgun would be illegal because it has a built in pistol style grip that cannot be removed as designed by the manufacturer. It is a basic 12 gauge shotgun that is no more dangerous than a shotgun without a pistol grip. My handgun would be illegal because it has a place for my second hand to hold without being burned, and a threaded barrel for a part that reduces recoil for competition shooting. The bill states an exemption for a slide that covers the barrel but it doesn't include an exemption for the frame that slide sits upon and is what would be protecting my second hand when firing. I am much safer of a shooter when operating every firearm with two hands. This idea that it makes it more dangerous is absurd and based solely off of ignorance of firearms safety. My bolt action hunting rifle would be illegal because it has a partially covered barrel or barrel shroud and there are no exceptions listed for those. Every other rifle I have has multiple parts being determined as illegal and I would be left without any way of fixing or repairing them in the future if I decided to keep my firearms.

If this were to become law I would be forced to lose my job, move my family of 4 to the mainland and it would devastate our family. I fear that I will be forced out of the place I grew up and to move my children from the only place they have ever known, where they were born and raised. This abusive bill would be unconstitutional and will never hold up in higher courts such as the Supreme Court but in the time it would take to regain our freedom we would have already suffered so much loss that it wouldn't be worth it to stay here. I live in agony every year around this time as unacceptable bills are proposed to take away my rights. This "assault bill" actually is designed to induce fear, pain and discomfort for those who believe in the second amendment. It is something used to disrupt business, families future planning and is devastating to my pursuit of happiness within the United States. This bill is harming people already and you all should be aware of the pain you inflict by ignoring the people and proposing and passing legislation like this.

This bill will also make many airsoft guns and bb/ pellet guns illegal. I have a replica airsoft gun that is the same dimensions as my real competition rifle and I use it to practice in order to save on costs of ammunition. It uses a real hand-guard, same one that is installed on many of my rifles, a real pistol grip, same one as used on my real rifles and a real stock. All of those parts would be illegal to own as they could be put onto a real firearm and would classify that firearm as an assault weapon. This is absurd and does not make anyone at all any safer.

There are so many changes in this bill that it is extremely difficult for an average person to follow along or even someone with immense firearm knowledge such as myself. The wording is confusing and misleading. There are statements that oppose the statements right before and it is improperly worded. This bill is fraught with errors and is extremely easy to be abused and would cause many law abiding citizens to accidentally break the law. This ambiguity is by design and furthers the agenda of those seeking to remove firearms from the hands of civilians. The more people convicted of breaking laws using firearms only furthers their agenda and I believe they

would enjoy seeing this effect. The second amendment shall not be infringed and this goes far beyond infringement.

The idea that a 10 round magazine makes the community safer is a complete joke and lacks any data and is wishful thinking at best. Are we going to be limited on how many magazines we can own, have on us or have loaded? I can change a magazine in less than half of a second. I can still carry the same amount of ammunition on me and have more concealable magazines if they are 10rd capacity. I can also get a lower profile when shooting as the magazine doesn't protrude as much from the bottom allowing a shooter to be lower to the ground and get more concealment or cover. Honestly the idea that it makes it less dangerous is completely the opposite in fact. Actual knowledge of firearms would allow you to see what the results could be but wishful thinking is not going to protect anyone.

This bill will not affect criminals or those seeking to cause harm. This will not take away the access to parts that can easily be brought in or mailed over from other states as they are not regulated firearms and are as easy to order as shoes on Amazon. This bill will ONLY negatively impact law abiding citizens. This bill will promote the breaking of laws either willfully or ignorantly and will lessen the amount of law abiding citizens who respect law and our government. This will have a lasting effect in this state and I fear it will be dangerous. My rights are not yours to take away or even to grant to me. They are enshrined in the constitution as a result of wiser men realizing that these rights were unalienable. My freedom is not yours to diminish and I hope you adhere to your duty as a part of this government body and uphold your duty to support and defend the constitution of the United States of America. If you do this then you would vote no or at a minimum defer SB3196.

Please do not destroy my future and others alike by remaining ignorant of what it is that you do when voting yes on bills like this. Please call us, talk with us and see what you're doing to the people of this state. Please do not just ignore us and act as if you know better. This annual pain is not a joke and it wears upon us. This bill is not acceptable and needs to be stopped before it causes more harm to the people you swore to serve. Again, my firearms are tools that I use for various reasonable situations and are not a danger to society or my neighbors. Someone else's feelings about my rights are not my problem and not a legitimate reason to take away my rights. They are welcome to feel however they want but their feelings and fears should not regulate mine and others rights. My fear of having my possessions turned into illegal items should be just as respected and possibly more respected because my ownership of such items does not infringe on that persons freedoms. I feel deeply for anyone who has been harmed by a criminal or in an accident regardless of the tool used in said event. I am a caring individual and have compassion. I am also aware that my tools and firearms are not harming a single person and should not be criminalized for the actions of others.

This bill is unconstitutional, unfounded and not based on any legitimate data. There is zero proof this will make our state safer and I honestly feel it will only work to make us all less safe. This bill is filled with errors and is clearly written by those without a true understanding of firearms safety or the parts necessary for ensuring safe operations. This bill is devastating for the people who abide by laws and are some of the most respectful and caring members of our society. This bill potentially will kick my family out of the state if I wish to ensure my freedom and remain safe. This bill makes more than what is intended to be made illegal and will be confusing for law enforcement and citizens. This bill is not acceptable. Please oppose SB3196.

Feel free to call me concerning my testimony and I will gladly explain anything further for you. There is so much more to be said and I wish I could simply download my thoughts and have them understood properly by all senators and house members if it gets that far. This bill has so much to go over that it is proving to be difficult to cover it all. I am begging for my rights to remain and I wish there was more we could all do. Despite over 1800 opposing this bill last week, and somewhere around 200 supporting, the bill was passed through last week without amendments and we were all ignored. I feel the people were not given due process and were unable to express their concerns with in person testimony. I watched as people were cut off from talking and not allowed to give insight. This pressure was likely a tactic by design and was very sad to witness and felt like an abuse of power. I know there is only so much time in a day but please respect those with feelings on this matter who take time off work to fight for their freedoms. Please do not save this bill for last next time if you want to get actual insight from the community and allow those who take their time to show up to actually speak.

Thank you for opposing SB3196.

Respectfully,

Chase Cavitt

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. It is not fair that law abiding citizens who enjoy recreation shooting are being limited on what we may buy and possess. Growing up shooting .22s was a memorable time I had with my family and not being able to do this in the future when my kids get older is unfair.

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Submitted on: 2/19/2024 1:07:57 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill that is unfair to law abiding firearms owners. Taking away what we enjoy and do legally is not right. Every year it become harder and cost more money due to new laws and yet we comply and do what we are told. Crime doesn't change and criminals will continue not following the law while the rest of us are punished.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 1:10:35 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
GINNETTE OLIBEROS	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a firm supporter of our Second Amendment rights, I stand firmly against SB 3196. The Second Amendment is not just a constitutional provision; it is a cornerstone of our freedom and democracy.

The right to bear arms is a fundamental aspect of our nation's heritage, enshrined by the Founding Fathers to ensure the protection of individual liberties and the ability of citizens to defend themselves against tyranny and oppression. Any attempt to infringe upon this right undermines the very foundation of our democracy.

Moreover, banning assault rifles and pistols would unjustly penalize law-abiding citizens who responsibly exercise their Second Amendment rights. The overwhelming majority of gun owners use their firearms for lawful purposes such as self-defense, sport shooting, and hunting. Blanket bans punish responsible gun owners without addressing the root causes of violence in our society.

Furthermore, it is essential to recognize that firearms themselves are not the root cause of violence. Instead, we must focus on addressing the underlying issues such as mental health, socio-economic disparities, and systemic inequities that contribute to crime and violence in our communities.

Additionally, a ban on assault rifles and pistols would not effectively address gun violence. Criminals who are intent on causing harm will simply find alternative means to obtain firearms illegally, circumventing any bans or restrictions put in place. Thus, such measures would only serve to disarm law-abiding citizens while doing little to curb criminal activity.

In conclusion, the proposed ban on assault rifles and pistols is a direct assault on our Second Amendment rights and fails to address the complex issues surrounding gun violence. Instead of restricting the rights of law-abiding citizens, we should focus on implementing comprehensive solutions that uphold our constitutional freedoms while promoting public safety and addressing the root causes of violence in our society.

**SB-3196**

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Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

WE are OPPOSED to SB3196 .

The second ammendment of our US Constitution states clearly that we ( the citizens of America) have a God given RIGHT to have and bear arms .

This bill ( SB3196) would never stand as being legal before the US Su/preme Court .

Thanks,

David Houle / Feb 20th, 2024

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

Comments:

I support SB3196. There is no civilian need for these weapons.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 1:25:02 PM

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

Comments:

Stop the bill!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 1:33:25 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Statement of Position: I firmly oppose the bill currently under consideration in the State of Hawaii, which seeks to implement sweeping bans on a wide range of firearms and accessories. While I do not personally own a firearm, I do believe in the right to bear arms.

Background Information: The proposed bill aims to prohibit numerous firearms, including semiautomatic rifles, pistols, and shotguns, as well as certain accessories and magazines. These proposed restrictions would severely curtail the rights of law-abiding citizens to possess firearms for lawful purposes, such as self-defense and sport shooting. It is important to note that Hawaii has a history of facing legal challenges over similar firearm regulations.

Specific Arguments and Evidence:

1. Constitutional Rights:
  - o The Second Amendment of the United States Constitution guarantees the right of individuals to keep and bear arms. This fundamental right has been upheld in significant Supreme Court cases like *District of Columbia v. Heller* (2008) and *McDonald v. City of Chicago* (2010), affirming that the Second Amendment protects an individual's right to own firearms for self-defense.
  - o Legal scholars such as Alan Dershowitz and Laurence Tribe provide valuable insights into the interpretation and application of the Second Amendment, reinforcing the constitutional basis of firearms ownership.
2. Lack of Effectiveness:
  - o Research conducted by reputable institutions like the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) indicates that broad bans on firearms and accessories do not substantially reduce crime rates or enhance public safety. Such measures often fail to address the underlying causes of violence and disproportionately burden law-abiding citizens.
  - o Reports from law enforcement agencies and crime statistics demonstrate that criminals frequently obtain firearms through illicit means, rendering legislative restrictions on legal firearm ownership ineffective in preventing violent crime.
3. Legal Precedent:
  - o Hawaii has a history of facing legal challenges over restrictive firearm laws, with federal courts consistently ruling in favor of individual rights to firearms ownership. These court decisions serve as direct evidence of the legal landscape surrounding firearms legislation in the state.

- Expert analysis from scholars specializing in firearm law and constitutional law, such as Eugene Volokh and David Kopel, offers valuable insights into past legal challenges and outcomes related to firearm regulations in Hawaii.

Conclusion: The proposed bill in Hawaii to ban a wide range of firearms and accessories is constitutionally dubious, ineffective in addressing crime, and likely to face legal challenges. Instead of infringing upon the rights of law-abiding citizens, policymakers should focus on evidence-based approaches to enhancing public safety. I urge lawmakers to reject this misguided proposal and pursue policies that respect individual rights while promoting genuine efforts to reduce violence in our communities. Quit trying to restrict the right to bear arms, passing laws that are then reversed in the courts, wasting taxpayer money.

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

Comments:

My family and I strongly support SB 3196

Doris Segal Matsunaga

Waimea, Hawai'i Island

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Submitted on: 2/19/2024 1:36:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jane Davis	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**Recent polls have shown that a significant majority of Hawaii residents favor strict gun safety laws. Banning assault rifles and large capacity magazines is important because they are designed to be capable of mass killing. Their potential for mass murder far outweighs any plausible use for hunting, recreation or self-defense. The sooner this ban is created, the sooner we can start reducing the needless spread of assault rifles and large capacity magazines in Hawai'i.**

**SB-3196**

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Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Howard J. Wolff	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hawaii is the only state in the nation with an assault weapons ban that **fails** to ban assault rifles and large capacity magazines for assault weapons, We are not as safe as we should be. These are huge gaps in our assault weapons ban. **SB3196** fills those gaps by banning rifles and other assault long guns as well as banning large capacity magazines (over 10 rounds) for those assault weapons.

Please vote in favor of SB3196.

Howard Wolff

**SB-3196**

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Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

This bill is an infringement of the peoples right to bear arms and is unconstitutional. Please direct your efforts to stopping criminals from committing crimes against law abiding citizens. This "Assault Weapons Ban" is ridiculous and is a clear government overreach on the peoples 2nd ammendment rights. And this bill will not save lives. All your doing is hurting law abiding citizens.

Mahalo,

Kyle

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 2:03:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Unconstitutional!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 2:05:49 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Anne Leake	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**Aloha mai. My name is Anne Leake and I reside in Kaneohe. Recent polls have shown that a significant majority of Hawaii residents favor strict gun safety laws. Banning assault rifles and large capacity magazines is important because they are designed to be capable of mass killing. Their potential for mass murder far outweighs any plausible use for hunting, recreation or self-defense. The sooner this ban is created, the sooner we can start reducing the needless spread of assault rifles and large capacity magazines in Hawai'i. Please give favorable consideration on SB3196. Mahalo.**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 2:15:33 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. It is unconstitutional to it's very core and is shameful that it was ever proposed. The people have every right to defend themselves by whatever means necessary. This bill only penalizes lawful, tax paying gun owners. Also, your broadening of the term "assault weapon" to include anything you've seen in a movie that you find scary is laughable. An assault weapon is a firearm with the ability to continue to cycle rounds with the trigger depressed. They are highly regulated and cost upwards of \$15k and are closely monitored by the ATF. in conclusion, your bill will cause financial damage to many local businesses, your supporters and the law-following masses that keep firearms for sport and self defense.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 2:17:21 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 2:20:01 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. It is completely outrageous that the senate would entertain this as it is in complete disregard of federal Supreme Court ruling as well as the constitutional rights that our nation was founded on (right to bear arms). Not only do the creators and supporters of this bill thumb their nose at the Supreme Court and constitutional rights, it also shows no care for the many responsible legal gun owners of this state of which over 1,000 have testified in opposition to this bill. You penalize the GOOD people in our state that has almost no gun violence by legal gun owners. This bill will have no effect on local gun crime and we already have some of the most strictest gun laws in the nation. We have not had a mass shooting in Hawaii since 1999. This is a bill made in ignorance and fear, plain and simple.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 2:23:33 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am opposed to this bill because it will essecially ban all modern day firearms and strip us our our second amendent rights. This is America and we have the right to keep and bear arms.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 2:25:27 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dawn Morais Webster Ph.D.	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hawaii is the only state in the nation with an assault weapons ban that **fails** to ban assault rifles and large capacity magazines for assault weapons. We are not as safe as we should be. There are huge gaps in our assault weapons ban. **SB3196** fills those gaps by banning rifles and other assault long guns as well as banning large capacity magazines (over 10 rounds) for those assault weapons. Assault weapons are modeled on military weapons, designed to inflict the greatest harm in the least time. Large-capacity magazines have been used in all ten of the deadliest mass shootings that have occurred in the last decade. Bottom line:

**THERE IS NO CIVILIAN NEED FOR THESE WEAPONS! PLEASE PASS THIS BILL. Too many children are dying because of these guns. Mahalo for putting public safety on your list of priorities.**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 2:42:18 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Please note that I continue to stand in strong opposition to this bill SB3196, another continuing infringement upon the guns right of the law-abiding citizen and showing a total disregard for our Constitution.

It appears to be difficult for too many in our government to understand that the firearm is not the problem, it's the person holding the gun. Most likely someone lacking proper training, no license, no background check, possibly with a prior record? and a total disregard for the law.

When I hear or see reports of shootings, I always wait to see if they, the shooter was licensed? were they trained and certified perhaps? passed a background check? ... Crickets! Silence!

Any firearm on its own is no more dangerous than say a car! (contrary to Alec Baldwin, a gun cannot shoot itself) It's the person holding and operating the firearm, just like it's the driver behind the wheel of a car ... let's be honest cars kills a heck of a lot more people than firearms do. Perhaps we should ban cars!

These types of bills continue to target the "law abiding, trained, certified individuals having passed background checks and have received license, who have done everything right and must stop!"

Again, I ask you to stop this bill from moving any further!

A concerned citizen, Rita Kama-Kimura

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 2:57:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to any proposed stricter gun laws that may infringe upon our Second Amendment rights as American citizens. As a proud supporter of the Constitution and an advocate for responsible gun ownership, I firmly believe that any attempt to restrict access to firearms would undermine our fundamental freedoms and fail to address the root causes of gun violence in our society.

The Second Amendment of the United States Constitution guarantees the right of the people to keep and bear arms. This fundamental right was enshrined by our Founding Fathers as a crucial safeguard against tyranny and a means for individuals to defend themselves, their families, and their communities. Any legislative measures that seek to curtail this right would be a direct affront to the principles upon which our nation was founded.

It is important to recognize that the vast majority of gun owners are law-abiding citizens who use their firearms responsibly for self-defense, hunting, and sport shooting. Punishing law-abiding gun owners with stricter regulations will not effectively address the underlying issues of crime and violence in our society. Instead, we should focus on addressing mental health concerns, improving access to education and economic opportunities, and strengthening law enforcement efforts to target criminals who misuse firearms.

Furthermore, history has shown that strict gun control measures do not necessarily lead to reduced rates of violent crime. In fact, many jurisdictions with stringent gun laws continue to experience high levels of violence, while areas with more permissive gun policies often have lower crime rates. This demonstrates that the problem of violence is multifaceted and cannot be solved through simplistic measures that restrict the rights of law-abiding citizens.

In conclusion, I urge you to uphold the principles of the Second Amendment and reject any proposals for stricter gun laws. Instead, let us focus on comprehensive solutions that address the root causes of violence in our society while respecting the rights of responsible gun owners. Thank you for considering my perspective on this important issue.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 3:12:54 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
mary reilley	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**Recent polls have shown that a significant majority of Hawaii residents favor strict gun safety laws. Banning assault rifles and large capacity magazines is important because they are designed to be capable of mass killing. Their potential for mass murder far outweighs any plausible use for hunting, recreation or self-defense. The sooner this ban is created, the sooner we can start reducing the needless spread of assault rifles and large capacity magazines in Hawai'i.**

M. Reilley

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Submitted on: 2/19/2024 3:13:07 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am in complete support of this bill, as are so, so many in Hawaii. There is absolutely no need for assault rifles and large capacity magazines because they are designed with the capability of mass mayhem and murder and are completely unnecessary for other legitimate uses. The sooner this ban is created, the safe our population is and the quicker we can eliminate or reduce the spread of assault rifles and large capacity magazines in our state.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 3:17:09 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 3:20:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Honorable Members of the Committee,

I appreciate the opportunity to testify today regarding Bill 3196, which proposes amendments to the prohibition on certain firearms. While I understand the intent behind this legislation, I strongly oppose its passage for several reasons.

First and foremost, the proposed bill threatens the fundamental rights guaranteed by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution. The right to bear arms is a cornerstone of our democracy, essential for self-defense, hunting, and safeguarding against tyranny. Any attempt to restrict law-abiding citizens' access to firearms undermines this constitutional right.

Furthermore, the definitions used in the bill to classify certain firearms as "assault weapons" are overly broad and lack clarity. This ambiguity could lead to the unintended consequences of penalizing responsible gun owners who use firearms for legitimate purposes such as sport shooting or hunting. Banning firearms based on cosmetic features or arbitrary criteria does little to enhance public safety and only serves to infringe upon the rights of law-abiding citizens.

Additionally, there are significant concerns regarding the efficacy of bans on specific types of firearms in reducing crime. History has shown us that such measures often fail to address the root causes of violence and disproportionately burden law-abiding citizens without deterring criminals who obtain firearms through illegal means.

Enforcing the proposed bans would pose significant challenges for law enforcement agencies and strain already limited resources. Prohibiting the sale or transfer of certain firearms would create a black market, driving lawful commerce underground and making it more difficult to track firearms in circulation.

Instead of pursuing restrictive measures that target law-abiding citizens, I urge policymakers to focus on evidence-based solutions to address the complex issue of gun violence. This includes strengthening mental health services, improving background check systems, and targeting illegal firearms trafficking through enhanced enforcement efforts.

In conclusion, I respectfully urge you to oppose Bill 3196 and consider alternative approaches that respect our constitutional rights while effectively addressing the underlying factors contributing to gun violence.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely, Dana K Sato

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 3:30:47 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Galen J. Pao	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Members of the Senate JDC,

My name is Galen J. Pao and I am in opposition to SB 3196 Assault Weapons Bill.

This Bill will literally ban all semi-automatic firearms, which happen to be the most common firearm owned by law-abiding citizens. This is discriminatory and in violation of the 2nd Amendment right to bear and keep arms.

There is little evidence that shows that these weapons proposed to be banned are the weapons used most in mass shootings. Also, a lot of mass shooting incidents are linked to criminal activity and criminals. More effort, resources, and incarceration procedures should be directed towards this direction.

Also, this Bill will not deter or decrease crime. Criminals do not follow the rule of law. The only thing this Bill will do is ban weapons from law-abiding citizens.

The right to self defense and loved ones should also cross over to the right to choose which legal firearms a law-abiding citizen can use. This Bill will restrict our freedom of choice to which firearm we are most confident and comfortable with.

The reason semi-automatic firearms are the most common firearm of choice for law-abiding citizens is because of the user friendly features that makes it easier and logistically superior to defending oneself and loved ones over other firearms that require more effort to use. This Bill will put law-abiding citizens at a severe and vulnerable disadvantage when it comes to self-defense.

Every US citizen has a right to defend themselves. This Bill will violate this right by restricting what citizens can and cannot use within the legal options currently available.

As members of the Senate JDC I ask that you do not let SB3196 proceed out of committee.

Thank you,

Galen J. Pao



**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 3:43:56 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
JOHN L PANG	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**OPPOSE with request to defer this session until it can be properly written with both sides of the issues at the table. AS WRITTEN:**

- 1. Definitions are not clear for multiple items including barrel & overall lengths, magazine capacities, special exceptions and exemptions, & other.**
- 2. Includes irrelevant lists of specific makes and models of weapons being classified as “assault.”**
- 3. Addresses items that already have governing laws. Information is conflicting & again may open our state & people to litigation.**
- 4. Erroneously addresses standard pieces of safety equipment & stock design that includes sporting & hunting guns.**
- 5. Inadvertently targets & puts at risk your law-abiding citizens.**
- 6. Does not align with nor protect our US Constitution’s 2nd amendment right of the people to keep and bear arms thus opening our state and people to litigation.**
- 7. Will put more Hawaii businesses out of business.**

**Instead, please focus on creating laws that strengthen the consequences & rehabilitation of illegal carriers & violent criminals, improves firearms education, protects our keiki, etc.**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 3:49:18 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Carol Maxym	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Recent polls have shown that a significant majority of Hawaii residents favor strict gun safety laws. Banning assault rifles and large capacity magazines is important because they are designed to be capable of mass killing. **Their potential for mass murder far outweighs any plausible use for hunting, recreation or self-defense. The sooner this ban is created, the sooner we can start reducing the needless spread of assault rifles and large capacity magazines in Hawai'i.**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 3:50:49 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196. I do not support disarming citizens to make them easier targets for threats both foreign and domestic. HPD is understaffed incapable of protecting me or my family. Please do not further insult and infantilize me by removing my ability to do so for myself.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 4:12:35 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha, my name is Julie Kron and I am a longtime resident of the Big Island. I am a wife, mom and legal assistant by trade. I work two jobs to help be able to afford to pay our bills. I am an avid hunter along with my husband to help put food on our table. The cost of living and cost of food is outrageous. We rely on hunting to supplement the food we eat. SB3196, if passed, would make it basically impossible to hunt for food by making it illegal to have any of our guns. Hawai'i already has some of the strictest gun laws in the nation. Take a look at what outlawing guns has done for Cook County (Chicago) Illinois. Only the criminals have guns now and the crime rate has never been higher. I strongly oppose SB3196. I ask you to please vote no.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 4:14:53 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha, my name is Jason Kron and I am a longtime resident of the Big Island. I am an avid hunter along with my wife to help put food on our table. The cost of living and cost of food is outrageous. We rely on hunting to supplement the food we eat. SB3196, if passed, would make it basically impossible to hunt for food by making it illegal to have any of our guns. Hawai'i already has some of the strictest gun laws in the nation. Take a look at what outlawing guns has done for Cook County (Chicago) Illinois. Only the criminals have guns now and the crime rate has never been higher. I strongly oppose SB3196. I ask you to please vote no.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 4:58:26 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

The aloha state **MUST** pass sensible legislation which bans those firearms that have repeatedly been shown to cause the greatest harm in the ongoing epidemic of mass shootings in this country. Hunting and recreation are not sufficient reasons to keep these assault weapons on our streets. Please - for the sake of our community, and in recognition of the many innocent lives needlessly lost to gun violence - pass SB3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 5:10:52 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Im a law abiding Hawaiian who believes in the second amendment in which all the senators that got elected swore a oath to up hold and protect! I oppose SB3196 !

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 5:11:02 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

As a citizen I deserve full access and freedom to ALL the amendments especially the second one, to protect myself from whatever harm may come to be. And by passing this bill, it will be an abomination and disrespect to not only my rights but to the founding fathers who first had written this amendment to PROTECT US, THE PEOPLE from people who abuse their power like many who are coming into this world and making it unsafe and impossible to protect ourselves.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 5:12:04 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

**Recent polls have shown that a significant majority of Hawaii residents favor strict gun safety laws. Banning assault rifles and large capacity magazines is important because they are designed to be capable of mass killing. Their potential for mass murder far outweighs any plausible use for hunting, recreation or self-defense. The sooner this ban is created, the sooner we can start reducing the needless spread of assault rifles and large capacity magazines in Hawai'i.**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 5:39:56 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I, Michael Casey, oppose this bill given its unconstitutional nature and its lack of respect for Hawai'i residents fundamental rights to self-defense and the right to keep and bear arms.

I can guarantee that none of the legislators have held or used any of these firearms, and yet here you are making laws on them, as if you know what you're even taking about. Because if you did, you would realize that what you are doing will not work, will not make any sense, and will not make deference to crime.

If the legislative body humbled themselves to take self-defense classes or maybe build a bond with their community and participate in competitions, they would understand the people and how this would affect them on an everyday basis.

The only thing this law would contribute to is the disarmament of law-abiding citizens, emboldening criminals to take action against even softer targets.

February 19, 2024

To: The Senate Committee on PSM and JDC  
Subject: Testimony in Support of Bill SB3196 - Firearms  
Hearing: Friday, February 23, 2024  
Time: 9:30 AM

Aloha mai kākou,

My name is Carisa, a University of Hawai'i student, an advocate, and a resident of Waipahu, Hawai'i. I am writing to express my strong support for Bill SB 3196, which addresses the regulation of firearm safety in our community.

While our state boasts commendable gun safety measures, it is disconcerting that we are the only jurisdiction within the assault weapon ban that does not prohibit assault rifles and shotguns.

Hawai'i is committed to protecting the safety and well-being of its natives. It has been recognized for its stringent gun laws, receiving a notable minus rating from the Gifford's Law Center in 2023. Furthermore, our state's commitment to public safety is evident in having the third lowest gun death rate per capita in the nation according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in 2021.

However, the existing gap in our assault weapon ban is concerning. The proposed amendments seek to rectify this inconsistency by including assault rifles, assault shotguns, .50 caliber rifles, assault weapon attachments, and magazine capacity. The modernization of provisions on assault pistols to encompass those with prohibited features is also a crucial step forward.

As a mother residing in Hawai'i, where hunting with rifles is not a prevalent activity, I believe these amendments are imperative to maintain the safety and cultural integrity of our state. The potential disruption to our unique culture and the alarming prospect of increased death and violence rates necessitates urgent action of supporting this bill.

Moreover, drawing upon my two decades of experience in emergency services, I have witnessed firsthand the devastating injuries caused by gun violence, which regrettably seem to be on the rise. The need for comprehensive firearm regulations has never been more evident. I wholeheartedly support this bill and trust that your commitment to safeguarding the well-being of our citizens will guide its passage into law.

Sincerely,  
Carisa Young Salvador  
carisay@hawaii.edu  
808-864-3991

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 6:27:02 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I absolutely am against any bill that restricts the 2nd amendment or any other constitutional rights. An infringement on one constitutional right opens the door to infringement on all of our constitutional right.

As a US citizen and a Hawaii resident, I oppose this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 6:30:20 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

The ability to take guns away from law abiding citizens is not only unconstitutional, it's an attack on our freedom as American citizens. The fore fathers made this a top priority because it is imperative to the security of the country. One should look at any law maker a supporter of foreign interests. We have a lack of first responders in the Puna district of Hawaii. Who will protect my family from criminals who choose not to follow the law. The same criminals that create kaos on innocent people and use these said guns to commit inconceivable acts of violence. You go to far to ban instruments used for protection. Please vote no on SB3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 6:47:25 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I, Cody Vares, oppose this bill. Being a 4th generation Hunter/gunowner/law abiding citizen. I see nothing good in this bill and just another step closer to taking away our gun rights. Hawaii already has the strictest gun laws in the US. By passing this bill, it will affect Myself along with most all other gun owners. It will not slow me to use most of my hunting guns as they fall in list of banned guns. I would not be allowed to pass on some Family heirlooms as well. This bill will not stop the real issue of illegal un registered guns that are committing almost all gun related issues.

put a higher tax on guns and let the state make money off of this, we the people are already loosing the Hawaii we all grew up to know, don't take the little freedom we have left.

Mahalo,

Cody Vares

Maui, Hi

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 7:24:07 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nancy Taylor	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**I STRONGLY support SB3196. Hawaii is, sadly, the only state in the nation with an assault weapons ban that fails to ban assault rifles and large capacity magazines for assault weapons, . SB3196 fills the gaps in our laws by banning rifles and other assault long guns as well as banning large capacity magazines (over 10 rounds) for those assault weapons. Since large-capacity magazines have been used in all ten of the deadliest mass shootings that have occurred in the last decade the importance of supporting SB3196 is clear.**

**THank you for the opportunity to voice my strong support for SB 3196.**

**Aloha.**

**Nancy Taylor**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 7:27:21 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

As a concerned citizen, I feel compelled to speak out against the notion that banning firearms will solve the issue of crime. While the intention behind such measures may be well-meaning, the reality is far more complex, and I don't feel that implementing a ban on certain firearms will be an effective way of reducing crime rates.

The vast majority of Hawai'i gun owners are law-abiding citizens who use firearms responsibly for hunting and sport shooting. Punishing these individuals by depriving them of their Second Amendment rights is unjust. Banning firearms would unfairly penalize responsible gun owners while doing little to prevent criminals from obtaining weapons through illegal means.

History has shown us that prohibition often leads to unintended consequences. When ariel fireworks were banned in Hawai'i, it didn't eliminate the use. Instead it fueled a black market that has grown drastically over the years. Banning these firearms would result in a thriving underground market for illegal weapons, making it even more difficult for law enforcement to control the flow of firearms.

Instead of focusing on the idea that banning firearms may seem like a straightforward solution to reducing crime, we should be addressing the root causes of crime, such as poverty, lack of education, mental health issues, and systemic inequality. By investing in social programs, improving access to healthcare, and addressing socioeconomic disparities, we can tackle the underlying factors that contribute to criminal behavior.

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Submitted on: 2/19/2024 7:30:58 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I am opposed to any legislation that would infringe on the people's constitutional right to keep and bear arms. As it stands, Hawaii already has some of the most stringent laws in the nation as far as gun control. It is beyond me as to why this body feels the need to further restrict the rights of law-abiding citizens, who have a right to legally obtain the tools that they are constitutionally allowed to possess. As a first responder, I know that in the event of an emergency, response times are critical. Very often, every second counts. Furthermore, as a husband and father, I would not and DO NOT relinquish my ability to deal with such emergencies, which is why I possess adequate tools: first aid, fire extinguishers, and indeed, firearms-to deal with a situation that may (heaven forbid) arise. As members of our state legislature, I implore you to remember the oaths of office that you swore, to uphold the Constitution and the rights of the people enshrined therein. And let me be specific-the second amendment is written in such a way to limit not the people, but the government. We truly stand on the shoulders of giants and it would be a grave disservice to the memory of those who have fought from the founding of our nation until the present to preserve these rights for us and our posterity. Again, I remain firmly OPPOSED to this bill and any further infringements.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

James P.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 7:50:35 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Avery J Tsui	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Honoured Lawmakers,

My name is Avery Tsui. I am and have been a Hawaii resident my entire life. I'm happy to say I've raised 3 children to be successful adults. I've been happily married for 36 years.

I oppose SB3196. I oppose any effort to infringe on my 2nd Amendment right to bear arms. The US and State Constitutions are clear in stating it's the "Right of the People to keep and bear arms." This Right shall not be infringed.

US and Hawaii citizens are fortunate to live in the best Country and State in the world. The reason it is the best, is because of the mandates and guiding principles in the Constitution. Any attempt to alter these Rights and Freedoms will only weaken our society.

I would like to respectfully remind all lawmakers and law enforcement, that when you took your oath of office, you swore to uphold the Constitution. SB3196 clearly does not uphold the Rights given to citizens by the Constitution. I strongly urge all lawmakers to honour your oath of office and not allow this Bill to pass.

Respectfully, Avery Tsui

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 8:01:02 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Josh Hekeka	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

## Testimony SB 3196

### RELATING TO FIREARMS.

Chairman Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair Mike Gabbard, and members of Judiciary committee.

I offer the following comments on the legality of Senate Bill (SB)3196:

Much of what is proposed in SB1230 is in violation of both the 2nd and 14th amendments. Furthermore, Senate Bill (SB)3196, is also in defiance of Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) rulings on Heller v. District of Columbia, 2008 (Heller), McDonald v. City of Chicago, 2012 (McDonald), Caetano v. Massachusetts, 2016 (Caetano), and NYSPRA v. Bruen, 2022 (Bruen).

I would like to point the following judicial rulings as it pertains to firearms:

- **Heller vs the District of Columbia (2008)** – In that landmark decision, Antonin Scalia writing for the majority determined that Second Amendment protects an **individual right to possess a firearm** unconnected with service in a militia, and to use that arm for traditionally lawful purposes.

The U.S. Supreme Court held that the Second Amendment protects “arms ‘in common use at the time’ for lawful purposes like self-defense” and arms that are “typically possessed by law-abiding citizens for lawful purposes.” Such arms are “chosen by American society,” not the government.

Thus, this legal decision advanced the “common use test.” This test states that arms that are in common use, for lawful purposes are a protected arm. Semi-automatic rifles with a detachable magazine, pistol grips, and other attachments prohibited by SB 3196, are the most commonly used rifle arm in the United States.

According to statistics by National Shooting Sports Foundation, AR-15s are the most popular type of rifle produced in the United States. It is estimated that there are over 20 million AR-15 rifles in the U.S. The AR-15 style rifles meet the common use test, as there are over 20 million

of these arms in circulation. **It is used for lawful purposes which include sports shooting, hunting, and self-defense. Thus, it is a protected arm.**

- **McDonald v. City of Chicago (2012)** – another Supreme court ruling that found the right of the people to keep and bear Arms,” applies to state and local governments as well as to the federal government. This ruling does not speak to modern sporting rifles (e.g., AR 15), however this ruling does state that the 2nd and 14th amendment of the US Constitution applies to State and County governments. Thus, states government such as Hawai‘i cannot infringe upon its law-abiding citizens’ constitutional protected right to “keep and bear arms.”
- **Caetano v. Massachusetts, (2016)** – in that judicial decision, the Supreme Court further defined the definition of Dangerous and Unusual. In its rebuke of a judicial decision made in Massachusetts, it stated that even though a type of firearm did not exist, it can be viewed as a protected arm if it meets the “dangerous and unusual” definition of an arm. In this case it referred to “stun guns” however it left the interpretation of a bearable arm to a broad context. It further refined the “common use test” by noting that a firearm must be deemed “dangerous and unusual,” in order for it to be banned by citizenry. As semi-automatic rifle, such as the AR 15, has over 20 million variations in circulation within the U.S., it cannot be considered “unusual” as it is in common use.
- **NYSRA v Bruen (2022)** – focused on bearable arms and protected rights in the use of bearable arms. As it applies to Assault Rifles, it requires courts to assess whether modern firearms regulations are consistent with the Second Amendment’s text and historical understanding. The Supreme Court recognized in *Heller* at least one way in which the Second Amendment’s historically fixed meaning applies to new circumstances: Its reference to “arms” does not apply “only [to] those arms in existence in the 18th century.” 554 U. S., at 582.

In order to ban an entire classification of firearms (that is in common use), the Supreme Court ruled that, “Rather, the government must demonstrate that the regulation is consistent with this Nation’s historical tradition of firearm regulation. Only if a firearm regulation is consistent with this Nation’s historical tradition may a court conclude that the individual’s conduct falls outside the Second Amendment’s “unqualified command.” *Konigsberg v. State Bar of Cal.*, 366 U. S. 36, 50, n. 10 (1961).”

Therefore, if the State of Hawaii seeks to ban a semi-automatic rifle, they must demonstrate a historical analog that allowed a prohibition on an entire class of weapons. Considering judicial rulings from *Heller*, *McDonald*, and *Caetano*, the banning of semi-automatic rifles would be unconstitutional.

### **Current Legal challenges to Assault Weapon Bans**

I would also like to note the number of legal challenges to State and municipal controls on Assault Weapons currently making their way through the appeal system.

- **Barnet v. Raoul (Illinois)** – In a petition for Writ of Certiorari to the United State Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit submitted on February 12, 2024 on the Assault Weapons Ban for the State of Illinois, the plaintiffs state: “Instead of applying *Bruen*’s definition of “Arms” or its common-use test—both of which the long-legal firearms and feeding devices Illinois now bans easily satisfy—the majority insisted that rifles, pistols, shotguns, and magazines do not even qualify as “Arms” presumptively protected by the Constitution unless a challenger proves they are not the kinds of arms that be “may be reserved for military use.” App.32-35. That, in turn, apparently requires proving how they compare to “the M16 machinegun” (which the majority was convinced is not an “Arm”) on measures like “firing rate,” “kinetic energy,” “muzzle velocity,” and “effective range.” App.36, 38. And the majority has already shown that few firearms will fall on the permissible side of its reserved-for-military-use line, as it declared that “hav[ing] only semiautomatic capability” is not enough to differentiate a common firearm from a machinegun. App.36.”

This petition goes on to state; “The Seventh Circuit’s approach not only eviscerates a fundamental right but poses a broader risk to the rule of law. When a federal appellate court reduces a recent and emphatic Supreme Court decision to a mere speed bump in reviving pre-*Bruen* caselaw and greenlights state laws passed more in protest of than in compliance with this Court’s decisions, it emboldens others to do them one better in “**the Aloha spirit.**” See *State v. Wilson*, --- P.3d ----, 2024 WL 466105 (Haw. Feb. 7, 2024).”

Finally, this Writ of Certiorari goes on to state: “And if a federal appellate court can dismiss Supreme Court precedents as “circular,” not “correct,” or un-empirical, then other courts will be emboldened to do the same. The recent Hawaii Supreme Court decision elevating “**the Aloha spirit**” over the need to faithfully follow this Court’s precedents is a case in point. See *Wilson*, 2024 WL 466105, at \*7, \*10, \*19, \*20 (denying that “the language of the Second Amendment . . . support[s] a right to possess lethal weapons in public for possible self-defense,” and holding that “[t]here is no individual right to keep and bear arms under article I, section 17 [of the Hawaii Constitution]”—which tracks the Second Amendment verbatim (save for “two commas and three capital letters”)—in large part because “[t]he spirit of Aloha clashes with a federally-mandated lifestyle that lets citizens walk around with deadly weapons during day-to-day activities”)

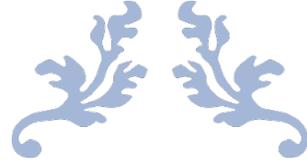
- **Bianchi v. Brown (Maryland)** - on February 9, 2024, the Firearms Policy Coalition (FPC) announced the filing of a petition for writ of *certiorari* with the United States Supreme Court in *Bianchi v. Brown*, its lawsuit challenging Maryland’s ban on assault weapons. The Petition asks the Supreme Court to grant review in the case and to agree to hear the merits of FPC’s challenge.
- **Cheeseman v. Platkin (New Jersey)** - On October 10, 2023, firearms advocacy groups filed a motion for summary judgment in lawsuit, which challenges the State of New Jersey’s ban on assault weapons. This case is currently going through the judicial process.

- **Grant v. Lamont (Connecticut)** - On February 9, 2024, firearms advocacy groups filed a brief with the Second Circuit Court of Appeals in support of the appellants in Grant v. Lamont, which challenges Connecticut's ban on assault weapons.
- **Gray v. Jennings (Delaware)** – on September 23, 2023, firearms advocacy groups filed a legal challenge on the State of Delaware's ban on Assault Weapons. It is currently going through the judicial process.
- **Hartford v Ferguson (Washington State)** – As of July 23, 2023, the Washington State Assault Weapons Ban has withstood legal challenges by a federal judge in the State of Washington to place an injunction on this ban. The case continues in its legal appeals. However, for the Washington State weapons ban, it exempts rifles in use prior to the enactment of this law by lawful gun owners and only bans the sale and importation of new semi-automatic rifles into the State.
- **Lane v Rocah (New York)** - On January 4, 2024, A federal judge is allowing a challenge to New York's assault weapons ban to proceed after he denied a motion by the State of New York to dismiss the lawsuit.
- **Miller v Bonta (California)** - *Miller v. Bonta* is a Second Amendment challenge to California's restrictions on rifles, pistols, and shotguns that qualify as assault weapons under California Penal Code section 30515. The U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California found elements of California's assault weapon restrictions unconstitutional. On October 19, 2023. This case is under appeal by the State of California and currently before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

**I am in strong opposition to SB 3196.** Based on the reasoning above, I find that it is unconstitutional to ban an entire class of arms in common use for lawful purposes. However, I do concede that this belief is not universal. Balancing tests of gun rights vs the public rights for gun control regulations have been deemed unconstitutional in *NYSRA v Bruen*. Additionally, there are no historical precedents that allow the banning of entire classification of arms that are in common use.

As listed above, there are legal challenges currently making their way through the judicial system. It remains to be seen how the appellate courts will rule and if the Supreme Court will take up legal challenges to Assault Weapons bans, and if so, how they will rule on this matter.

I would recommend proceeding with caution in the passing the State of Hawai'i Assault weapons ban. If passed much of what is proposed in SB3196 runs the risk of being invalidated by rulings by appellate courts and possibly the Supreme Court of the United States. We 2nd Amendment advocates in the State of Hawai'i fully intend to challenge this measure if signed into law.



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# OPPOSITION TO SB3196

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Senators of the JDC Committee,

I express my opposition to SB3196 (Relating to Firearms).

As a professional driver instructor with an express interest in transportation safety, I have concerns about how SB3196 reduces my ability to protect my wife and extended family.

I oversee well over a hundred drivers at Roberts Hawaii and play a direct role in ensuring the safe transport of Hawaii's keiki by reducing the onset of collisions on state and city roadways. My company values safety over efficiency, highlighting the paramount importance of safety. We'll go the extra mile to choose an alternative route to transport clients to better ensure their safety. That being said, I am a fellow advocate of public safety.

I oppose SB3196 because it essentially portrays my legal ownership of three firearms as being a mirror image to a criminal who does not follow any regulations set forth by HRS Chapter 134. I own firearms to provide for my family as well as protect them. To assume that I have any criminal intent is abhorrent and fails to take into account that I have no felony convictions since such conviction would prohibit my continued employment. I go through a thorough background investigation just to maintain my employment with Roberts Hawaii, so such accusatory language set forth by SB3196 makes me feel like I am being unfairly targeted as a constituent. My employment record does not permit any allegation of criminal activity, so any suggestion that firearm ownership is intrinsically associated with violence is unconscionable. I already work in one of the most regulated industries in the state and find it disparaging that SB3196 suggests that I will not follow the rule of law. The amount of professional training that school bus professionals go through is exhaustive. Annually, I go through a defensive driving course, an instructor re-certification course, and random alcohol and drug testing. Any minor traffic infraction can cost me my occupation, which is the primary means of providing for my wife and extended family.

Outside of work, I enjoy living a simple, peaceful life. In my free time, I go out with my friends to engage in lawful and safe target shooting at Koko Head. As an instructor, I am passionate about teaching not only transportation safety, but also responsible firearms ownership, safety, and handling. Again, my express interest in public safety extends outside the constraints of the roadway and extends to every aspect of my life.

As a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteer instructor-in-training, my Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) furnished coursework emphasizes that it is unwise for anyone to rely exclusively on already burdened and understaffed state and federal authorities in times of catastrophic disaster. In the event that climate-change induced natural disasters such as hurricanes and tsunamis plague first responder capabilities, I am then charged with the role of serving as my own first responder since law enforcement, emergency medical services, and the fire department will not be readily available to provide support for my wife and my extended family. In the event where a criminal seeks to deprive my wife and I of vital survival supplies in our household during a natural disaster or civil disturbance, Honolulu Police Department officers will not always be readily available to fulfil the social contract wherein they provide protection. In such an event where I must act to protect my family, SB3196 constrains my ability to serve as a protector and provider for my wife and family. Accordingly, I urge that SB3196 be deferred indefinitely since its contents do not qualify to be common sense.

I recently purchased a rifle using a permit to acquire after passing yet another repetitive volley of duplicative background checks. In its current configuration, my recent rifle purchase is simply that:

a rifle—it cannot conduct any activities of assault since it is an inanimate object. SB3196 would magically change my rifle into a so-called “assault” rifle due to the fact that it was manufactured with a shroud to enhance operator safety and ensure that I won’t burn my hand when using it during lawful target shooting or hunting. Moreover, I find it problematic that should I seek to buy a replacement part to fix either the shroud or obtain a replacement magazine capable of holding more than 10 rounds, SB3196 would prohibit such repair that would enable the safe operation of my lawfully acquired firearm. Other provisions of SB3196 would prohibit me from sending my rifle to the mainland to undergo warranty repairs since I would be prohibited from importing the same rifle into Hawaii since SB3196 artificially transforms the same rifle into an “assault” rifle. This is quite unreasonable since I have a lifetime warranty to have the firearm repaired as needed. Part of safe firearm ownership requires uninhibited firearm repair and maintenance. SB3196 would serve as a barrier to this important aspect of safety. As a parallel example, firearm maintenance is similar to vehicle maintenance. In the same way it is irresponsible to bar my acquisition of brake shoes for my bus, it is equally irresponsible to constrain my ability to repair and replace damaged (or worn) parts on my rifle.

It is important to recognize that rifles cannot conduct acts of violence, such as assaults, on their own. Criminal actors do that. Accordingly, I find it prudent that you focus your legislative energy to ensure that criminal actors that commit acts of any violence will face severe prosecution. Such action would serve as a more proactive barrier against violent crime. As I look at news articles concerning violence on our islands and on the mainland, I see a trend whereby criminal actors violate every variation of statute that already prohibits the use of violence, whether or not the criminal actors use a firearm. I’ve seen stabbings, acid attacks, machete slashing, sword slashings, and the like on this island alone. To claim that there is a firearm violence epidemic is simply irresponsible since such claim disregards all of the other forms of violence that plague constituents all across the island chain. Laws have their place in society, but if they fail to actually protect, then they also fail to serve their intended purpose. As such, I find it to be a failure of public safety to restrict my ability to protect my family using the best means available: via a rifle. Just ask Honolulu Police Officers that patrol the streets outside of the Capitol building how they stopped Mr. Sidney Tafokitau during his island-wide grand theft auto on the very first day of 2024. You’ll find that it was a rifle that stopped Mr. Tafokitau. Not a single provision of the HRS Chapter 134 stopped the tragedy that put the entire island’s public safety in jeopardy.

Thank you for reviewing my testimony.

Respectfully,

Tysen K. Burdett

Constituent of **Senate District 23**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 8:05:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose sb3196. It is unconstitutional and will group many commonly owned rifle and pistols used for sports shooting and hunting into so called "assault weapons". This bill will not help with public safety and will only cause discord and mistrust between the government and its law abiding citizens. I humbly ask for your reconsideration to sb3196 thank you.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 8:10:01 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Magoon Ohana	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**Oppose- Stop wasting tax \$ on continually infringing on the constitution. This will NOT stop criminals from getting or having these guns. HI residents returning from hunting or using their guns on the mainland will be unfairly targeted. With the state of our nation and open borders with criminals coming in unopposed, we deserve the right to defend ourselves as we need to. Stop giving criminals more leeway than law abiding citizens. Please serve the people not your own personal agendas.**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 8:17:09 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

As a concerned citizen, I feel compelled to speak out against the notion that banning firearms will solve the issue of crime. While the intention behind such measures may be well-meaning, the reality is far more complex, and implementing blanket bans on firearms is not a panacea for reducing crime rates.

First and foremost, it's essential to recognize that the vast majority of gun owners are law-abiding citizens who use firearms responsibly for self-defense, hunting, and sport shooting. Punishing these individuals by depriving them of their Second Amendment rights is unjust and ineffective. Banning firearms would unfairly penalize responsible gun owners while doing little to prevent criminals from obtaining weapons through illegal means.

Furthermore, history has shown us that prohibition often leads to unintended consequences. When alcohol was banned during the Prohibition era in the United States, it didn't eliminate alcohol consumption; instead, it fueled a black market, organized crime, and violence. Similarly, banning firearms would likely result in a thriving underground market for illegal weapons, making it even more difficult for law enforcement to control the flow of firearms.

Additionally, it's important to consider the practical challenges of enforcing a firearms ban. With an estimated 393 million firearms in civilian hands in the United States alone, attempting to confiscate all guns would be a logistical nightmare. It would require significant resources and manpower, diverting attention and funding away from more effective crime prevention strategies.

Moreover, even if a complete ban on firearms were somehow implemented, criminals would still find ways to arm themselves. Criminal enterprises have proven to be highly adaptable, utilizing smuggling routes, forging documents, and manufacturing homemade weapons. Disarming law-

abiding citizens would only serve to make them more vulnerable to criminals who are willing to break the law regardless of firearms regulations.

Instead of focusing solely on restricting access to firearms, we should be addressing the root causes of crime, such as poverty, lack of education, mental health issues, and systemic inequality. By investing in social programs, improving access to healthcare, and addressing socioeconomic disparities, we can tackle the underlying factors that contribute to criminal behavior.

Furthermore, we should prioritize effective law enforcement strategies, such as community policing, targeted interventions, and collaboration between law enforcement agencies. By improving coordination and communication among agencies, we can disrupt criminal networks, apprehend dangerous individuals, and prevent violence more effectively than through blanket firearms bans.

In conclusion, while the idea of banning firearms may seem like a straightforward solution to reducing crime, the reality is far more nuanced. Such measures would unfairly penalize law-abiding citizens, create a thriving black market for illegal weapons, and divert resources away from more effective crime prevention strategies. Instead, we should focus on addressing the root causes of crime and implementing targeted interventions that prioritize public safety while respecting constitutional rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 8:25:44 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Joy Tsui. I am a wife, mother, and grandmother. I was born in Wahiawa and now reside in Aiea for the past 38 years. I am writing to you today to say that I truly believe in my Second Ammendment Rights.

Growing up in Wahiawa, we didn't lock our car doors, sometimes left our front door unlocked, and neighborhood kids played outdoors past sunset. This is not the norm anymore. We've had our car get broken into, people trespassing through our property via Lake Wilson, and keiki throughout the island being in danger of strangers. Aiea Town is not any different. With the growing number of the homeless population, I've witness suspicious non residents in my neighborhood and my husband was even approached by an unfamiliar man asking for money.

This is why I strongly oppose SB3196. I would not feel comfortable if my Second Ammendment Rights was taken away. I am a Hawaii Resident and and American Citizen, strongly believe in the Rights given to me by the Constitution, and will do my best to keep my family safe at any given moment.

Mahalo for allowing me to share my testimony on this very important bill.

Mrs. Joy Tsui

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 8:41:01 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Larry Duclayan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

I am writing to **vehemently oppose Hawaii Senate Bill SB3196**, which poses a grave threat to the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens in our state. As a staunch advocate for individual liberties and constitutional freedoms, I am deeply concerned about the expansive and arbitrary restrictions that this bill seeks to impose on firearm ownership.

The provisions in SB3196 that aim to ban semiautomatic rifles with loosely defined assault weapon features are not only overreaching but also unconstitutional. The U.S. Supreme Court has affirmed in landmark cases such as *District of Columbia v. Heller* (2008) and *McDonald v. City of Chicago* (2010) that the Second Amendment protects an individual's right to keep and bear arms for self-defense and other lawful purposes. Therefore, any legislation that infringes on this fundamental right must be met with strong opposition.

Furthermore, the proposed restrictions on certain pistols and shotguns based on cosmetic features lack a rational basis and fail to address the underlying causes of gun violence. The Supreme Court has consistently held in cases such as *United States v. Miller* (1939) and *Caetano v. Massachusetts* (2016) that firearms commonly used for lawful purposes are protected under the Second Amendment. SB3196's ban on firearms based on superficial characteristics runs contrary to these legal precedents and unjustly penalizes law-abiding citizens.

The ban on possessing magazines with a capacity of more than ten rounds and accessories that could be used to modify firearms is a direct assault on the rights of law-abiding citizens to protect themselves and their loved ones. Legal history, such as the decision in *Heller*, has underscored the importance of firearms for self-defense in the home and has established that restrictions on the core components of firearms are unconstitutional.

As a resident of Hawaii who values the rule of law and constitutional rights, I implore you to reject Senate Bill SB3196 and uphold the principles of the Second Amendment. It is imperative that we defend the fundamental freedoms enshrined in our Constitution and safeguard the rights of law-abiding citizens from unjust government overreach.

Thank you for your attention to this crucial matter. I trust that you will take into account the legal precedents and constitutional principles that protect our Second Amendment rights as you deliberate on this bill.

Respectfully,

Larry Duclayan

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**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 8:51:48 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am a retired Marine Corps officer and a defender of our country and constitutions for over 42 years. I have lost friends and fellow Marines to numerous conflicts and believe it was just if we defended our Constitution.

I unequivocally and profoundly oppose this attempt at limiting our right to bear arms. It just an abuse of our tax dollars to continue fighting something that is constitutionally protected. The Hawaii State Supreme Court will be proven wrong, too, with its recent silly ruling.

With the obvious inability of our overworked police department and the very large and significant increase in crimes, we must be able to defend ourselves and by trying to take away our self-protection, you are leaving us unprotected and bare.

It is now not if, but when many of us law-abiding citizens will be accosted or robbed in plain daylight without us being able to fight back. Passing this bill will not allow us to secure our future and our lives. I can tell you that fighting for our country overseas will be nothing if we can't defend ourselves in our own home, neighborhood, or city.

Do not tie our hands behind our back and allow us to be treated as no one should be treated. We are law-abiding citizens, we pay our taxes, vote and complete every duty expected of us. You need to do your job and help us protect ourselves.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 8:54:02 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This bill is in direct violation of my second amendment right to bear arms stated in the United States Bill of Rights. I DO NOT support SB3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 9:02:57 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This bill is stripping our 2nd amendment rights. shame on you guys. I DONT SUPPORT!! our constitution means nothing if this bill passes. each of us as citizens cannot violate the US Constitution but here at state level its all of a sudden ok the go against our rights as United States Citizens!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 9:05:43 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mary Babcock	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support



**Deborah Nehmad** 2:58 PM (6 hours ago)

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***THE BILL NUMBER IS SB3196. THERE WAS A TYPO IN THE FIRST PARAGRAPH.***

**RAPID RESPONSE IS NEEDED TO SUPPORT GUN SAFETY IN HAWAII!!**

The bad news is that submissions in opposition to ~~SB3169~~; the bill that would close Hawaii's loophole on automatic weapons to include long guns and rifles VASTLY OUTNUMBERED those in support. The good news is that the bill passed out of the Public Safety Committee because of a slim majority of very supportive senators. However, these senators really need backup. Please, please, please take the few minutes to have your voice heard. The bill was referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee which will hold a public hearing on the bill this Friday. Testimony needs to be submitted no later than **Thursday, February 22 at 9:30am.**

**Background:**

Hawaii is the only state in the nation with an assault weapons ban that **fails** to ban assault rifles and large capacity magazines for assault weapons. We are not as safe as we should be. These are huge gaps in our assault weapons ban. **SB3196** fills those gaps by banning rifles and other assault long guns as well as banning large capacity magazines (over 10 rounds) for those assault weapons. Assault weapons are modeled on military weapons, designed to inflict the greatest harm in the least time. Large-capacity magazines have been used in all ten of the deadliest mass shootings that have occurred in the last decade. Bottom line:

**I support SB3196. There is no civilian need for these weapons. Recent polls have shown that a significant majority of Hawaii residents favor strict gun safety laws. Banning assault rifles and large capacity magazines is important because they are designed to be capable of mass killing. Their potential for mass murder far outweighs any plausible use for hunting, recreation or self-defense. The sooner this ban is created, the sooner we can start reducing the needless spread of assault rifles and large capacity magazines in Hawai'i.**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 9:19:40 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppsed the bill

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 9:40:28 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE SB3196 relating to firearms.

This bill further restricts the use of firearms by law-abiding citizens. It does not address the issues against those who obtain firearms illegally and use them unlawfully. Do you really think limiting the type of firearms will keep those who illegally and unlawfully use them from using them against others? How is a law-abiding citizen to protect their family and themselves/others? The real issue is how to protect the innocent from the one who uses the firearm unlawfully. The criminals will always find a way to get firearms. Do not punish the law-abiding citizens who use firearms lawfully. Direct your attention toward those who use firearms unlawfully and illegally, please. If you do a search of the number of deaths by use of firearms per state per capita, Hawaii is at the bottom of the list of 50 states and/or near the bottom. Please focus your attention on those criminals who use firearms illegally.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 9:51:34 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kelly David Garringer	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I wish to express my opposition to SB3196, on the basis that it does nothing to improve public safety, but only serves to penalize legal firearm owners. In particular, expanding the magazine limit of 10 rounds from certain firearms to all firearms infringes on the Second Amendment rights of American citizens. Here in Hawaii, we see daily news of various assaults and attacks in the state, same as every state these days. These attacks include fists, pipes, knives, firearms and even acid. This demonstrates a few facts:

1. Violence is not limited to firearms, thus placing more restrictions on them will not improve public safety, not when other means of committing violence are available. Criminals by their very nature break laws, so more laws will not hinder their activity. Violent criminals will continue to be violent. Currently in England they are making knives illegal for individuals to possess on their persons. This is because guns are illegal there, so knives are the next weapon of choice on the list. Not to mention that the criminal element there also have guns.

This law if passed will not make people safer but the opposite. You do not make criminals harmless by making people defenseless. Now with the current political landscape domestically and abroad, tension is building at an alarming rate, and the possibility of civil unrest, or an invasion, is very real. The need to defend ourselves then is a must. If anything, what the COVID 19 lockdowns, BLM riots, and ANTIFA activity taught us is that the government cannot protect us completely or will force its will on their citizens (China, Canada, Australia, and Honolulu.) In a world where seconds matter, help is minutes away. Therefore, being my own first responder assures a quick defense.

Over the years studies have been conducted on the issue of gun violence. The CDC found that more people are killed each year from fists and feet than by a firearm. Assault weapons as you call it, I don't even know what that term means, are used in less than 1% of firearm related crimes. To date, more children die in car accidents each year than by firearms. This CDC data undermined the gun control advocates arguments so much that they asked the CDC to stop reporting on it. Leaving groups like Every Town for Gun Safety, K-12 school shooting database, The Gun Violence archives to use biased, skewed, and corrupted data to make their arguments.

Our supreme court naively, sighted the "Aloha Spirit" as a factor in illuminating gun violence. How does that work if the perpetrator has no "Aloha Spirit." This statement is utter foolishness, and these Justices should be ridiculed for such a statement. They are living in a world other than

the modern Hawaii we are seeing daily. I would rather be able to defend myself, than to hope that the other person has Aloha.

2. When firearms are involved, it is rare if ever that a full ten rounds are fired. Thus, restricting magazine capacity will not improve public safety. To limit magazine capacity is asinine. Can you tell me, if I'm assailed and put in a position to defend myself how many people will be attacking me, and if they will be abiding by the same laws you wish to impose on the law-abiding citizen? No, you can't! Therefore, in that situation I want to be equally if not overwhelmingly matched.

Reflecting on the CDC study I mentioned above. The amount of firearm related incidents and deaths avoided were significantly more than the events ending in violation, bodily harm, or loss of life when a firearm was displayed by the would-be victim. Showing that firearms are also a deterrent.

3. Current legislation to acquire and own firearms in Hawaii, which is an infringement, and that is a topic for another discussion, are very restrictive (among the toughest in the country), designed to ensure that only law-abiding citizens without mental issues are permitted to acquire firearms. They are failing. Why? The criminals are going to keep doing what they are doing. The majority of firearm related assaults reported involved guns that were obtained illegally, not registered, and often used by known criminals. Cities with some of the toughest gun laws also have the highest firearm related crimes. Cities like Washington D.C., Maryland, New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles, etc. Unless you are planning on ridding the entire world of firearms, there is just no way of preventing firearm related crimes. Going back to my earlier statement "criminals do not become harmless by making people defenseless."

4. Some firearms are only sold with magazines that hold more than 10 rounds. Alternate magazines may not be available or may be difficult to obtain or modify. Thus, a firearm that was obtained legally, is suddenly illegal at no fault of the owner.

5. The innate desire for self-preservation requires the means to defend oneself and family. The Second Amendment guarantees this ability. Forget about hunting, for that is not what the amendment states, or was written for. When the constitution was drafted, our newly formed country had just gotten through fighting a rebellion to secure individual freedom. Hunting was not on their minds. Now we are left with the argument of "that it was written for a 'well-regulated militia'." This view does not hold as well. The Bill of Rights was written to ensure the individual of certain protections. To say that the Second Amendment applies only to a corporate body is to ignore that the other 9 address the individual, and therefore do not follow logical consistency. Simply put, the Second Amendment guarantees citizens' rights to bear arms to defend themselves. Therefore, the right to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. This right is guaranteed in the U.S. Constitution under the Second Amendment. Furthermore, before you go on about how that does not apply to Hawaii, like the Hawaii Supreme Court recently ruled. This right is also solidified in our own State of Hawaii Constitution under Article 1, section 17.

RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS Section 17. 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. [Ren Const Con 1978 and election Nov 7, 1978]

The Militia as stated, is a preparatory clause to the “rights of the people.” The subject of the Amendment are THE PEOPLE. The limiting of the capacity of a magazine that is in common use diminishes the full use of that firearm, and in turn is also an infringement. (District of Columbia vs. Heller.) Furthermore, the Second Amendment was given to defend all the others. If the Second is removed, how will we stop others from eliminating the First, Fourth, Fifth... We will quickly descend into tyranny.

Thank you for your time and attention. Please consider my comments and preserve our constitutional freedoms.

Mahalo,

Kelly Garringer

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 9:58:25 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose Senate bill 3196.

The second Amendment guarantees the right of the people to keep and bear arms.

This bill seeks to ban “assault weapons” which is a made up term for a semi-automatic rifle with predetermined cosmetic features. Rifles are generally not used in crimes and this bill will do nothing to deter criminals anyways as criminals do not follow laws.

This bill also seeks to ban .50 caliber rifles, which have never been used to commit a crime in the state of Hawaii. .50 caliber rifles are prohibitively expensive to obtain as well as shoot and contrary to popular belief are used to hunt and do not make animals explode. There are many examples on Youtube to support this statement.

Instead of continually trying to rob people of their rights, we should spend more effort on increasing penalties for gun crimes and keeping criminals off our streets.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 10:00:49 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<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 for a couple of reasons

I live in south kona where reponse times from first responders is a minimum of 45 min to an hour. What am i to do of multiple assailants enter my home single shot wepon wont suffice . Especially if they are are high on meth or other substances like it . Also in hunting applications if i have a bad hit on a game animal semi automatic weapon makes for a quick follow up shot which in turns makes it more ethical. Or if im tying to eradicate say pigs from my farm property a semiautomatic weapon makes it so i can get multiple animals down faster. It will only stop law abiding citizens from having them . Those who don't follw the laws will have semiautomatic weapons regardless of what ths bill says or bans which leaves everyone else more vulnerable.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 10:11:26 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha legislators, i opposed this bill because it will make all firearms to be ban, go against the constitution and criminals will not follow the laws making it difficult to inforce . Just make stricter laws to keep criminals in jail longer , or build another prison.

Thank you

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 10:21:23 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

As a tax-paying, law abiding citizen, I am strongly opposed to SB3196. This bill only seeks to criminalize thousands of legal, lawful firearm owners in the state of Hawaii who have done nothing wrong. The belief that this will stop criminals is a fallacy, as illustrated by the recent event in New York, a state with one of the strictest gun control laws in the nation, yet an illegal immigrant who was also underage, used a firearm against the disarmed public. Criminals will never follow the laws.

Also as a Maui resident, knowing and seeing my fellow residents in Lahaina who have suffered so much from the devastating wildfire, it is absolutely disgusting and disgraceful that this bill is what legislators are focusing on when more time, effort and funds could be spent helping the many displaced and struggling residents. SB3196 is a waste of time, resources and a complete show of arrogance when there are people in Hawaii, on Maui who need bills and laws passed that actually help them, and not this partisan witch hunt on the 2nd Amendment.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 10:24:26 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This bill violates the Second Amendment.

What does the Second Amendment say?

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.

[The Second Amendment](#)

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 10:25:10 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196. This bill only hurts law abiding citizens, like myself and the countless others who are trying to protect our loved ones. Before trying to pass a bill like this, there should be focus on stiffening punishment on people illegally possessing firearms. Our system is broken, and this is definitely not the answer.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 10:26:47 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to S.B. NO. 3196, which aims to further restrict gun rights in Hawai'i. As a supporter of the Second Amendment, I believe this bill goes too far in infringing on the constitutional rights of law-abiding citizens.

Hawai'i already boasts some of the nation's strongest gun safety laws, achieving commendable ratings and low gun death rates. This proposed legislation, however, risks penalizing responsible gun owners without addressing the root causes of gun violence.

The broad definitions included in the bill raise concerns about ambiguity and potential overreach, potentially criminalizing common firearms owned by law-abiding citizens.

I urge you to consider the impact of this bill on individual freedoms and liberties, and to seek bipartisan solutions that balance public safety concerns with respect for constitutional rights.

As a native of Hawai'i deeply invested in the welfare of our community, I vehemently oppose the passing of SB 3196. The proposed legislation's blanket ban on a vast array of firearms is not only impractical but unjustifiably restrictive to law-abiding citizens who responsibly own firearms. While I acknowledge the necessity for robust gun safety measures, this bill does not align with pragmatic solutions.

It's imperative to recognize that our current laws already impose stringent regulations on firearms deemed as "assault" weapons, encompassing pistols, rifles, and shotguns. Instead of further encroaching upon the rights of responsible gun owners, I advocate for legislative efforts that prioritize comprehensive gun safety education and enforcement of existing laws to address the root causes of violence in our communities.

We must strive for a balanced approach that upholds individual liberties while ensuring public safety, fostering a culture of responsible gun ownership, and investing in mental health initiatives. Therefore, I urge lawmakers to reconsider this bill and focus on measures that effectively address the complexities of gun violence without impeding the rights of law-abiding citizens.

Thank you for considering my perspective on this important issue.

Sincerely, Jovan Acoba



**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 10:28:44 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppse this bill

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 10:31:08 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Please stop introducing more guns restrictions. Criminals don't read nor do they obey these laws. Uphold the Constitution not Unhinge it.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 10:31:46 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196, this will only affect the great majority of citizens that aren't criminals, and that follow laws and regulations already set forth. Criminals will never follow any laws made and are probably the ones that would support this as it will weaken those that want to exercise their right to bear arms to protect themselves and their families. There are studies that show that these laws never work.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 10:35:51 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Teilre Iona-Tadeo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

As an American citizen, I am writing to vehemently oppose any legislation that seeks to infringe upon our Second Amendment rights. The right to keep and bear arms is a fundamental freedom that must be preserved and protected.

Bill SB3196 is a clear violation of our Second Amendment rights. It seeks to impose unjust restrictions and regulations on law-abiding citizens who simply wish to exercise their constitutional right to own firearms. This bill would not only restrict our freedoms but also undermine our ability to defend ourselves, our families, and our property.

I urge you to stand firm in defense of our Second Amendment rights and to reject any legislation, including SB3196, that seeks to undermine these freedoms. Our constitutional rights must be upheld, and any attempt to erode them must be met with strong opposition.

Sincerely,

Teilre Iona-Tadeo

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 10:39:53 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gerald Umeda	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**I support SB3196. Assault weapons with magazines are for military use and should not be sold to civilians. While I support the Second Amendment, I do not support the sale of assault weapons since they are capable of mass murder in a very short time when used. These types of weapons belong in the military, not for civilians to purchase and use. Why would civilians need assault weapons in the first place? Regular rifles and handguns used for hunting, recreational shooting at shooting ranges (like skeet shooting) are fine, along with having guns for self-defense in case of robbery/break-ins of your home.**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 10:41:34 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

It seems like every time we have one of these shootings, nobody wants to put the blame where it goes, which is at the shooter's feet. You want to put it at my feet. You want to turn around and restrict my right, Constitutional right that's spelled out in black and white, you want to restrict my right to buy a firearm and protect myself. I'm gonna tell you what's gonna happen. You can take the guns away from us all you want to but, these criminals they're not gonna turn their guns in. They're gonna hold onto 'em. They're still gonna break in my house, and they're still gonna shoot me with 'em. And guess who's gonna be the one that suffers? It's gonna be me. You need to listen to the majority of people in this state. The majority of the people in this city are law-abiding, and they follow the law. And they want their constitutional right to be able to bear arms. Cause the bottom line is, when that Second Amendment was written, whether the Framers liked it or not, they wrote it for everybody. And the law-abiding citizens of this city are everybody. And we want our rights, and we want to keep our rights — and, by God, we're gonna keep 'em, come hell or high water.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 10:42:14 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Dismiss this outrageous unconstitutional overreach of a bill. Toss this bill out.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 11:02:47 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Why should the rights of free law abiding Americans be restricted and made unlawful because of the actions of a few deranged criminals?

If anything the right to own modern capable firearms for defense is one that allows the United States to remain a free country, it allows for those with deminished physical strength to defend themselves from violent assaults. It allows family's the means of protection and security in an increasingly dangerous Hawaii.

Considering that violent crime is at an all time high it seems as if the only political answer that Hawaii's polititicians are able to provide is a feel good win that will further alienate those that live off the Aina and cherish the rights that were provided for them by the founding fathers, payed for time and time again by the valiant heroes of this nation.

Countries where citizens are not able to be armed in any meaningful way such as being proposed in SB3196 include China, Russia, North Korea, Iran. Hawaii should not seek to emulate such tyrannical countries and instead ensure that citizens rights as put forth in the constitution are respected.

Please vote no on this attempt at further infringing on the freedoms of Americans.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 11:37:39 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

## Comments:

I oppose this bill because there is no evidence that banning assault rifles, pre se does anything to reduce gun violence. Looking at the Assault Weapons Ban of 1994, the number of violent crimes with an assault rifle did not significantly go down. <https://www.ojp.gov/pdffiles1/173405.pdf>

This has always been a solution looking for a problem. We need to focus more on neighborhood outreach and conflict resolution rather than reducing the number of rifles by taking them away from law abiding citizens. Passing this law will only waste resources that could otherwise be used to solve crimes.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 11:40:31 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This bill is a gross overreach and violation of the Constitution of this country and state and which elected officials have a duty to uphold.

Criminals dont care about laws, you simply make more victims out of people and allow criminals to have easier prey.

The best defense against crime is a population that has teh ability to not be a victim and cause criminals to stop and wonder who is defenseless and who is not.

Also, the 2A was put in place to deter governments from overreach. History has shown that governments who take away the right of self defense of their own citizens have proceeded to take away more rights and liberty from those citizens, so I oppose this bill in its various forms as a gross undermining of our basic rights as citizens.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/19/2024 11:57:50 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Honorable Members of the Committee,

I appreciate the opportunity to testify today regarding Bill 3196, which proposes amendments to the prohibition on certain firearms. While I understand the intent behind this legislation, I strongly oppose its passage for several reasons.

First and foremost, the proposed bill threatens the fundamental rights guaranteed by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution. The right to bear arms is a cornerstone of our democracy, essential for self-defense, hunting, and safeguarding against tyranny. Any attempt to restrict law-abiding citizens' access to firearms undermines this constitutional right.

Furthermore, the definitions used in the bill to classify certain firearms as "assault weapons" are overly broad and lack clarity. This ambiguity could lead to the unintended consequences of penalizing responsible gun owners who use firearms for legitimate purposes such as sport shooting or hunting. Banning firearms based on cosmetic features or arbitrary criteria does little to enhance public safety and only serves to infringe upon the rights of law-abiding citizens.

Additionally, there are significant concerns regarding the efficacy of bans on specific types of firearms in reducing crime. History has shown us that such measures often fail to address the root causes of violence and disproportionately burden law-abiding citizens without deterring criminals who obtain firearms through illegal means.

Enforcing the proposed bans would pose significant challenges for law enforcement agencies and strain already limited resources. Prohibiting the sale or transfer of certain firearms would create a black market, driving lawful commerce underground and making it more difficult to track firearms in circulation.

Instead of pursuing restrictive measures that target law-abiding citizens, I urge policymakers to focus on evidence-based solutions to address the complex issue of gun violence. This includes strengthening mental health services, improving background check systems, and targeting illegal firearms trafficking through enhanced enforcement efforts.

In conclusion, I respectfully urge you to oppose Bill 3196 and consider alternative approaches that respect our constitutional rights while effectively addressing the underlying factors contributing to gun violence.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,

Roberto Viernes

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 12:44:44 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I completely oppose this bill. It hurts more law abiding citizens rather than the criminal element. This goes against the 2nd amendment altogether. Furthermore, the State of Hawaii has some of the most strict firearms laws in the country. We do not need more laws for responsible gun owners. What we need is stricter sentencing of those that obtain firearms illegally. By punishing the criminal with more time is the direction that needs to be taken. Please do not support this bill. If it is passed, only criminals will have firearms and the rest of society will be their payday.  
Mahalo

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 1:19:20 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly oppose this bill. The reasons range vastly. Many of the banned "features" are mainly aesthetic and will ban many long guns that are not classified as "assault" weapons anywhere else in the nation, and anyone with the proper firearm education and knowledge can acclaim to that. Many of these guns are used for hunting to supplement food, and many are used to eradicate large herds of invasive hogs that ruin crops and food supply. Reiterating that this bill is over reaching on what the perceived intention actually is. This negatively impacts anyone into competition shooting and riflery as a sport as well, which will limit or completely remove opportunities for scholarships and endorsements to even something like Olympic opportunities, which could ultimately be someone's natural avenue to success. The list of reasons can go on and on. Even with the current gun laws we have that are some of the strictest in the nation by the way, prohibit things like automatic guns and ownership under 21, yet we still see and hear reported incidents on our streets that always include a contraband firearm and unlawful juvenile ownership. That's interesting because we have laws for that, but it doesn't seem like actual criminals care to follow that. A criminal who seeks to do harm or crime will be able to obtain illegal and contraband firearms as well as ammunition through a "black market" regardless of this bill or any others that have been passed as law in the past. On the contrary, law abiding citizens follow a very lengthy legal procedure that includes but is not limited to; hunters ed, safety classes, background checks, mental health checks, and proper registration into a federal database whenever applying for a new firearm and purchase. A lawful citizen must apply with the police department and then cross-check their certifications at a store accordingly whenever purchasing. I believe this bill's intention was to prevent violent gun crime but like I described, it will only hurt healthy hunting traditions, sport/competition culture, and good communities of lawful citizens who seek nothing but peace and protection for eachother, and further neglect the root cause of criminal acitivities on these streets. Criminals will not follow any rules or regulations and will continue to obtain whatever "lethal" instrument they desire regardless of any previous or new laws.

Mahalo,

Payton

February 20, 2024

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to begin by introducing myself, my name is Michael Kekaha, and I am a law-abiding citizen of the United States of America and I strongly oppose this bill. I was born in Hawaii and served as a Correctional Officer for the past 17 years. Now that the introduction is over, let us begin.

First, let's get the largest issue out of the way. SB3196 directly defies the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution as by definition, all laws regulating firearms owned by law abiding citizens infringe on the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

Second, this bill not only bans all types of rifles other than bolt action rifles, but it also allows the government to regulate what parts firearms owners may put on their rifles. I disagree with the term "assault rifle". It is a common misconception that AR stands for "assault rifle" but in fact stands for "ArmaLite Rifle" the company that originally designed the AR platform. With this bill, rifle owners cannot modify their firearms to be more comfortable for them to fire, thus making it safer for those individuals to handle and manipulate their rifles. Not allowing them to place a collapsible stock on their rifle, for example causes firearms owners with shorter arm lengths to have to stretch their arms resulting in less control of the firearm when firing it. Another example is not allowing rifles with detachable magazines. This can affect rifle owners that use their rifles in competitions that require multiple shots.

It also regulates parts and the acquisition of parts. Through this bill, if an individual's rifle or shotgun malfunctions or breaks, the owner would not be able to acquire the needed parts to repair their firearm, thus making the firearm useless and/or dangerous.

Third, if I am reading the bill correctly will not allow anyone with a firearm listed in the bill to travel with their rifle and or shotgun. Some individuals use an AR-10 rifle, chambered in .308 for example to hunt. Some hunters travel to other states to pursue their passion. With this bill, they would not be able to return to Hawaii with their rifle if they so choose to travel for hunting. It also affects those that use these rifles and/or shotgun platforms in competitions for the same reason as hunting.

Lastly, I urge Hawaii Legislators to not pass this bill and similar bills that infringe on law-abiding citizens rights guaranteed to them under the U.S. Constitution but look for other alternatives in curbing violent crimes committed by criminals. Criminals do not follow the law, and the addition of more restrictive laws does not affect these individuals. I'll end with this example of how these restrictive laws affect criminals. Methamphetamine is one of the most popular drugs in Hawaii and totally illegal, yet thousands of dollars in drugs are sold daily in Hawaii, with no effect from anti-drug laws. Please, do not support bill SB3196.

Thank you.



Michael Kekaha

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 6:00:36 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 6:01:31 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 6:36:57 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Members of the Committee,

I strongly OPPOSE SB3196

First and foremost, the proposed bill threatens the fundamental rights guaranteed by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution. The right to bear arms is a cornerstone of our democracy, essential for self-defense, hunting, and safeguarding against tyranny. Any attempt to restrict law-abiding citizens' access to ANY firearms undermines this constitutional right.

Furthermore, the definitions used in the bill to classify certain firearms as "assault weapons" (which IS a political term) are overly broad and lack clarity. This ambiguity could lead to the unintended consequences of penalizing responsible gun owners who use firearms for legitimate purposes such as sport shooting or hunting. Banning firearms based on cosmetic features or arbitrary criteria does little to enhance public safety and only serves to infringe upon the rights of law-abiding citizens.

Additionally, there are significant concerns regarding the efficacy of bans on specific types of firearms in reducing crime. History has shown us that such measures often fail to address the root causes of violence and disproportionately burden law-abiding citizens without deterring criminals who obtain firearms through illegal means. This bill would also end the 2nd Amendment right of the next generation by not being able to have firearms inherited after someone has passed away.

Enforcing the proposed bans would pose significant challenges for law enforcement agencies and strain already limited resources. Prohibiting the sale or transfer of certain firearms would create a black market, driving lawful commerce underground and making it more difficult to track firearms in circulation.

Instead of pursuing restrictive measures that target law-abiding citizens, I urge policymakers to focus on evidence-based solutions to address the complex issue of gun violence. This includes strengthening mental health services. In conclusion, I respectfully urge you to oppose Bill 3196 and consider alternative approaches that respect our constitutional rights while effectively addressing the underlying factors contributing to gun violence.

Shawnie Campbell



**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 6:39:02 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brendan Ajolo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Brendan Ajolo

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 6:40:23 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I support SB3196, and I urge our legislators to pass it

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 6:49:29 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am a recreational/sporting shooter.

I strongly oppose this bill. I beleive it attacks the law abiding citizens rather than addressing any real problems. Such a wide sweeping regulation destroys many non violent gun issues, such as hunting and recreational shooting. As well as taking another swipe at 2A rights.

Again, I oppose this ban and please reconsider this bill.

Aloha

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 7:40:29 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This opposes my 2nd amendment, as a father of an autistic child and a son of I'll parents I believe my right to bare arms is a necessary option if there was a person that would cause harm to my family in my household, to have the option to keep my firearm in protection of my loved ones is a peace of mind.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 7:40:37 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha I oppose this bill because it infringes my 2nd amendment rights,also I am well trained with my weapons because of my family and having to protect them is my number one thing in this world , I respect the police but the time from it take to respond to and incident by the time the police arrived the damaged is done so that's why I take it upon myself to trained me and my family on gun safety and rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 7:41:27 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Firearm (rifle) with a detachable magazine with over ten rounds is needed for the protection of law abiding citizens. Do any of the politicians understand crimes are committed by more than one individual against an innocent person. How is anyone going to protect themselves. There is already a shortage of Police Officers. If person moves back home to Hawai'i, are they to leave their rifle and shotgun back where the use to reside? All theses laws that certain politicians want to pass is to make the law abiding citizen defenseless. Why don't politicians focus on keeping criminals off the streets and keep them in jail. Focus on families, focus on teaching children and teenagers to grow up to good citizens. There would be less crime and less homeless people. These laws create more victims and does not allow good people to protect themselves. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 7:57:56 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Public health and safety is jeopardized by rifles and other assault long guns and large capacity magazines. These items should be banned. In addition to the physical harm a mass shooting would cause, Hawaii's reputation as a safe destination would also be harmed. We have suffered great economic harm in the last several years with the tragedies of the pandemic and Maui wildfires. A mass shooting would bring many hospitality companies which are already on their knees to bankruptcy.

Many freedoms are curtailed for public safety when the risks of allowing something outweigh the benefits. There is great risk of harm and no benefit from allowing citizens to possess assault weapons and large capacity magazines. Please support this bill and close the loopholes which allow them.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 8:02:25 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Recent poles have shown that a significant majority of Hawaii residents favor strict gun safety laws. Banning assault rifles and large capacity magazines is important because they are designed to be capable of mass killing. Their potential for mass murder far outweighs any plausible use for hunting, recreation or self defense.

The sooner this ban is created, the sooner we can start reducing the needless spread of assault rifles and large capacity magazine in Hawaii. Please think about the safety of our children and residents and **SUPPORT THIS BILL.**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 8:08:58 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<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

As a hunter any form use to gather effectively and efficiently is a must. This measure is a hindrance to law abiding hunters/gatherers.

Klayton Kubo

Waimea, Kaua'i

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 8:16:39 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE THIS!!!!

As a woman, my hands are much smaller than a male's hand. So using handguns can be challenging. But being able to use a rifle makes it safer and more reliable due to also having a weaker grip (limp wristing cause a handgun to jam). Because everyone has different hand sizes or body types, being able to buy different parts to see what works best for me is important. This bill would prevent me from tailoring my rifle to be the safest for me to use.

I may not want to use the same pistol grip that a rifle comes with, or a newer one may come out that makes it safer to use, but this bill prevents future pistol grip purchases. Same goes with handguards. I'm not as strong as a 300lbs male, so my rifle has a lighter handguard on it. When a better one comes out, I will be unable to tailor my rifle with the best products for safety.

Also there is no compensation for the items that are not "grandfathered" in. Will HI refund me the money I spend on my magaazines or other items?

Then add in that this goes against Bruen in SCOTUS.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 8:25:06 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this.

To answer Karl's question on "where do we draw the line from a knife to a bomb". Here it is. SCOTUS already established this. This is the 2nd time he brought up this question. SCOTUS stated in Heller "in common use". So if the firearm is in common use, it's protected by the 2nd amendment.

The number for "in common use" was also established in the Cayatano vs. MA SCOTUS ruling about electric guns (stunguns/tasers). Which is 200,000. Recent 9th circuit hearing about a month ago stated there are 24,000,000 "assault rifles" in existence for lawful purposes. So we are well over the 200,000 threshold. Same goes with magazines, there are much more than 200,000 rifle magazines in existence.

So Karl or people like him don't have to make the decision. Because Karl thinks the line is drawn to ban "assault rifles", but what if the next person wants to also ban handguns?

There also is no compensation for the magazines. "assault pistols", or a rifle less than 30 inches. Say someone has 30-50 rifle magazines, which is common, will the state reimburse \$22 per magazine? That's over \$600 for just 30 magazines for 1 person.

Or people who made a Hawaii compliant "assault pistol", this probably cost easily \$1,000 per "assault pistol". Same goes with any bulpup rifle, that cost easily \$1600.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 8:27:00 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Committee Members,

I'm writing in support of SB3196 as it is one of many steps that we need to take to protect the people of Hawai'i. Though I'm fortunate to never have lost anyone I know because of a mass shooting, I'm aware of the stress and harm that preparing for such a terrible event by way of active shooter drills does to our keiki. I realize that this law wouldn't prevent mass shootings in Hawai'i, but it would make such an event less likely.

The second amendment absolutists fail to recognize that no right is absolute. Just as there are limits on free speech, there should be limits on arms when the rights of the gun holder infringes on the rights of the rest of us.

Please pass this bill out of your committee for the sake of our keiki and safety of our community.

Mahalo,

Paul Bernstein

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 8:28:56 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am in complete opposition to this bill. I do not support any language relating to SB3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 8:33:15 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I respectfully oppose this bill and would like for the legislative body to kill this bill. There are many laws on the books already. Why do you need another. Enforce the laws that are already in the books and please find more money for mental health detection, and incarceration for repeat offenders.

Laughlin Tanaka

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 8:36:07 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lekeli Watanabe	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**I am writing to oppose bill SB3196. I oppose for these reasons:**

1) **Second Amendment Rights:** The Second Amendment of the United States Constitution guarantees the right of citizens to bear arms. Banning certain types of firearms infringes upon this fundamental right.

2) **Your Definition of Assault Weapons:** I challenge your definition of "assault weapons" and argue that this bill is too ambiguous and may be based on a gun's cosmetic features rather than its functional differences. Your bill as it is written unfairly targets law-abiding gun owners and does little to address actual crime.

3) **Self-Defense:** It is my right to bear arms for self-defense. As a law-abiding citizen, I should have the ability to defend myself, my family, and my property, especially in situations where law enforcement may not be readily available.

4) **Impact on Law-Abiding Citizens:** A ban on assault weapons would primarily affect responsible gun owners like myself who use these firearms for lawful purposes such as hunting, sport shooting, and collecting.

Aloha,

Lekeli N. Watanabe

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 8:50:22 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am against SB3196. SB3196 unfairly targets law-abiding citizens while doing little to address the root causes of gun violence. The root cause is how underage individuals and individuals with a felony record acquiring firearms. The law-abiding citizens are not the ones who are doing these crimes but the criminals. SB3196 will NOT reduce gun violence until the root cause is addressed as mentioned earlier. Gun ownership is a fundamental aspect of American culture and a constitutional right per the Second Amendment. Thank you.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 8:58:17 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Dear Representatives,

I oppose SB3196. This will not address the real issues of crime in Hawaii. You are attempting to fix a problem that does not exist. Criminals will NOT FOLLOW LAWS. Some of the items listed in the SB are already prohibited in Hawaii. Enforce the laws that we already have.

Mahalo,

Scott

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 9:03:13 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha Senator Wakai:

I oppose Bill SB3196. I need to protect myself. I know suspicious activities happen in my nice neighborhood. I have purchased Simply Safe and often it doesn't work. I purchased a gun as I am often by myself in my home. I finally sleep well. I have no intention of shooting someone unless they invade my home. If I ever needed to do so, I would hope that saying I have a gun would make a burglar leave. If not, I would shoot. Thank goodness I now think I can protect myself. I probably would be dead if I had to wait an hour or the police.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 9:14:57 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196.

This law does nothing more than penalize law-abiding citizens while criminalizing firearms, and components of firearms they own, and which were previously legal.

Banning so-called “assault weapons”, per the definitions laid out in this law would criminalize thousands of law-abiding citizens in Hawaii, as many of the firearms listed/defined are some of the most commonly owned and used legitimately in the United States.

Magazines that hold more than 10 rounds are considered standard capacity, and many firearms are not available with magazines that hold fewer than 10 rounds.

Banning magazines with capacities of more than 10 rounds does nothing to address the real issues of crime in Hawaii and is only trying to fix a problem that doesn’t exist. Banning larger-capacity ammunition magazines won’t reduce the number of shootings.

This law burdens the core of the Second Amendment by criminalizing the acquisition and possession of magazines and firearms that are commonly held by law-abiding citizens for defense of self, home, and state.

I urge you to oppose this measure and to work to repeal the current nonsense law of pistol magazine restrictions for the safety and welfare of Hawaii residents.

Law abiding gun owners in Hawaii are left more susceptible to harm or death by being limited in their means of self-defense, criminals who are intent on doing harm will not follow this same law.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 9:21:00 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

To obtain a firearm in Hawaii, people are required to apply for a permit with the Police Department. As part of the review process, a criminal background check is performed at the State and Federal level, a search is done with the Department of Health's Adult Mental Health Division for any mental health issues, and a check is done with their physician for any physical or mental health issues. Only upon passing this review does the Police Department approve the permit to allow a firearm to be obtained. Under these current laws, a person is required to be a law abiding citizen of sound mind and body to legally obtain a firearm in the State of Hawaii. The proposed SB3196 will only serve to penalize the law abiding citizens who wish to participate in their chosen hobby while doing nothing "to protect the safety and well being of its citizens" (SB3196, lines 7-8). If the goal is to reduce violent crime, efforts would be better spent investing in the growth of the Hawaii economy, improving social and mental health services, and increasing outreach to at risk groups in the community. While this would certainly be a much more difficult path requiring long term efforts, it will bring about lasting improvements for the community.

The goal of any government should always be to serve the people and make the community better, not to turn law abiding citizens into criminals solely because they chose to exercise their god given rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 9:28:22 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This bill accomplishes nothing, other than removing yet another option in firearms for law abiding citizens. Despite media and political claims, the average citizen cannot own a assault rifle. An assault rifle is fully automatic and you cannot purchase those without proper paperwork. Background checks, betting a d lots of money. Attaching semi automatic is nothing more than a scare tactic. An AR, AK, "Assault Shotgun" or any other semi automatic weapon are all capable of killing. That is what they are designed to do. However it still takes a human to cause these things. Assault bullets do not explode in the body, the bullets do not table throw the air like a saw blade, to cut bodies in half, or any other crazy statistics.

All this bill will do is make it more difficult for law abiding citizens to defend themselves. How many murders have occurred by legally owned assault weapons in Hawaii? Why are we always talking about removing law abiding citizens rights? Infringing on the rights of those who follow the law and are responsible gun owners?

Further more ARs, AKs, and other such weapons are used for sporting, and are very effective in pest control. For example hunting feral pigs. Not sure if you've seen the pig problem on the big island, but its ridiculous. The pigs damage property, spread disease, and are a hazard on roadways. A rifle like and AR is a effective tool in dispatching wild pigs. It's accuracy, light weight and relatively cheap ammunition make it a great choice for hogs. It's no more deadly than say a 30-30, or a bolt action 308. It's just simpler.

There are no reasons to make these weapons illegal, and quite a few good ones to allow responsible law abiding citizens to own them.

Lastly the second ammendment was not about hunting, it's about citizens maintaining the ability to defend themselves. As politicians you may not fully believe this but the people do not trust you do.whats in their best interest anymore. You have lost the public confidence. Hawaii is rated as kne of the most if not the most corrupt government in the US. Further infringing upon and removing law abiding citizens constitutional rights will not do anything to regain that trust, but only Further the resentment. Do not forget your special interest groups and loud protesters are the minority. The silent majority is going to work, being quiet following laws, and minding their business every day.



**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 9:30:47 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I cannot stress how fundamentally important our 2nd amendment right is to **all Americans in it's entirety** regardless of political orientation.

This bill would directly affect myself, and many of my brothers in arms who served in the middle east during OIF, OEF, OSS, and OIR in the War on Terror, as AR15s and 1911s - amongst other popular firearms of historic importance - are often purchased and registered as commemorative arms for these deployments and engraved using unit and operation insignias. A large portion of active duty soldiers and especially the Hawaii National Guard own such commemorative arms, to include former and current police officers with service history and many other servants of the state.

This bill is deeply insensitive to your own and I strongly urge all in favor of this bill to be considerate of those past, present, and future - who serve you round the clock. The duty of a first responder and the defence of our nation is often a thankless one, and it would be a spit in the face of everyone of these people who work tirelessly to uphold the American status quo should this bill pass.

To: Hawaii State Senate Committee on Judiciary  
Hearing Date/Time: Wednesday February 23, 2024, 9:30am  
Place: Hawaii State Capitol, CR 016 & Videoconference  
Re: Judith Ann Armstrong supports SB3196 relating to Firearms

Dear Chair Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair Senator Mike Gabbard, and member of the Committee on Judiciary

I, Judith Ann Armstrong, support SB3196 relating to Firearms.

Semiautomatic rifles like the AR-15 are capable of firing rounds much faster than manually operated rifles, allowing shooters to fire a large number of powerful rounds over a short period of time that are often used in mass shootings. Hawai'i, a state with some of the strongest gun laws in the country, does not currently prohibit automatic long guns and rifles in its ban on automatic weapons. We should address this obvious deficiency in our gun laws and prohibit all assault weapons. Research shows that prohibiting all assault weapons can prevent mass shootings and active shooter event.

**THERE IS NO CIVILIAN NEED FOR THESE WEAPONS!**

**And not that this loop hole has been exposed in the Newspaper it would seem especially urgent that it be closed asap.**

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SB3196.

Sincerely,

Judith Ann Armstrong

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 9:46:26 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB 3196. It does nothing for public safety. SB 3196 only tries to vilify this class of firearms and the law abiding people who use them.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 9:49:00 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am opposed to SB3196 as it would continue to chip away at the Constitutional Rights that are the bedrock of this law abiding citizens of this Country. I own a firearm that I legally purchased in Hawaii, legally registered with the local Police Department, and have legally stored in my home. I am a retired probation officer and serve as a volunteer in my community with Neighborhood Watch, as well as several other projects. If this bill passes, however, my legal firearm suddenly becomes illegal. It is absurd that the State of Hawaii continues to look for ways to create new laws and restrictions that ultimately curtail the legal rights of law abiding citizens while turning away from its duty to enforce laws already in existence. I respectfully ask that you work on ways to create meaningful ways to address the enforcement of existing statutes before creating new laws that will not accomplish what you believe they will.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 9:51:47 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
William J M. Evans	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support SB3196 and all efforts to ban military style weapons and all firearms that have no plausible or rational civilian purpose.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 9:59:03 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

I strongly oppose this bill. It is unconstitutional first and foremost. We don't enforce the current gun laws and the fix isn't to make new ones. This isn't just a 2nd Amendment issue its a hunting subsistence issue. As an avid hunter there are so many hunters that use these weapons for hunting and providing food for their families.

Justin Ackerman

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 10:02:17 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Support!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 10:11:35 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am in opposition to this new law, I am a law abiding citizen who's owned firearms for 20 plus years, I'm a voter who has taken time out my day to provide written testimony against these laws, I went thru last years gun law and found out that most of the people who supported the new laws were copy and paste people( no personal stories), please don't ignore me and the other personal testimonials, this laws only affects law abiding citizens not criminals. If this law passes it will be struck down by the Supreme Court and the state of Hawaii will waste tax payer money trying to defend an illegal and unjust law

thank you for your time

Stephen Fralick

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 10:16:06 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I support SB3196.

# Opposition for SB3196

20 Feb 2024

Aloha! My name is Tom Galli. I've been a full-time resident of Hawaii since 1996. I'm a professor at Chaminade University, I mentor with Olelo Community Television, and I'm active with the Hawaii Filmmakers Collective. Additionally, I am a volunteer firearms safety instructor with, and former president of, Lessons in Firearms Education, a Hawaii-based nonprofit which conducts NRA-approved firearms safety classes here in Hawaii.

I am writing to oppose SB3196

As the proposed legislation is 24 pages long, I'll spend some time moving through it to critique critical flaws. However, for those in need of a synopsis, it is this:

SB3196 will do nothing to make Hawaii a safer place. What it will do is outlaw all rifles, all shotguns, and most antique firearms. In doing so, overnight, the hundreds of thousands of law-abiding responsible gun owners in Hawaii will become felons.

Let's move on and take a look at critical flaws throughout this legislation.

## Sections 1 & 2 - General Observation

"Assault weapons" is a term which has become commonplace since first used in 1984 by Handgun Control, Inc, an anti-gun organization. The term was seized by other gun control organizations and recognized as a powerful piece of propaganda. Read this quote from Josh Sugarman as published by the Violence Policy Center, another anti-gun organization:

"The weapons' menacing looks, coupled with the public's confusion over fully automatic machine guns versus semi-automatic assault weapons - anything that looks like a machine gun is assumed to be a machine gun - can only increase the chance of public support for restrictions on these weapons."

Note that his premise has nothing to do with how a firearm functions; it capitalizes on the fact that the gun looks scary. Most, if not all, of the elements used in the Section 2 definitions in this legislation are based on that same criteria; that it looks scary.

## De Facto ban on all rifles, shotguns, and most antiques

As part of the description of an assault rifle, we find in Section 2 (3)(E) on page 4, lines 1-5:

(E) A shroud that is attached to or partially or completely encircles the barrel and permits the shooter to hold the firearm with the second hand without being burned, but excluding a slide that encloses the barrel;

This description literally encompasses all rifles and all shotguns. The name “shroud” is a relatively recent one; more traditional terms include “forearm” or “fore end.” No longarm made expects the shooter to grip the barrel. Barrels get very hot, even after a single shot, and burns would result. Such a design would be criminally unsafe. But, with the specific description in this definition, literally all longarms (rifles and shotguns, modern and antique) receive a checkmark as “assault.”

## Assault Characteristics

A sizeable portion of Section 2 is spent listing the characteristics of assault weapons that are to be banned. The irony is that many of the features listed are designed and proven to increase gun safety. Some examples of this include:

- Adjustable stocks. An adjustable stock doesn’t serve to “enhance the concealability” of a firearm as asserted in the bill; rather, it allows the gun to be fitted to the shooter. This level of adjustment makes the gun safer to operate and more accurate. Much like an adjustable seat is a safety feature in a car, positioning the driver where visibility and access to controls are maximized, an adjustable stock allows the same for a shooter.
- Pistol grips and protruding grips. A secure grip on a firearm helps ensure it stays under control during the recoil after firing. Pistol grips and other protruding grips are proven to accomplish this. Banning them ensures that a shooter has to spend more effort controlling the recoil of a powerful firearm, potentially meaning that the barrel could wander in an unsafe direction.
- Flash suppressors. When firing a rifle or shotgun, the shooter is looking directly down the barrel to the muzzle end (where the bullet emerges). Flashes from the shot can therefore momentarily blind the shooter. Flash suppressors help avoid this, making sure the shooter’s vision remains clear. Banning these would be akin to banning sun visors in cars, ensuring that drivers cannot protect themselves from the glare of the sun.

While I’d love to go through the entire list, I hope these examples serve to illustrate a basic point, which is that this bill will force shooters to adopt firearms which are less safe.

## Ban by Type

Section 2 (4) contains an impressive list of specific guns to be banned. All AK-type, all AR-type, a large number of single specific guns that don’t fit into nice categories, all Thompson rifles, etc. It really is quite a list! However, most of these guns are being painted by that same “scary”

paintbrush we discussed earlier. They are staggeringly popular makes and models, of which hundreds of millions are safely and responsibly owned and used throughout the country.

Also, the inclusion of “All Thompson rifles” jumps out as being ludicrous. Thompson is known for making bolt action and single shot rifles. This is an example of legislation being drafted by uninformed persons.

## Summary

I've taken the time to address a few of the more egregious faults in this bill, but I assure you, what I've written is a smattering of what needs to be addressed. This bill is flawed from start to finish. The fundamental tenets are flawed; the descriptions are ambiguous and often inaccurate; the research is erroneous; and the results will be terrible. Imagine, overnight, having hundreds of thousands of responsible citizens turned into criminals because they dared to own a scary-looking firearm. That's the only result that will be forthcoming.

Hawaii's gun laws are not the reason Hawaii is safe. Hawaii's culture is the reason Hawaii is safe. Over and over, we see there is no correlation between gun laws and violent crime. Major cities with the strictest gun control in the country have the highest violent crime rates. Look at New York, Chicago, Los Angeles. Major cities with little, or even no, gun control have stunningly low violent crime rates. For these, look at El Paso, Mesa, Virginia Beach.

Do not pass SB3196. It can do nothing to help Hawaii, and will only serve to punish a large percentage of the population.

Mahalo,  
Tom Galli

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 10:45:32 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Judith A Mick	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support this bill. We must try and make Hawaii a safer place for us all.

Mahalo for caring about your family, friends, and neighbors. Aloha, Judith Mick, Kailua

Brian H Kitaoka  
94-1052 Waiolina Street  
Waipahu, Hawaii 96797

Submitted ONLINE

3/20/2024

Re: SB3196

Dear Senators:

I am writing you as a "Legal" Gun Owner and Registered Hawaii Voter, I wanted to make my case **AGAINST** SB 3196. As Stated in the Opening Section 1 of this bill, "The legislature finds that the State has some of the strongest gun safety laws in the nation..." yet it seems that this bill wants to "INFRINGE" on the current rights of **LEGAL GUN OWNERS** within the State of Hawaii.

As "Elected" officials, it seems you "think" you are "protecting" the Citizens of Hawaii. Yet this bill **will not "STOP"** crimes against the **Citizens** and **YOUR VOTERS** within the State of Hawaii. It will **HOWEVER**, incite the wrath of a group of your citizens that for the most part has been quiet and at times vocal.

**Where's the bills to:**

- 1) Assist law enforcement with placing "stiffer" laws on the REAL people who uses a firearm that is obtained "illegally"?
- 2) stop the criminals from getting just a "wrist" slap?
- 3) to assist people with mental health issues?

I could state the Constitution of the United States- (The Right to Bear Arms) and the Constitution of the State of Hawaii (Re-affirmed in the 1978 Constitution Convention) citing our rights- But it seems that by your standards you will "IGNORE" that.

Personally I own what is stated as "Assault Rifles" – **Yet that is NOT how it was marketed to me or why I purchased them.** As this is my "**hobby**", I have followed all laws that were enacted at time of purchase.

I'm very curious as what right do you have to "restrict" this- again my hobby?

I know I understand a number of things, but if you do pass this law, you have NO ALOHA, for the LEGAL owners of Guns in the State of Hawaii!

Thank you for your time in reading this.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 11:12:26 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Illegal.

You cannot simply change the law how you see fit.

I strongly oppose.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 11:14:50 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

oppose

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 11:23:24 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196. Everything about this bill goes against the Constitution and the second amendment. It would also make many people in Hawaii into instant felons for firearms that were always legal to own with the stroke of a pen. If this passes it will undoubtedly and rightfully lead to lawsuits and expensive litigation for the state of Hawaii.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 11:25:51 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill as it denies law abiding citizens of our 2nd amendment rights. Elected officials regardless of party affiliation have sworn to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America. They need to base their decisions according to the law and not popularity or personal preference.

SB3196 Dear Committee Members,

My name is, John Terry. I have spent 40+ years in Hawaii, the last 24 living in Kaneohe and have recently retired from the DoD. I'm an avid firearms collector and have a Class 03 Collector of curios and relics Federal Firearms License.

I am opposed to SB3196

SECTION 1. of SB3196 states that: *“The legislature finds that the State has some of the strongest gun safety laws in the nation, and in 2023 the State received an A-minus rating from the Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence. Additionally, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the State had the third lowest number of gun deaths per capita in the nation in 2021. The legislature is committed to protect the safety and well-being of its citizens. However, the fact that Hawaii is the only state with an assault weapons ban that fails to ban assault rifles and assault shotguns is inconsistent with this commitment”.*

The question I have is, would implementing the measures in this bill, which mirror the state of California's restrictions on Constitutionally protected second-amendment rights , improve the safety and well-being of people in the Hawaii?

As stated in SECTION 1. of the bill, the CDC rated Hawaii as having the third lowest number of gun deaths per capita in 2021. SECTION 1. also states that the Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence gave the State an A-mins rating.

In researching this bill, I went to the Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence web site, where they have ranked all fifty States. According to their ranking criteria, the #1 State, with an A rating is the State of California. When using their web sites tool to compare California to Hawaii with regard to gun safety, The data revealed that **Hawaii has half the number of gun deaths per 100K compared to California and that Hawaii is substantially lower than California in the percentage difference from the national average.** (see the table below)

ANNUAL GUN LAW SCORECARD	California	Hawaii
• GRADE:	<b>A</b>	<b>A-</b>
• GUN LAW STRENGTH RANK:	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>
• GUN DEATH RATE RANK:	<b>44</b>	<b>48</b>
• GUN DEATHS PER 100K:	<b>8.7</b>	<b>4.5</b>
• % FROM NATIONAL AVERAGE:	<b>-40%</b>	<b>-69%</b>

Based upon the data, the ranking of California with its massive gun restrictions as the #1 State with a grade rating of A, while having twice the number of gun deaths when compared to Hawaii is in my opinion absurd. It is quite clear that the Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence rating criteria does not focus on a State's commitment to protect the safety and well-being of its citizen, but instead focuses on the amount of unconstitutional Second Amendment restrictions a State has placed on its law-abiding citizens.

I applaud the legislature's commitment to protecting the safety and well-being of the people in Hawaii from violence of any type. But SB3196 is pretty much just a boiler plate, cut-and-paste, copy of the gun right restriction measures from California and other anti second-amendment States. Not a bill focused on the safety and well-being of citizens.

The restrictions in SB3196 haven't lowered gun deaths in other States that have tried similar restrictions and it will not reduce gun deaths in Hawaii either. Banning firearms that are in common use, including semi-automatic rifles, shotguns and handguns based upon their characteristics and labeling these as, "assault weapon" features or limiting standard magazine capacity and the other proposed restrictions only impacts and infringes upon the constitutional protected second-amendment rights of law-abiding citizens.

Guns are not violent. The term gun-violence is a misnomer. There is only violence. Violence with a gun, violence with a car, violence with a knife, etc. Cars by themselves do not kill pedestrians, drunk drivers kill pedestrians. The violence is caused by the driver, not by the vehicle. The same is true with a firearm. No matter what Alec Baldwin or his defense team might tell you, for a firearm to discharge a round and cause a death, the firearm needs to be operated by the shooter.

In conclusion, I oppose SB3196. I oppose this bill because it will have little to no effect in protecting the safety and well-being of the people in Hawaii and will instead greatly infringe upon my constitutionally guaranteed second-amendment rights and the second-amendment rights of fellow law-abiding Hawaii citizens. Frankly, safety and well-being is not the intent of this bill as highlighted above. The intent of this bill is to restrict access to a majority of the most commonly used firearms for recreational and self-protection use in the country.

I would encourage members of this committee to research this bill further, go to the CDC and Gifford Law Centers website and drill down for a better perspective.

I would urge the Legislature to continue its commitment to protect the safety and well-being of its citizens, and to reach out to the District Attorney's office and Law-enforcement agencies and provide assistance to these agencies to counter violence and criminal activity in our State.

Thank you,

John Terry

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 11:34:03 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly urge members of the senate to support the prohibition of assault rifles, shotguns, any attachments or modifications fo pistols to modify them to an automatic tycle weapon. Hawaii has one of the lowest incidents of gun violence of any state. Please vote to keep our keiki safe at school and to keep all of us safe in Hawaii. Thank you.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 11:38:09 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

as the owner of a small business in the Windward community for the past four decades and someone who listens to and contributes to my community. Additionally, I am also a military and Department of Defense certified weapons instructor. I have safely and efficiently taught firearms handling in the state of Hawaii since September 11, 2001, as well as instructed 1000s of military, local, and Federal law enforcement personnel.

I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB 3196. Under no circumstances should the rights of law-abiding citizens be taken away. Our legislature should **NEVER** have the authority to revoke the constitutional rights of ANY citizen of this state. It's evident that our politicians have personal agendas regardless of public opinion. By pushing false rhetoric about assault weapons, high capacity magazines and military grade weapons (which they are not, but certainly makes them sound more threatening to the powers that be. Disarming law-abiding citizens will only make them more vulnerable to the rapidly increasing violent crime in Hawaii. Instead you should be ensuring that felons such as the one who threatened several politicians and the waianae boat harbor master never do this again.

I implore any politician in support of stripping away Second Amendment rights to explain how you plan to replace individuals' ability to protect themselves and their families. **Law-abiding gun owners are not the problem;** they follow the laws. In fact many civilians are more skilled, better trained and safer with firearms than Hawaii's strained and undermanned law enforcement. Do you honestly believe that striping us of our constituional right will suddenly make criminals line up and stop the acts of violence that're now being celebrated on social media? No, it only empowers them to become more brazen.

This bill will also force many well-established and reputable businesses' that've existed in Hawaii for decades to close and force even more people to be out of a job and cause further economic damage to local families.

How do you plan to control the growing number of criminal gangs from Kalihi to Waianae? How do you plan on protecting people from the large number of stabbings that's taken place? Hawaii's politicians should focus on addressing crimes like the one near the Kailua police station, where intervention could have saved Janel Tupuola, a young mother, but instead it took HPD 40 minutes to respond while she was bludgeoned to death in front of her own children. Police will not come to save you.

As elected officials, it is shocking that you would even consider making the people of Hawaii so vulnerable and potential victims and believe that you're serving those same people. Respectfully, I urge you to vote "NO" on SB 3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 11:44:26 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
nick yee	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Good Morning, Senators...thank you for the oportunity to address you.

My name is Nick Yee and I ask you today to oppose this bill's passage. I am a law abiding citizen who has raised his children to be the same and should this bill be passed, you would be taking away our God given rights affirmed by our Supreme Court in the Heller decision which states that the Second Amendment guarantees the individual the right to keep and bear arms for self-defense purposes. James Madison referred to this right as a private right, an individual right.

I strongly oppose the passage of SB3196. The Heller decision could not be clearer when it stated unambiguously that the Second Amendment guaranteed the individual the right to keep and bear arms for purposes of self-defense.

Yes, some people choose to not own a gun and that is their right. Some people because of mental issues or because they are criminals should not be allowed gun ownership. Nikolas Cruz, the mentally deranged teenager in Florida and the Columbine killers were all known to authorities before they committed their atrocities. These are people who should have been in jail before they were allowed to act. Even the Los Angeles Times conceded that there is a connection between mass murder and mental illness (Duwe & Rocque, Feb 23, 2018). It is not the law abiding citizen who commits these atrocities. Focus then on taking away the mentally ill and the criminal's ability to possess firearms. A recent study examining crime in Ohio's eight largets counties from June 2021 to June 2023 concluded that residents are much safer since the passage of concealed carry laws (Ohio AG Dave Yost, January 03, 2024).

We law abiding citizens are not the issue, guns are not the issue; it's the criminal element and the mentally ill who are at the heart of this push to take away our ability to own firearms. Criminals and the mentally ill will never follow the laws to acquire firearms like we do.

So I respectfully ask that you not pass this bill, SB3196. Again, this right to keep and bear arms as guaranteed by The Second Amendment in The Bill of Rights is an individual right that cannot, must not be infringed upon.

Thank You

Nick Yee



**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 11:50:47 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

To the Senators,

I oppose this bill.

Any person who votes in favor of this bill will be violating their oath of office to support and defend the constitution of the United States, Bill of Rights and Hawaii state constitution and Bill of Rights. You will be in contempt of the people. If you are not serious about that then you should resign.

No one should be supporting to take away rights of the people. That is not what you were voted in office for. This bill and any like this is flat out unconstitutional. You will be violating the 2nd, 4th, 5th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 14th. Article VI.

This bill if enacted will affect 99% of firearm owners that have not broken any laws and you will be making them into criminals. This will be the last straw and in my opinion will set off something that will never be taken back.

I can imagine trying to enforce this unjust law by the law enforcement and government agencies having the media called to film to do raids/arrest warrants to make examples to others.

By exempting Law enforcement - Federal/States and the military - Federal /State, you will be making Hawaii into a Police State.

It makes it much easier for the legislatures to pass even more laws that would take away more rights without the fear of the people since they would not have an effective means to fight against a tyrannical form of government.

So, Senators, will you uphold your oath of office? If so, vote NO on this or any similar bills that would take away the rights of the people.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 11:55:55 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

The majority of Hawaii residents favor strict gun safety laws. Assault rifles and large-capacity magazines are designed to be capable of mass killing and have no place in public life.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 12:02:34 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha, My name is Teina Anthony. Honorable Discharged Gulf War Veteran and state civil servant.

I strongly oppose SB3196 AGAIN and this is why, disarmament and the flagrant disregard for our Second Amendment rights is not only unconstitutional, but insulting. Who are you, the "lawmakers" to dictate what we, the citizenry, what we already know? Which part of "shall not be infringed" do you not understand. Stripping law-abiding owners of their 2nd Amendment rights does not enhance citizen protection. Instead, it diminishes our ability to safeguard ourselves, our families, our communities, and our property while you the lawmaker sit in positions of power, protected by security details in private access homes that you do not pay for but instead use public funds or state law enforcement as your personal security blanket. Lawmakers "think" they know what's best for the State and it's people, tell me how's that working out? We have the highest cost of living in the nation, the highest debit to income in the country, the highest housing market with little to no inventory and entire families that have been generations in the making in calling Hawaii "home", priced out and moved out. Just look at the debate in Lahaina? How's that working out for the "State" So now you want to take this away too?

We civilians who strictly follow rules and go through the process obtaining our firearms legally should not be punished and our right to bear arms taken away. Criminals will commit crimes knowing that civilians are not armed and no way to defend ourselves. Home invasions happen on the daily, streets are more violent, HPD is non-existent because of the inability to recruit and retain officers. People have become more and more desperate and crime are blantants because criminal KNOW that they can and will get away with it.

I guarantee if and when a violent crime happens to a lawmaker then, and only then will they understand. They will feel the hurt of the people of this State and know that they have failed us again.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 12:12:01 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Paul Kaneshiro, Jr.	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I strongly oppose all of SB3196. It literally goes against the 2nd Amendment. This bill would make thousands of firearms owners into criminals. This bill would send thousands of Hawaii residents even more in financial hardship after they probably spent hundreds to thousands of dollars that they invested in just to exercise their legal rights to bear arms.

Firearms are not the problem. If they were, then everytime a police officer is involved in a shooting incident, we should always blame the firearm because that is the problem. If only law enforcement and military can own firearms because they are "trained", then the state should offer the residents of Hawaii more places to practice and train instead just 2 days a week at Koko Head Shooting Complex. Once you become a firearm owner, you understand the importance of the 2nd Amendment, gain respect for firearms, and the responsibility of being an owner.

Thank you for your time, and again, I strongly oppose SB3196. Aloha.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 12:21:09 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am a voting resident and I strongly oppose this bill

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 12:26:27 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Please pass SB3196 to close holes in Hawaii's Assault Weapons Ban! These types of weapons are not made for self-defense; they are weapons of war made to kill many people at one time. Ordinary citizens do not need these types of weapons to feel safe.

The NRA and local gun enthusiasts are very vocal, but they do not represent the majority of Hawaii residents on this issue. Most people in Hawaii want to feel safe, and that means we can be confident that assault-type weapons are not allowed for ordinary citizens to have.

Thank you for your consideration.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 12:36:05 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

SB3196 is important in keeping guns and other dangerous weapons in their proper place in our society.. I strongly urge its passage.

Aloha kakou,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB 3196 and SB 2845, relating to firearms. I hope you will take a moment to consider the statements below and understand my reasoning.

The Second Amendment to the United States Constitution 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.” This amendment was added to the Bill of Rights due to the experiences of our country’s founders in the time leading up to the American Revolution and Declaration of Independence. Their voices went unheard when the British monarchy created laws that placed undue burden on the people of the original colonies. When our founders refused to comply, the British military attempted to confiscate stores of ammunition and weapons in an effort to disempower them and force them to submit to King George III’s laws. These were the actions that instigated the battles of Lexington and Concord, starting the American Revolution. The founding documents of the United States of America were written to keep the power in the hands of the people, and the Second Amendment ensures that that’s where the power stays. It enshrines the inalienable right of the people to protect themselves, their family, their community, and their country. It prevents any power from infringing on that right.

I believe the legislation proposed in SB 3196 and SB 2845 is in direct violation of the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution, and is neither necessary or likely to be effective for the intended purpose (presumably to reduce violence where firearms are involved). Hawaii is blessed to have one of the lowest rates of firearms-related deaths in the country. Therefore, what is the need for the proposed legislation? It appears to be legislating away a problem that doesn’t exist. Hawaii already has some of the strictest gun laws in the nation. We are required to have training, procure a permit from the police department (which requires a background check), and then register our firearms with the police department. Firearms purchased from FFLs will also trigger another background check for the purchaser. The people who complete all of these steps to obtain firearms are not interested in using them for malicious purposes. These people are purchasing them to be secure in their person and to provide them with the power to protect their family, community, and country. These people deserve the best available tools, to give them the best chance of protecting their life or way of life.

Many firearms are also used for recreational purposes. Common activities in Hawaii include target shooting, hunting, trap, skeet, sporting clays, and competition pistol and rifle shooting. These activities can all be done safely, and can be an excellent avenue for making friends, building community, and even teaching our next generation about safe firearm handling and providing them with activities that keep them engaged and away from drugs, alcohol, vandalism, or other forms of mischief. The proposed legislation in SB 3196 and SB 2845 will reduce the people’s ability to participate in these activities.

In summation, I believe that there is no need for these legislative measures and that they violate the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution. I hope that you will consider the needs and rights of the people as these bills advance through the legislative session. Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony, and I hope your actions will not disempower the people.

Mahalo,  
Matt Connelly  
Hilo, HI

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 12:51:13 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

To whom it may concern> I stongly oppose this bill . Please vote No on SB 3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 1:02:02 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

The proposed expansion of the definition of assault weapons and the imposition of new restrictions on firearm ownership represent a clear infringement on the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens. The right to keep and bear arms is a fundamental constitutional freedom that should be upheld and respected. While the bill aims to enhance public safety, it fails to address the root causes of gun violence in our communities. Instead of targeting law-abiding gun owners, policymakers should focus on comprehensive solutions that address mental health issues, socio-economic disparities, and access to illegal firearms by criminals. The proposed restrictions on firearm possession, sale, and transfer would disproportionately impact responsible gun owners who use firearms for lawful purposes such as self-defense, hunting, and recreational shooting. These individuals should not be penalized for the actions of a few criminals.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 1:08:43 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha Committee,

I strongly OPPOSE SB3196.

The Second Amendment states unambiguously “the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.” SB3196 violates civil rights. This bill attempts to disarm citizens who have done nothing wrong.

Please protect and defend the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution by OPPOSING SB3196.

Mahalo for your time.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 1:09:54 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This bill is essential. Law enforcement officers need the protection of this bill. When the police don't respond to a shooter armed with a high capacity automatic weapon and let children be slaughtered because they are afraid of the rapid fire of the gun, these weapons don't belong in anyone's hands but law enforcement officials. Please pass this bill!

Subject: Testimony Against Hawaii SB3196 Assault Rifle Ban

To the Honorable Members of the Hawaii State Legislature,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Hawaii SB3196, which seeks to ban assault rifles in our state. While I share the concern for public safety that underlies this proposal, I firmly believe that this legislation misses the mark and would have detrimental consequences for law-abiding citizens and our constitutional rights.

First and foremost, it's crucial to recognize that assault rifles are already heavily regulated at both the federal and state levels. Individuals seeking to purchase these firearms must undergo rigorous background checks and adhere to strict licensing requirements. Banning assault rifles outright would unfairly penalize responsible gun owners who use these firearms for legitimate purposes such as self-defense, sport shooting, and hunting.

Moreover, focusing on banning specific types of firearms ignores the underlying issues contributing to gun violence in our communities. Rather than enacting blanket bans, we should be investing in comprehensive measures to address mental health, improve access to education and economic opportunities, and enhance law enforcement efforts to keep firearms out of the hands of criminals and individuals who pose a threat to public safety.

Additionally, it's important to consider the practical implications of implementing such a ban. Enforcing a ban on assault rifles would divert valuable resources away from more effective crime prevention strategies and place an unnecessary burden on law enforcement agencies. Furthermore, it would do little to prevent determined individuals from obtaining firearms through illegal means, as evidenced by the persistence of gun violence in jurisdictions with strict gun control laws.

Instead of pursuing divisive and ineffective measures like SB3196, I urge you to focus on evidence-based solutions that address the root causes of gun violence while respecting the rights of law-abiding citizens. By working together to implement common-sense reforms, we can make meaningful progress towards building safer and more secure communities for all residents of Hawaii.

Thank you for considering my perspective on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 1:13:28 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha

I am Raymond Ishii, President of the Valley Isle Sports Shooters Club on Maui and a retired Deputy Sheriff III with 32 years of proud service to the people of Hawai'i and I strongly oppose SB3196 as a violation of my Right to Keep and Bear Arms as guaranteed in the 2nd Amendment of the Constitution.

I am also a NRA certified Range Safety Officer and help run my clubs events at the Ukumehame Shooting Range and for nearly 34 years I have witness thousands of law abiding, tax paying citizen use the very firearms that are in SD3196 in a safe and responsible manner.

The Federal Government banned manufacturing of "assault weapons" and "high capacity magazines" from 1994 till 2004, and studies of the Federal Assault Weapon Ban showed that it had little to no effect of violent crime.

In the Declaration of Independence is written "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. -That to secure these rights, government are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed"

The Bill of Right of the United State Constitution further expands and guarantees our rights that are endowed by our Creator. The Bill of Rights does not grant us rights, instead it guarantees the rights that all people are born with. In other words the Bill of Rights was written to protect We the People of the United State from the Government of the United States. It was written to ensure that our new country would not become tyrannical like to government we had just defeated in the Revolutionary War and they were written in order of importance.

The 1st Amendment gurarantees the right of freedom of speech, freedom of assembly and freedom of religion. It gurantees our rights to speak out and protest against our government and to freely worship without the government interferring. It give me the right to give testimony against this bill.

The 2nd Amendment 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.

In Wikipedia regarding George Mason, the Father of the Bill of Rights

"George Mason also argued the importance of the militia and right to bear arms by reminding his compatriots of the British government's efforts "to disarm the people; that it was the best and most effectual way to enslave them ... by totally disusing and neglecting the militia." He also clarified that under prevailing practice the militia included all people, rich and poor. "Who are the militia? They consist now of the whole people, except a few public officers." Because all were members of the militia, all enjoyed the right to individually bear arms to serve therein."

The United State Supreme Court has ruled the 2nd Amendment is a individual right that is protected by the Constitution, and they have also ruled the government practice of requiring the people to get permisson from the Government to exercise their 2nd Amendments right to be Unconstitutional.

SB3196 will cause thousands of law abiding, tax paying citizens, our friends and neighbors to become felons on July 8th 2024 and subject to a 5 year prison term. This by it nature is the very definition of a Tyrannical Government that the Bill of Rights was written to protect We the People from.

Again I strongly oppose SB3196

Thank You

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 1:22:24 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I write in strongest opposition to SB3196. This measure attempts to ban the most commonly owned, commonly used rifles in the United States. These rifles are used literally every day for all kinds of lawful purposes, from target practice to sporting to self-defense. It not only seeks to ban the acquisition of an entire class of firearms encompassing nearly every semi-automatic rifle and shotgun, it bans a wide range of parts for those firearms. As a result, even though the bill appears to have a “grandfather clause” that will allow current registered owners to keep their firearms, when a part inevitably breaks, they will lose the firearm since replacement parts would be unavailable. Furthermore, anyone who wants to take their registered firearm out of state for any lawful purpose (hunting, competition, etc.) will not be able to bring it back into the state. It also seeks to extend the current ban on standard capacity handgun magazines to include rifle magazines as well. Both of these actions are a solution in search of a problem that doesn’t exist. Only a tiny fraction of firearm crimes nationwide involve long guns of any sort, much less so-called “assault weapons” this bill seeks to ban. Magazine bans have not been shown to have any effect on the rate or severity of violent crime, and have not been implicated in any crime I’m aware of in Hawai’i. Finally, and most importantly, this bill would be a direct violation of the people’s right to keep and bear arms as guaranteed by the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and is directly contravened by standing Supreme Court decisions in McDonald v. Chicago and Heller v. District of Columbia. Passing this bill would be a waste of time and resources, as it would most certainly be overturned on those precedents. I urge our lawmakers to focus their efforts on legislation addressing real problems facing Hawai’i, rather than this gestural bill, intended to address a problem that doesn’t exist, that will only impact law-abiding and have no effect on criminals, and will inevitably be challenged and overturned.

This bill advanced out of committee in the first instance even though submitted testimony was nearly ten to one AGAINST this measure. Represent your constituency, and vote no on this unconstitutional measure.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 1:35:38 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE SB3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 1:38:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

A complete ban on on all assault weapons is sorely needed in these dangerous and chaotic times. Why would an ordinary citizen NEED an assault weapon except to sow death, pandemonium and chaos. Do we continue to create an atmosphere of fear, not only in our citizenry, our neighbors, our family, but also the most vulnerable, our children, who now practice active shooter drills. The founders of our nation in passing the Seond Amendment was not to place a weapon of mass destruction in the hands of citizens who more often than not was not to preserve and protect our nation, but to pursue their own twisted ideals of revenge, retribution, the sheer thrill of "mowing" down as many innocent lives.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 1:40:44 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

my name is Vance and I oppose SB3196. This bill would only hurt the law abiding citizens. This bill would affect my family and my ability to protect my family for years to come. For years I have been able to enjoy casual sport and target shooting and I have yet to take my children hunting. I would not like that possibility to be taken away or the choice of hunting weapons choices reduced as it is my right to choose how I would like to hunt and with what weapon. I do not consider these weapons as assault weapons and I would like to be able to continue to purchase them and pass them down for generations. Firearm safety is taught very thoroughly in my home and no one in my home fears these weapons but fully u restarts the capabilities. I would also like to continue to have the option to buy to replace and upgrade any parts that may break or wear out when needed. Thank you for your time and consideration.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 1:52:51 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
L. Richard Fried, Jr.	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

It is imperative this bill pass. Our death rate from firearms is among the lowest in the nation. The death rate will increase if assault weapons are not banned. It is so obvious that these weapons should be banned it amazes me there is any opposition to its passage. Rick Fried

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 1:53:07 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael C Fahey	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**Recent polls have shown that a significant majority of Hawaii residents favor strict gun safety laws. Banning assault rifles and large capacity magazines is important because they are designed to be capable of mass killing. Their potential for mass murder far outweighs any plausible use for hunting, recreation or self-defense. The sooner this ban is created, the sooner we can start reducing the needless spread of assault rifles and large capacity magazines in Hawai'i.**

**Much Aloha,**

**Michael C. Fahey**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 1:54:49 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Maria Y Song	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hawaii is the only state in the nation with an assault weapons ban that FAILS to ban assault rifles and large capacity magazines for those weapons.

SB 3196 will finally close gaping holes in Hawaii's Assault Weapons Ban.

Assault weapons are modeled on military weapons, capable of inflicting the greatest harm on the greatest number of people in the least time. Hawaii does not need assault rifles and large capacity magazines.

The NRA and local gun clubs are vocal, but they are a small minority and do not reflect the great majority in our community on this issue.

Our nation already has more mass shootings than there are days in the year. Please help keep Hawaii safe from this senseless violence.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 1:57:28 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am against sb3196 and don't think it is acceptable at all!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 2:02:14 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I most strongly support SB3196. We need to control the proliferation of automatic and even semi-automatic weapons in the State. The safety and lives of our Islands rests in this and further gun-reduction legislation!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 2:05:02 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ahren Pang	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Ahren Pang and I am writing this testimony to **OPPOSE** SB3196. I am a veteran, supporter of the Second Amendment. A family member was **JUST** murdered on his ranch. He was a good man. He didn't have much but he never stopped giving. He took care of his community, had a strong faith and was also a law abiding citizen who also owned firearms.

The suspected person who shot and killed him in cold blood in front of his mother was **NOT** a law abiding citizen. He was **NOT** of legal age to even possess a firearm. He and other assailants were on the ranch **ILLEGALLY**. They also fled and had no remorse because they didn't even render aid or turn themselves in!

This isn't the first crime committed and definitely won't be the last to be committed by criminals against innocent, law abiding citizens. These laws are supposed to be passed to protect the people that you represent not put them at an even greater disadvantage. This bill is basically banning almost every type of firearm. Statistics show that being armed prevents or greatly increases the chance of survival.

I am begging you to please reconsider this bill and do not let it move forward. Too many innocent lives are being lost or negatively impacted by criminals who have a blatant disregard for any law or other people's safety. Passing a law that will make it more difficult to obtain a firearm, accessories or related training for us law abiding citizens is not the solution to this problem.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 2:11:37 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

As a combat veteran who fought in Operation Iraqi Freedom, for what I thought were the safety and freedoms of the U.S., I always find it interesting that the very freedoms I, and many others, fought to defend are the same ones that lawmakers, born and raised in the U.S., continuously try to suppress.

This bill's intentions would do nothing to curb, stop, deter, or slow criminal activity. Nor would it have any impact on criminals who will procure the firearms illegally, as they already do anyways. It simply makes law abiding citizens, criminals.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 2:12:53 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Margaret ANN Renick	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

PLEASE pass this bill. Do not succumb to NRA pressures. Ban assault weapons in Hawaii.  
Mahalo from a VERY concerned citizen.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 2:23:01 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jacob Holcomb	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly **OPPOSE** this measure

There is almost NO PUBLIC SUPPORT for this bill. The supporting testimony for the last hearing was nearly 100% ASTROTURF paid for by George Soros and other creepy billionaires who live thousands of miles away. On the other hand the previous committee received thousands of individual grassroots testimonies in opposition that were treated with outright contempt. Maybe the mail in ballots will make the difference in the next election, but pushing this hard against the will of the people with so many freedom crushing corporate sponsored bills this session is a dangerous game and even fraudulent voting systems have their limits.

Besides...

Cities with assault weapons bans are some of the most dangerous places in the world, and all the legislature has accomplished by introducing this bill is create and arms race of stockpiling parts and supplies that can be sold for huge profit margins on the black market after the law goes into effect. If you don't immediatley course correct and stop taking dictation from Marxist NGOs this island will soon be ruled by criminals just like San Francisco, Chicago, and Portland.

It's beyond obvious that registered gun owners are the least likely people in our society to commit any sort of crime, yet the legislature insists on continuing this obvious political persecution. This isn't about public safety, but demonstrating power over the electorate and turning citizens into subjects. Thanks to the vaccine mandates the government doesn't have enough enforcement officers because so many now are sick or disabled. If you insist on continuing this course I look forward to watching from home over a nice bowl of buttery popcorn as the angry mobs come look for someone to blame for the destruction of this state.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 2:24:19 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I urge all legislators to support the closure of the so called assault weapon loophole in our state law. There is no reason to allow these deadly weapons in our wonderful state. They are intended for no sporting purpose, only for killing as many people as possible in a short amount of time. There is no justification for their availability in Hawaii. This bill enjoys overwhelming support by the citizens of this state. Please close this loophole.

Respectfully,

Bruce L Hultgren MD

Kailua

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 2:34:47 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

My name is Dave Tejada. I am a law abiding citizen. I oppose SB3196 as the passing of it will not only embolden criminals but prevent us from defending ourselves and our families. We cannot call HPD and hope they respond in time. Hawai'i is not as it was when i was young. It's a sad situation but desperation, drug issues and mental problems have taken their toll on our state. We only have 2500 sworn Law enforcement officers in a state with 1.5 milion people. Nowhere near enough. That is why we should have the option to defend ourselves if necessary. This is why I vigourously oppose SB3196.

Thank you for your time and please vote to ensure our safety and the safety of our ohana and neighbors.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 2:38:03 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly support this bill. we cannot allow hawaii to become like the mainland with guns everywhere.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 2:41:15 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am in strong support for public safety.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 2:41:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

SB3196 - I Strongly Oppose

"Assault Weapon" is a manufactured term.

Assault is an illegal act causing physical harm, regardless of what medium is used to cause harm.

This exact legislation has already been ruled unconstitutional and overturned in numerous states, California, Oregon, Maryland, New York, and Illinois. The Maryland case is now in front of the Supreme Court in *Bianchi v. Frosh*.

Lastly, creating exceptions for the members of law enforcement and the military also creates two tiers: The police state and the citizens. Rules for thee, not for me.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 2:42:36 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I Strongly oppose sb 3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 2:43:01 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I totally oppose this bill - you are going to end up in court - and cost us millions of dollars for your foolishness. Better yet: submit a bill banning all machetes, knives, cars and those drivers who do not follow basic laws such as drunk driving or having a current drivers license - also I forgot: bottles, can openers, baseball bats, hockey sticks, trash cans, garbage bins, fishing poles, football and baseball games, tennis balls, pickle balls - and I could go on and on. We have so many things wrong in this state: homelessness, drunkenness, drug usage, crazy people, abuse and murder of children by guardians, and again I could go on. Get real!!!!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 2:45:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Ben Rowe

I have again been given an opportunity to comment on the proposed bil known as SB3196. Istrongly oppose this bill in its forma nd in its intent.

By the own preface of the bill , it reads as "The legislature finds that the State has some of the strongest gun safety laws in the nation, and in 2023 the State received an A-minus rating from the Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence. Additionally, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the State had the third lowest number of gun deaths per capita in the nation in 2021. "

By your own admission we have some of the STRONGEST" Gun safety laws in the Country. The current attempt to further hamper legal firearms owens abilities is misguided and will not serve to provide additional levels of safety. Categorizing any gun as an ASSAULT RIFLE is also a trojan horse attempt at regulating legal firearms further. There is no such assault rifle. The acts and responsibilities lie with the operator not the firearm. Banning any type of firearam or magazine capacity does NOTHING to hamper the potential crime or criminal behavior. It only negatively impacts law abiding citizens and lawful enthusiasts by limiting the ability to own properly registered firearms. CRIMINALS DO NOT FOLLOW THE LAW by definition. With very few exceptions, gun violence issues that are perpetrated within the State of Hawaii are being committed by people who intentionally break the law.

As a father of two sons, it is the responsibility of all potential gun owners to properly store and educate household members and anyone that may come in contact with firearms. My sons and Wife are trained in proper use and handling and we use some of our free time to go to the Kokohead shooting complex for recreational target practice.

I urge you to vote against SB3196 as a mechanism to impact legal gun owners and continue to support laws and measures that will work on mental health issues, education and punishment of repeat carrer criminals and repeal attempts to disarm law abiding citizens.

Thank you ,

Ben Rowe

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 2:54:10 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

As a mother I strongly oppose this bill. It is unconstitutional and violates my God given right to defend myself and family. Evil people will still get a hold of ARs if this law passes. You are only hurting law abiding citizens.

Re: Support for SB3196 - Firearms; Assault Rifles; Assault Shotguns; Assault Pistols; Assault Weapon Attachments; .50 Caliber Rifles; Magazine Capacity; Prohibition

Aloha kakou,

I would like to publicly state that, having read and understood the contents, I completely support the passage of SB3196.

I grew up in rural North Carolina where firearms were used as tools for hunting, harvesting livestock. These were mostly light .22 caliber single shot weapons. I moved to the Pacific Northwest where many of my friends and co-workers also used similar firearms for similar purposes. I was also employed as a senior designer at a Seattle company that provided force judgement training as well as designed and equipped training range facilities for law enforcement and military organizations. Part of my duties was to be familiar with the firearms used by our clients, both domestic and international. For 5 years, I worked with many of these weapons on a daily basis using the training environments that we produced for our clients. These many hours ( several thousand per year ) of range work were done under the supervision of the highly experienced law enforcement and military personnel employed at our company. I gained some familiarity with both small and large caliber firearms and their use under their tutelage.

Moving to the Big Island over 20 years ago, I lived for ten years in South Kona with an unlocked house and leaving my car and truck keys in my vehicles. My kama'aina neighbors hunted regularly with small caliber rifles and supplied the neighborhood with smoke meat. etc... They still do even though we now live in a more urban DHHL community.

In the years that I've lived and worked here, not one local hunter I have spoken with has expressed the need for a large caliber semi -automatic military style weapon capable of firing ten or more rounds to harvest a pig, a sheep, etc... Those expensive, heavily marketed weapons designed to functionally mimic some of the functions of military weapons usually appeal to people who rarely seem interested in hunting...animals. I also have concerns from listening to the growing numbers of people who do not appreciate and even fear the differences between themselves and the people in our diverse communities here in Hawai'i. I ask why do we pretend to need such purposeless things here and ask you to support this bill banning these even more lethal weapons and their capability expanding accessories from our islands and, by extension, our schools and public events.

Sincerely,

Gregory M Garriss

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Kailua Kona, Hi 96740

[garrissgm@gmail.com](mailto:garrissgm@gmail.com)

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 2:58:01 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

SB3196 - I Strongly Oppose

"Assault Weapon" is a manufactured term.

Assault is an illegal act causing physical harm, regardless of what medium is used to cause harm.

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Lastly, creating exceptions for the members of law enforcement and the military also creates two tiers: The police state and the citizens. Rules for thee, not for me.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 2:58:44 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly support this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 3:00:18 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill as it violates my 2nd ammendment rights to own and aquire a firearm with restrictions. I went thru the proper process which it is difficult just to aquire. I, US citizen and law abiding citizen should not be restricted to these circumstance.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 3:14:52 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

As a United States citizen and resident of Hawaii I oppose bill SB3196. This bill violates our second amendment right and it will have a negative impact on small businesses and sustainable hunting practices. It will make it very difficult for local businesses using semiautomatic weapons to control invasive species and provide sustainable harvested meat to local families. Please consider small businesses and the local community. There is no reason nor evidence that this bill will help or protect the people of Hawaii.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 3:18:13 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Thomas M. Klobe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Save Hawaii's people. Please save us. There is no need for civilian use of assault weapons.

Live Aloha,

Tom Klobe

To the CHAIR OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY,

Regarding SB3196, RELATING TO FIREARMS.

Friday, February 23, 2024

9:30 AM, Conference Room 016 & Videoconference, State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

IN OPPOSITION

Aloha, Senate Committee on Judiciary Chair and Members,

My name is Brian Aguigui, I grew up here in Hawaii, I am a current Hawaii resident, and retired military veteran.

I am testifying against SB3196 for multiple reasons; first and foremost, this bill will not effectively increase the protection and well-being of Hawaii's citizens as it claims to intend. Hawaii already has some of the strictest firearms laws in the U.S. and is ranked as the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest state for both death rate and total deaths under firearm mortality statistics by state per the CDC's most recent statistics in 2021. The strain on local law enforcement only reduces confidence that they are capable of immediately responding to every situation that presents itself where the threat of death or serious bodily harm are evident. It only makes sense for citizens to take increased personal responsibility for their safety, the safety of their family, and their homes. Further restricting the types of firearms that law-abiding citizens can acquire will only limit the options available towards fulfilling that responsibility, inherently reducing the level of protection and well-being of Hawaii's law-abiding citizens.

Furthermore, the firearms that this bill intends to ban have a place and purpose in the personal safety of well-minded, responsible, and law-abiding citizens, unlike illegal fireworks that state legislation has attempted to eradicate since 2010. Commercial-grade fireworks have no place in the hands of common citizens, but it seems that the legislation banning them have exacerbated that problem at best. Has there been any consideration as to what the negative second and third order effects would be of enacting this bill and banning the firearms prescribed? If you were to draw a parallel between the two, it would be reasonable to assume that this bill would increase the amount of firearm-related violence here in Hawaii. More realistically it is safe to assume that this legislation will be just as ineffective in achieving increased protection and well-being of Hawaii's citizens.

Lastly, if the issue that this bill is trying to address is gun-violence itself, the banning of assault weapons does not address the actual problem. The actual problem lies within the culture of modern society here in Hawaii, where the propensity of individuals to commit violent acts in general have significantly increased. We have seen this in recent events where firearms were not involved; from two individuals burning innocent victims with corrosive agents, to elderly citizens being beaten to death by individuals that were significantly larger in size, and the list goes on. According to the Hawaii Dept of Health, 70% of all assault-related injuries were from beatings (not firearms), with 62% requiring hospitalization, this is without the use of a firearm, let alone an "assault weapon".

The point being is that the moral compass and true spirit of aloha has diminished in recent times here in Hawaii. Unfortunately, most recently, people have become desensitized to committing acts of violence no matter the method. However, this bill will restrict the options that citizens will have at their disposal to protect themselves, their families, and their homes from ill-intended individuals. If anything, it can be assumed that this legislation will unlikely be effective towards the increased protection and well-being of Hawaii's citizens as we have seen with past attempts with similar issues. Further stated, this bill is unnecessary and seems to be a solution to find a problem when there are other underlying issues which require the attention of our legislators. Once again, I OPPOSE SB3196.

Sincerely,  
Brian Aguigui

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 3:20:05 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

As the former CEO of the American Red Cross Hawaii, I have had personal experience in preparing for mass casualty disasters and stand in strong support of SB 3196 which will finally close gaping holes in Hawaii's Assault Weapons Ban.

Hawaii is the only state in the nation with an assault weapon ban that FAILS to ban assault rifles and large capacity magazines for those weapons. Assault weapons and large capacity magazines are uniquely designed to be capable of mass violence. Their potential for mass murder far outweighs any plausible use for hunting, recreation or self-defense.

Our keiki are drilled each year on how to try to survive an active shooter situation. Legislators must do their part by enacting safer gun laws to reduce this risk, particularly from large capacity magazines and assault weapons.

The U.S. already has more mass shootings each year than there are days in the year. Hawaii is not immune. The sooner all large capacity magazines are banned, the sooner we can start reducing the needless spread of these dangerous weapons in Hawaii. As an island state, Hawaii has a unique opportunity to proactively curb the chances of mass shootings here.

Please don't wait until it's too late.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 3:20:15 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I support SB3196 because assault rifles are not covered in existing bans in state legislation. This is a grievous void in our attempt to protect our citizens. Some recent massacres in this country have been carried out by assault rifles and they pose an enormous threat to the welfare of our school children and other citizens. They have no practical use. We must ban them now to limit further violence.. Noel Kent

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 3:25:05 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha, I am a Marine Corps veteran and a Federal LEO for about 30 years and prior marksmanship instructor in the Marine Corps. I've been around guns for over 40 years. I strongly oppose this bill for the following reasons. This law does not address the actual cause of violence in our state instead This law will make law abiding citizens criminals. Resources need to be spent and focusing on communities that have high rates of poverty and socioeconomic issues. In addition the prescription of mind altering pharmaceuticals need to be monitored and controlled better. All this law will do is directly and negatively effect citizens that follow laws and in many cases need these tools to put food on the table. You are also forcing generational residence to move out of state and a great expense btw so they can live under their constitutional right. It's not like we can load up a Uhall and drive to the next state. Many that cannot move will be forced to be a criminal. More non biased studies are needed and a more common sense approach is mandatory since we all live in an island state.

mahalo

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 3:28:09 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I urge you to vote in favor of life, not death. Vote in support of SB3196.

This bill will make our families safer by finally closing the gaping holes in Hawaii's assault weapons ban.

These weapons should be banned. Assault weapons are created for war, not peaceful communities. They are not used for hunting, and they make poor defenders of our homes. The NRA arguments in support of them are obvious fig leaves for an irrational fondness for having the potential to kill dozens of people available in your closet at a moments notice.

The NRA and other gun groups are vocal, but your own polling shows them to be a small minority of voters. The overwhelming majority of your constituents want this bill to pass.

Please follow their wishes. Vote in support of SB3196

Aloha and Mahalo for your service,

Richard Tillotson

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 3:37:09 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Please pass this bill, ban assault rifles & large capacity magazines. Please help keep Hawaii a safe space, or at least a safer space. These weapons of war do not belong in the Aloha State (or anywhere, in my opinion). Mahalo for keeping our most precious resource (our children, all people) safe from this great threat to our lives.

**TESTIMONY OF ELLEN GODBEY CARSON IN SUPPORT OF SB 3196**  
**To the Senate Judiciary Committee**  
**Hearing: February 23, 2024, 9:30am, in Room CR 016 & Videoconference**

I practiced law in Hawaii for 30 years, serving as President of the Hawaii State Bar Association and Hawaii Women Lawyers. I became an attorney to protect the constitutional rights of vulnerable persons in our country, including persons victimized by gun violence. While now retired, I still believe this is a critical goal in our state.

**I support SB 3916’s ban on assault rifles and shotguns, .50 caliber rifles and large capacity magazines (LCMs).**

**I recommend SB 3196 be amended to delete “centerfire” from all definitions of assault weapons so this bill will clearly cover “rimfire” weapons as well.**

Hawai’I is the only state in the nation with an assault weapons ban that fails to ban assault rifles, assault shotguns and LCMs for those weapons, as shown below:

**U.S. assault weapons bans by jurisdiction**

Jurisdiction	Status	By make or model	Semiauto rifles	Semiauto pistols	Shotguns	Features test	Magazine capacity
California <sup>[34]</sup>	In force	X	X	X	X	X	10
Connecticut <sup>[35]</sup>	In force	X	X	X	X	X	10
Delaware <sup>[36]</sup>	In force	X	X	X	X	X	17
District of Columbia <sup>[37]</sup>	In force	X	X	X	X	X	10
Hawaii <sup>[38]</sup>	In force			X		X	10 (pistols)
Illinois <sup>[39]</sup>	In force	X	X	X	X	X	10 (15 for handguns)
Maryland <sup>[40]</sup>	In force	X	X	X	X	X	10
Massachusetts <sup>[41]</sup>	In force	X	X	X	X	X	10
New Jersey <sup>[42]</sup>	In force	X	X	X	X	X	10
New York <sup>[43]</sup>	In force		X	X	X	X	10
Washington <sup>[44]</sup>	In force	X	X	X	X	X	10

Source: [Assault weapons legislation in the United States - Wikipedia](#)

Hawaii long ago banned assault pistols/revolvers and detachable LCMs for those weapons, but in a dangerous political compromise, allowed the proliferation of assault rifles and LCMs for rifles. This invites mass shootings and violence within our shores.

The NRA and gun clubs are vocal, but they are a small minority and do not reflect the great majority in our community on this issue. The vast majority of Americans SUPPORT banning assault rifles and high-capacity magazines.

The NRA and gun groups argue that their Second Amendment rights are violated whenever limits are placed on guns and ammunition. That is untrue. The U.S. Supreme Court has clearly held that the Second Amendment right “is not a right to keep and carry any weapon whatsoever in any manner whatsoever and for whatever purpose.” *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570, 626 (2008).

The 1994 federal Assault Weapons Ban prohibited assault rifles, assault pistols and LCMs (over 10 rounds) for them, until it expired by its own terms in 2004. Sadly, the national political climate has not allowed the re-enactment of that ban on a federal level, despite studies showing its effectiveness. The Giffords Law Cent reports that:

Studies have found that the federal ban on large capacity magazines helped to prevent violence and the use of high-capacity magazines in crime during the 10 years in which it was in effect. During the 10-year period the federal assault weapons and large capacity magazine ban was in effect, mass shooting fatalities were 70% less likely to occur compared to the periods before and after the ban. While the federal assault weapons and large capacity ammunition ban was in effect, the number of high-fatality mass shootings fell by 37%, and the number of people dying in such shootings fell by 43%. When the ban lapsed in 2004, there was a 183% increase in high-fatality mass shootings and a 239% increase in deaths from such shootings.

<https://lawcenter.giffords.org/gun-laws/policy-areas/hardware-ammunition/large-capacity-magazines/>

Banning assault rifles and LCMs is important because they are designed to be capable of mass violence; their potential for mass murder far outweighs any plausible use for hunting, recreation or self-defense. The sooner this ban is created, the sooner we can start reducing the needless spread of assault rifles and LCMs in Hawai'i.

Ellen Godbey Carson,  
Honolulu, Hawaii  
February 20, 2024

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 4:03:25 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha to all whom wish to pass SB3196 please know that I greatly oppose this bill it goes against the constitution of the United States. There is no need for this bill whatsoever. Instead we need to focus on real issues that are actually affecting our community such as cost of living and affordable housing. This bill will do nothing at all to stop crime or affect criminals in any way, they will only laugh and continue to be criminals. There was a recent survey done on what issues the people of Hawaii are really concerned about and homelessness, cost of living, and affordable housing were the top issues affecting the people of Hawaii. Many people the majority of people living in Hawaii feel that the state is going in the wrong direction and this next election will hopefully show the people's frustration with our elected officials and vote in people who will show representation. Please do not pass senate bill 3196 and try to pass bills that actually the people care about please listen to the people, Mahalo for your time.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 4:15:12 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill do to any reasons first the state has one of the toughest gun laws in the nation and has one of the lowest gun crime rates among all the states this bill will make law abiding citizens criminals over night do to the fact that many of these features and guns are in common use! Gun are not more dangerous do to the fact they have certain features! This does nothing for People with ill intent and Mental illness. People will also lose money due to this sudden change in firearms laws. This bill will also pervent citizens from protecting them selves from foreign and domestic threats infringing on their God Given rights! I strongly oppose this bill

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 4:15:46 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

## Comments:

I strongly oppose any further movement on this ridiculous bill. Once again the State of Hawaii is on trying to infringe on our God given rights specifically the 2nd Amendment. The problem is not the legal gun owners, and you all know this. The Hawaii State Senate once again is over stepping the United States Constitution. They don't believe that we should have the right to protect ourselves. They think they can protect the public when they do nothing against the true criminals in this State, but a simple slap on the wrist. Enough is enough please do proceed with this silly bill. Do things that will really help the State. Thank you

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 4:36:36 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am writing this testimony to articulate my professional stance against Hawaii SB3196, a new legislative measure under consideration. As a concerned citizen of the United States, a brother an uncle and a friend, I firmly believe in the responsible use and regulation of firearms, as opposed to their outright ban.

Firearms, when respected and handled properly, are safe instruments that serve various legitimate purposes, including personal protection, hunting, and sporting activities. The blanket prohibition of firearms, as proposed by SB3196, disregards the countless responsible gun owners who adhere to safety protocols and who have never posed a threat to public safety.

The Second Amendment to the United States Constitution clearly affirms the right of the people to keep and bear arms. This fundamental right is pivotal to our nation's principles, ensuring that individuals have the means to defend themselves and their liberties. A complete ban on firearms would not only infringe upon this constitutional right but also strip law-abiding citizens of their ability to protect themselves and their families.

The focus of legislative efforts should be on enhancing the control and regulation of firearms use, not on prohibiting them. This can be achieved through comprehensive background checks, rigorous training requirements, and strict enforcement of laws against illegal gun trafficking and possession by those who are a danger to society.

Moreover, empirical evidence suggests that the majority of gun-related tragedies stem from improper handling or illegal activities, not from the intrinsic nature of firearms. Therefore, it is of paramount importance that we address the root causes of gun violence, such as mental health issues and criminal behavior, rather than penalizing responsible gun owners.

A measured, thoughtful approach to firearm legislation can and should balance the rights of citizens with the need for public safety. Rather than a complete ban, we should advocate for policies that respect individual rights while implementing effective safeguards to protect our communities from the misuse of firearms.

In conclusion, I strongly oppose SB3196, as it represents a measure that is counterproductive to the safety and constitutional rights of the people of Hawaii. I urge our legislators to consider alternative means of reducing gun violence that do not infringe upon the rights of responsible citizens to bear arms.



**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 4:43:16 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<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.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 4:45:22 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I am in strong opposition of this Bill as it is unconstitutional. This Bill violates our second amendment and rights as Americans. I strongly urge caution to people in favor of this bill as it sets president that our State of Hawaii does not abide by our constitution. The state of Hawaii could be facing litigation after this Bill, hence our attorney general is not in support of unconstitutional Bills regardless if they are passed elsewhere. Our attorney general has said for previous unconstitutional bills that it could "subject the State to litigation and to cause the State to incur substantial monetary liability." Which is also very true in this case. We can not pick and choose the laws we like and do not like, our constitution was set in place by our founding fathers of America and they are not to be infringed upon. There is very good reason for our constitution and we must not act upon the evil that tries to tear this nation apart. Hawaii either stands with America or it stands on its own. Please I ask you to leave your opinion out of this and listen to the people.

Aloha,

Elijah thierbach

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 4:50:42 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Hawaii does not need assault rifles.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 4:58:54 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

One of the legislative topics I am following this session relates to gun/weapon controls. I see that SB 3196 would close the gap on assault weapon capacity. Can anyone explain to me why a citizen would ever need a high capacity military weapon? Is anyone out there watching the daily news? Outside of military combat the only time I see such weapons mentioned is in mass shooting incidents.

My husband and I spent our entire adult careers working in Hawaii schools and one point of comfort is that we were never concerned about Hawaii becoming another Uvalde or Sandy Hook. Now retired and grandparents of many school age children, I hope Hawaii can maintain that record of safety for my family as well as all island families. Please support SB3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 5:04:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Thomas Moriyasu	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Subject: Testimony Against Proposed Bill SB3196

Honorable Members of the Legislature,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed bill SB3196, which seeks to prohibit assault rifles, shotguns, pistols, weapon attachments, .50 caliber rifles, and limit magazine capacity. I urge you to consider the following points:

1. **Unfair Targeting of Lawful Citizens:** This bill disproportionately targets law-abiding citizens who responsibly exercise their Second Amendment rights. Why are we, the lawful citizens, treated with such distrust and subjected to restrictions that primarily affect us and not the criminals? It is imperative that legislation focuses on addressing criminal activity without infringing upon the rights of law-abiding individuals.
2. **Ineffectiveness in Addressing Criminal Behavior:** There is little evidence to suggest that such measures will deter criminals who, by definition, do not adhere to laws. Instead, this bill places undue burdens on law-abiding citizens, punishing us for the actions of a few. It is crucial to develop strategies that specifically target criminal behavior without infringing upon the rights of responsible gun owners.
3. **Impact on Personal Safety and Freedom:** These restrictions not only infringe upon our constitutional rights but also affect our personal safety and freedom. As a law-abiding citizen and firearm enthusiast, I am concerned about how this bill will interfere with my hobby and my ability to protect myself and my family. The government should not instill fear in its citizens by imposing unnecessary restrictions that do not enhance public safety.

In conclusion, I respectfully request that you oppose SB3196 and instead focus on measures that effectively target criminal activity without infringing upon the rights and freedoms of law-abiding citizens. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Rights given to us by the constitution should be protected and not treated as privileges such as driving, hunting, or running a business.

Sincerely, Thomas Moriyasu

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 5:04:55 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

The changes this bill proposes will not result in a reduction of crime or violent acts. Focusing and targeting the firearm itself as an instrument of crime or violence continues to be a red herring that the Hawaii Legislature is unable to divest its obsession from. Like all the other laws passed by the Legislature, the responsible law-abiding citizen will be the one enjoined by these new restrictions, not the persons who are committing the crime and violent acts. Nationwide, there is limited evidence to suggest that such bans lead to a substantial decrease in gun-related violence.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 5:09:14 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am just an average person...a mother and tax paying resident of Hawaii. I'm opposed to this bill because I believe that if you outlaw any type of firearm for law abiding citizens, only criminals will end up having them. I don't want to live in a place where criminals that care nothing about the law be allowed to run free with guns. Where does that leave the rest of us? How will the good people of Hawaii protect their families? In a home invasion scenario, (there are a lot more of these happening lately) the police won't have enough time to come to the rescue. Please do not leave us unarmed and unable to defend our children and our homes!

If your ultimate goal is to take guns off the street, it's too late and this bill will not accomplish anything. If we were living in a country like Japan, I could understand firearm bans. But this is America and there is enough guns in this county for every man, woman and child, plus more. The ATF estimates about 377 million guns in circulation, and it's unclear how many are illegal. Gun makers have been producing firearms non-stop since the turn of the century. This country is flooded with firearms of all types and it's naive to think you can get rid of them. That's just the reality of our country.

The right to keep and bear arms is in our constitution. The second amendment doesn't say anything at all about regulating the type of firearms we are allowed to have. The fact that this bill was even introduced is mind-boggling to me.

Do the right thing for the good, law-abiding citizens of Hawaii.

SB3196 RELATING TO FIREARMS

For a hearing on February 22, 2024

To members of the Judiciary Committee:

I continue to strongly support the Legislature's efforts this year to close several gaping holes in Hawaii's Assault Weapons Ban and appreciate the efforts that the majority of the Legislature has already made to keep our citizens, homes and streets as safe as we can.

Measures to reduce risk from firearms have long been supported by the great majority of people in Hawaii. I was alarmed at a report that many people appeared to testify against this common sense bill last week.

There is simply no justification for the presence of assault rifles and large capacity magazines in the homes or streets of the Hawaiian Islands. The exception that is in the Official Summary of the bill that allows, ". . .for the acquisition and possession of prohibited firearms for members of law enforcement and the military", should be the only exception.

Mahaolo for considering my views.

Janet Thebaud Gillmar  
3035 La-I Road  
Palolo Valley

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 5:29:58 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose sb3196. This bill will do absolutely nothing to help with crime in Hawaii. In all honesty, this bill is very disrespectful to the law abiding firearms owners and voters in Hawaii. Further restrictions will only make crime worse as we're all seeing in places like California where criminals are carrying and using firearms and law abiding citizens are just victims in waiting. It's a shame that this bill even made it this far and should have been dead after the last hearing instead of being passed on. Time would be better spent on bills to give more rights to law abiding citizens to defend themselves with a stand your ground law and close the revolving doors of the criminal justice system and show criminals there are real consequences for their actions.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 5:30:28 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Eric Kaneshiro	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Senators,

I hunt in Hawai'i, other States, and internationally. I enjoy eating venison regularly every week. I shoot firearms, including firearms affected by SB3196, for training and for enjoyment purposes. I'm a member of the Hawai'i Rifle Association, National Rifle Association, and Safari Club International (SCI). I'm an NRA certified pistol instructor and range safety officer.

I am writing in opposition to SB3196. The category of firearms being banned are comonly owned and used regularly at the Koko Head Shooting Complex in a peaceful and safe manner.

Other portions of the bill I find egregious are:

**§134-4(f)**

Please ensure that citizens can travel out of State and return with a previously owned centerfire rifle capable of accepting detachable magazines, a threaded barrel, an adjustable length stock, etc. This will allow citizens to travel out of State for shooting competitions / events, hunting, training, etc.

Please ensure that a rifle currently own can be transferred to heirs and not require that it be destroyed, removed from the State, etc.

**§134-8**

Please ensure that magazines capable of accepting more than 10 rounds acquired prior to 2024 remain legal. Requiring permanent modification is equivalent to uncompensated destruction of legally acquired property. Compensate citizens for the full cost of each affected magazine.

In addition, please read the testimony below regarding .50 caliber rifles used for hunting. It is SCI Hawai'i Chapters testimony submitted in 2021 for SB307. It remains as relevant today as it did then.

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This testimony is provided through the Hawaii Chapter, Safari Club International, regarding SB 307 as currently proposed. While the amendments would provide a needed remedy in allowing use of large caliber handguns and muzzle loading rifles, as well as shotguns, the currently proposed restriction on large caliber centerfire rifles is too broad and is unwarranted.

If the intent is to ban the use of the .50BMG cartridge, the bill should so state and should not be a broad-based ban on rifles of .50 caliber and larger. The reason is as follows:

The .50BMG cartridge was developed for the Browning machine gun many decades ago. It saw great service in ground-based weapons and in aircraft, though now largely supplanted by more recent systems. As a cartridge for civilian use, it saw almost no popularity until the sport of shooting at silhouette and paper targets at long range became popular. This made the .50BMG cartridge, with its heavy bullet, aerodynamic design (much like the popular .308 and .30-06 in shape) attractive for those wanting to target shoot at long range. This sport is much more popular on the U.S. mainland than in Hawaii, as there are many places where such longer-range target shooting can be safely done.

Several companies, Barrett among the most prominent, began to craft rifles adapted to .50BMG. These are primarily bolt actions, precisely made but long, heavy and not very portable. They are not made for rapid repeated fire, and certainly not for any form of hunting where mobility matters. Given the weight and unwieldiness of the rifles and the high cost of ammunition, this author personally does not see much application for hunting under Hawaii conditions. However, I also see little harm in someone using the cartridge in an appropriate place with all necessary safety precautions, as with any firearm.

The real issue with SB 307 is that applying a broad ban on .50 caliber rifles bans use of many rifles, both new and vintage, which are widely used for hunting. These rifles are available in single shot configuration, as double rifles (usually with the two barrels side by side) and in a few bolt actions. These rifles and the cartridges for them, were developed in response to the need for those hunting or living in areas where large and potentially dangerous game animals are common. That includes much of Africa, the Northern part of Australia, Alaska, Western Canada and formerly included South and Southeast Asia.

If you have read Hemingway or seen “Out of Africa”, you will know what I refer to. None of these rifles is in any way suitable for some deranged person to use as a so-called ‘assault weapon’. They are limited to one, two or three shots in almost all cases. Their heavy recoil and low muzzle speeds, plus the fact that many rifles wear the original open sights, make them unsuited to rapid fire or long-range shooting.

Most of the cartridges were designed in the late 19th or early 20th century. Many of the rifles themselves, valued and expensive treasures, are over 100 years old, and tell of an era of loving hand craftsmanship. They are valued possessions, intended to be cared for and handed down from generation to generation, accruing memories on the occasions when they are taken to hunt or just to practice on the range. Modern rifles are crafted for this specialized purpose, but they are faithful to the tradition in form and function. They still shoot the same cartridges and still have the same limitations. They are intended for one purpose: to humanely harvest a large and

dangerous animal, and to stop a charging beast, at close range. They are by no means suited for human combat or for spraying the landscape with bullets!

Banning such weapons will do nothing to keep Hawaii safer. It will simply deny owners of these magnificent heirlooms the chance to use them and to walk in the footsteps of long-gone professionals in Africa and elsewhere. Those who own these cherished rifles are among those who lead in advocacy for firearms safety and wildlife conservation.

For the record, while this author has indeed hunted in Africa, Alaska and in Australia, and has once had to stop an inbound dangerous animal (while birdwatching in the African bush), I do not write this as an owner of such a rifle. I wish I had one, but do not. However, you can keep such dreams alive for all of us who care deeply about the environment and the wild places. Please amend SB 307 to allow use of these rifles.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 5:35:46 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB 3196 ,just another communist tyranic bill.Once again it only gives criminals the upper hand and us law abiding citizens the losing end of the stick.Crime is at an all time high with alot of stabbings,shootings,smash and grab and the baffoon who wrote this bill obviously want us to be like california the shit state where crimals run amuck.Maybe its by design so hawaii can become a shit state.We already are voted once again as The Most Corrupt State in America!!!!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 5:38:41 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
John Starr Alexander	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Considering that:

- the United States is averaging MORE THAN ONE mass shooting (4 or more shot) per day, and that
- in the vast majority of cases, an AR-15-type assault rifle is being used, along with high-capacity magazines, and that
- nothing short of a full ban on assault weapons and high-capacity magazines used to fill them has worked in the past,

I hereby wholeheartedly encourage you to PASS SB3196 to SAVE LIVES! Hunters and those protecting themselves DO NOT NEED ASSAULT RIFLES FOR THESE PURPOSES. Assault weapons should be the sole province of the MILITARY.

Thank you so much for considering my testimony!

Aloha,

John S. Alexander

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 5:41:58 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 5:44:43 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this legislation and it's impact on law abiding gun owners.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 5:53:40 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cole Heanu	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**Opposing Testimony : Regarding SB3196**

Honorable members of the committee,

I would like to say thank you for letting me express my opions and thoughts about this bill i deeply oppose this bill and will make key statements about it.

I oppose this bill because it not only violates our right to bear arms in the second admendment but will restrict all law abiding citizen in the state of hawaii and constitutionaly cant be banned the supreme court ruled this out many times but yet this is a overstep in the govermennt.

By banning firearms would harm the honest citizen who would like to protect his/hers self or family with crime on the rise here are some key points **2022** Hawaii didnt give enough data to the FBI in regards to crime we have the lowest violent crime rate of 2.5 incidents per 1,000 people while the national scale 4.0. now what data can prove banning firearms will work it wont we are ranked 46 in homicide in the FBI analogy **2018 2.8 2019 2.6 2020 2.3 2021 1.6 2022 2.1** these numbers the indicate the crime reductions for homicide a four year span.

I ask with the bill gets thrown out because banning firearms wont stop criminals from obtaining it illegally because one example i can use is december of 2023 a man shoots his girlfriend in the parking structure in pearlridge when issued a TRO the man had his firearms taken away as is the process. But he obtained one illegally from some source who has access to the illegal firearms. so memeber of the board with more illegal guns on the street it would be wise to focus the resources to find and prosecute those who sell illegal firearms.

i would reconmend more thorough background check i plead with you to demolish this bill because it wont just affect law-abiding citizen but law enforcement who purchase firearms for their own personal pleasure. thank you for letting me voice my concern about this bill

Sincerely cole heanu

OPPOSE Bill SB3196

To who it may concern. Really why are you punishing the law a buying gun owners. You think it will reduce gun violets, but if you took the time to go to any of the prisons and ask anyone in there. If the state bans all AR15, Would that keep them from getting one. The answer will be No. I already know what you are going to say. ( if we ban them and all the parts then they can not get them. WRONG)

You should have learned from the Fireworks Ban. If a person wants it, They will find a way to get it.

It's bad enough we have hard enough time buying primers and bullets and powders in the State.

Also this is telling us, that you are planning on shutting down koko head Range. STOP don't say it. If you ban AR15, You will have no choice but to close down the range, because where will not be enough hunters to use the range on the only 2 days a week there is now.

Some of us are High Power Competition shooters, We use Koko Head to test Loads and practice, Because there is only (1) 600 yard range on the Island and you are working on closing that one down.

Then you are going to tell me, well I can travel to the Mainland to shoot. No because if I take my AR15 out of state I cannot bring it back.

AR15 for most shooters is a low cost Rifle to buy. They can get the ammo for it. If you ask any hunter they will tell you their ammo cost way more than a 223 round. The Competition shoots AR15 cost 4 times as much as an AR15 then what most shooters use at the Range.

Your justification for Banning an AR Does not hold up. Data from the FBI and Statista,com

total firearms:	9,143	10,398	11,014
Handguns	6,194	6,778	7,052
Rifles	215	300	389
Shotguns	248	247	263
Other guns	152	172	178
Firearms, type not stated	2,334	2,901	3,132



Louis Martin

GySgt USMC RET

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 6:08:48 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Hello I'm a law abiding citizen that follows all of Hawai'i Firearm laws and have been target and clay shooting for a hobby for the past 11years. With this SB3196 if passes into law makes all of my legally purchased Firearms illegal? Makes no sense to me. Please explain what this is really about?

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 6:13:07 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Sb3196 is unconstitutional and gives criminals an advantage over law abiding citizens. I strongly oppose this dangerous bill. We are not the problem, criminals will not obey these laws. It makes us a vulnerable target. Law abiding citizens should not be punished for the acts of the mentally ill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 6:31:56 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly disagree with this bill, as it will no longer allow people of Hawaii to protect themselves in the event that a criminal comes into your home with a illegal unregistered firearm.

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Submitted on: 2/20/2024 6:46:04 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Oppose this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/20/2024 6:56:34 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Good day and Aloha

it goes without saying that this bill is a unconstitutional attack on individual liberties of a free people. We should not even be having a bill like this even be considered. Every single law abiding citizen who currently owns any of the mentioned firearms in this bill would become a criminal over night. These gun owners are our family, friends and colleagues. People from all walks of life depend on these firearms for various reasons, such as hunting, sport competitions, and self defense.

Criminals do not follow the current laws as they stand so why would the intended ban work this time. Law abiding citizens would be disarmed and made into victims. Any law that makes good people victims is clearly a bad idea.

In addition, similar laws or so called assault weapons bans are currently being challenged in multiple states at different levels to include the Supreme Court of the United States. Other states have found this law to be unconstitutional so passing this bill would only be challenged and waste everyone's time.

I speak for my family and friends when I say no to this bill.  
thank you.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 6:57:36 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose bill SB 3196

this bill does nothing to curb crime. criminals dont follow the law, this bill is a slap to the face of every citizen in this state. soon the supream court will be taking a case that will determine assult wepons bans and you absalutely know it's unconstitutional. at this veary moment the supream court has four petitions for this veary issue. you should slow your role before making a decision that will only make hawaii and it's politicians look bad for passing an unconstitutional law which this truly is. but it appears that you are trying to ram rod this bill as fast as you can. so I just hope this will help push the supream court to take a case regarding assult wepons bans and rule it unconstitutional so we can strike this lousy pice of legislation / law down once and for all.

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Submitted on: 2/20/2024 7:21:13 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
John W. Roberts	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196 as well as any other legislation which infringes on any of my constitutional rights. Banning guns of any type or design out of concern that criminals have access to too many is like castrating yourself because your neighbor has too many kids. Common sense dictates that the legislature's current focus should be on enhancing emergency preparedness instead.

Given the growing geopolitical tensions in the Pacific Basin, which could soon result in a direct security threat to the State of Hawaii, Hawaii's legislature should learn from the failures in Ukraine and more recently Israel and follow the examples of European nations bordering Russia. Instead of trying to restrict private firearm ownership and use, Hawaii should initiate programs to promote citizen proficiency in the safe use of firearms. In addition, I urge Hawaii's legislature to do the following: .

1. Prepare each major island in the State to serve as a "Lifeboat" for the citizens of the other islands in the event of a large scale emergency. Towards this end, decentralize and increase State emergency food and medical supplies rather than put all of the State's eggs in one basket on Oahu.
2. Update the legal framework for the Hawaii Territorial Guard (such as HRS Sections 122A, 123, and 124A) and implement it, starting with reestablishing the command and control structure of the Guard in each county.
3. Implement a Candid Citizen Education Program which focuses on informing the citizens of Hawaii of the growing foreign military threat rather than focusing on keeping citizens calm through ignorance. Many countries have distributed educational pamphlets to every household in their borders informing citizens of the risks on the horizon and providing concrete steps citizens can take to be more self-reliant in the event of an emergency rather than sheep passively waiting for a non-existent cavalry to come to their rescue.. Sweden's emergency preparedness pamphlet distributed to every household is an excellent example.
4. Establish vigorous physical education as a mandatory core class in all of Hawaii's public middle and high schools. Too many of Hawaii's youth are physically unfit and unprepared for physical adversity, let alone military service.

Thank you for your consideration. I hope you prioritize improving emergency preparedness rather than further weakening it through legislation such as SB3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 7:23:29 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I absolutely support a ban on assault style weapons. We are the only state that does not ban these instruments of war. Hunters rely on their skill not massacre. Please, please put a stop to this!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 7:34:25 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This bill is unconstitutional and is a blatant attempt to skirt the constitution. It should be struck down. Does anybody know what an assault pistol is?! This bill is a joke.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 7:35:53 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Honorable members of the committee,

I hope this email finds you in good spirits.

I'm reaching out to strongly oppose SB3196 and share my concerns regarding the proposed assault weapon ban. While I fully support efforts to address gun violence and enhance public safety, I believe that a blanket ban on assault weapons may not be the most effective approach.

SB3196 will unfairly penalize me, a hard working responsible gun owner, who use these firearms for legitimate purposes such as self-defense, hunting, or sport shooting.

Hawaii's violent crime rate of 2.5 incidents per 1,000 people is notably lower than the national rate of 4.0. Moreover, Hawaii stands out as one of only 15 states to experience a decrease in violent crime year over year, defying the concerning national trend of rising violent crime rates.

Instead of focusing solely on banning specific types of firearms, I believe it's crucial to explore comprehensive solutions that address the root causes of gun violence, such as mental health support, stricter penalties for those who commit crimes using guns and community outreach programs.

Implementing stricter, and increased penalties for individuals who commit crimes with guns.

Banning assault weapons will not deter criminals from using them. Criminals often obtain firearms through illegal means, and they are unlikely to be dissuaded by legislation restricting access to certain types of weapons

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I appreciate your careful consideration of my concerns and oppose SB3196.

Thank you,

Charles

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Submitted on: 2/20/2024 7:38:02 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

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Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I appreciate your careful consideration of my concerns and oppose SB3196.

Thank you,

Kalani

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Submitted on: 2/20/2024 7:42:38 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This bill basically criminalizes the purchase of spare parts in the event one breaks, turning my guns into paperweights, makes it illegal to send my guns out to a gunsmith, bans a ton of legal SEMI-AUTOMATIC rifles and shotguns commonly used for self defense and hunting along with any pistol with a threaded barrel. Not to mention the banning of standard capacity mags, look at New York and California to see how well this worked out. This bill does nothing in terms of safety (No anti-gun bills do), and all it does it make criminals out of tax paying, law abiding citizens.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 7:44:51 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly support this bill. Please legislators, close the gaps in Hawaii's assault weapons ban. No person - no NRA member or local gun club - needs assault style weapons nor large capacity magazines. There's no place for them in a our state, especially a state professing Aloha.

Please keep our islands safe by supporting SB3196.

Mahalo,

Marianne Whiting

Kailua

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 8:05:47 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I support Bill SB3196.

I oppose SB 3196 based on the clear fact that it is unconstitutional to ban the right of law-abiding citizens the right to choose which clearly falls under the Bill of Rights 9<sup>th</sup> amendment and 14<sup>th</sup> amendment.

As an example “Freedom of Choice” is a fundamental right which also supported the “Freedom of Choice Act,” a bill which sought to codify into law for women a fundamental right to choose to bear a child, terminate a pregnancy prior to fetal viability to choose to protect her life or health. Regardless of public, religious, or opposing opinion the act became a law. This showed that the constitutional right of freedom of choice is one of many unenumerated rights like pro-choice, the right to vote, and many other laws are governed by, and unique to the United States of America and its citizens to live in a free country and shall not be infringed.

This right to choose is a right, not a privilege and I would argue the “right to choose” is freedom in action, the assault weapon ban and shotgun ban proposed in SB 3196 unlawfully goes against the Bill of Rights, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup> amendments in both the United States and State of Hawaii’s Constitutions, Act 334, 1949.

This unlawful SB3196 is a political narrative falsely promoted by a single political group that does not reflect the views or desires of the people of Hawaii.

Facts are as follows: (Regardless of the factual data listed below, no death is minimal no matter how the death came to be. Violent death in our society needs to be address 100% and the true cause of violent death is obviously “mental health” and repeat criminal offenders. We need to improve our mental health efforts and be much harder on criminals to truly lower violent crimes.)

Current facts:

1. There has never been a mass shooting that involved an “Assault Rifle” in the State of Hawaii. The November 2, 1999, Xerox shooting, the shooter used a semi-auto handgun. Hawaii’s only recorded mass shooting event. Since then Hawaii has some of the strictest gun laws and the lowest gun deaths in the nation. I attribute this to the responsible gun owners. This is historical evidence that there should not be a ban put in place. (Historical index State of Hawaii and City and County of Honolulu. 2023)
2. From the CDC, Hawaii is ranked second lowest in gun violence. (CDC. 2021)
3. Out of the gun violence in 2021, a total of 61 in Hawaii, 36 were suicide, representing 54% of all gun violence. Out of the remaining 25 were listed under homicide and more than half were police shooting criminals. So, actual gun violence committed by a criminal was around 12. Out of the 12 criminals the guns that they possessed, 90% handguns, one hunting rifle, and one shotgun - all of which were black-market illegal weapons purchased through criminal organizations. (CDC.2024), (City and County HPD archives).

4. Since the 1990's when Hawaii instituted a gun registry, there are 1,062,350 legally registered guns by law-abiding citizens of Hawaii as of 2022. (State of Hawaii's Attorney Generals Office. 2022) and our current human population is 1,455,271 Hawaii citizens. Out of the One Million, sixty-two thousand, three hundred and fifty legally owned firearms as of 2022 stated by the Hawaii Attorney General's Office, roughly 52% are long-guns, which semi-auto rifles and shot-guns fall under, and 48% are handguns. (State of Hawaii Attorney Generals Office. 2022). It appears that a majority would be opposed.
5. In Hawaii and across the Nation there are hundreds of rifle competitions every year that uses semi-auto rifles. One being the world renowned "Presidents 100" held in Camp Perry, Ohio every year, where the President of the United States endorses this competition and signs the top 100 winners' certificates. They all use the AR15 service rifle, amongst others for this very competition endorsed by the President of the United States which I personally have competed and plan on competing again.
6. "Hawaii Has Second Lowest Gun Deaths in Nation" KITV4 news. March 31, 2023.  
[https://www.kitv.com/news/local/hawaii-has-second-lowest-gun-deaths-in-the-nation/article\\_b152e452-af2b-11ed-8691-a7725e704322.html](https://www.kitv.com/news/local/hawaii-has-second-lowest-gun-deaths-in-the-nation/article_b152e452-af2b-11ed-8691-a7725e704322.html)
7. Following Bruen, the unconstitutionality of semiautomatic rifle bans is clearer than ever. For in Bruen, the conceded fact that handguns are "in common use today" for lawful purposes was sufficient to establish constitutional protection of the type of arm at issue in that case. And Bruen further explained that colonial bans on dangerous and unusual weapons could not justify laws restricting the use "of weapons that are unquestionably in common use today." To the extent any doubt about the constitutionality of bans on **common arms** was left by Heller, Bruen eliminated that. And yet here today lower courts and illegal representatives fail to heed the clear teaching of the US Supreme Court the highest court in the nation.
8. In common use, the AR15 and semi-automatic systems are numbered in the millions legally owned throughout Hawaii and in other 49 states of America. That makes it a fact that SB 3196, absolutely has no precedence or justification and, in fact, violates the US Constitution, the Hawaii State Constitution which it mirrors, and the Highest Court in the Country the US Supreme Court. The AR15 is "common use" and therefore cannot be banned.

SB 3196 is obviously a misguided attempt to infringe on personal choice and is being misused for a political narrative that has no basis in fact. It is of the opinion of a group of individuals that are not educated and unaware of the facts behind the lawful use of these weapon systems. AR meaning ArmaLite Rifles not "assault rifles" as an uneducated assumption and rifles in general are high powered by design, so using the facts about rifles in general and trying to demonize it just shows the ignorance and uneducated and non-fact-based word smithing that proves this is not for public safety, but for a political narrative.

In lieu of recent events now gaining national and international attention in the Hawaii v. Wilson case, under the “Aloha Spirit,” the appalling, disrespectful, embarrassing, capricious, unlawful response from the Hawaii Supreme Court Justices statements and unjustifiable stand to that case and more importantly, the immoral, illegal actions per their reasoning towards the US Constitution, the US Supreme Court (which I will remind you the highest court in the land), and a gross misrepresentation of majority people of the state of Hawaii. Need I remind you now, that you, as an elected and or appointed representative of the people, took an oath to uphold the US Constitution of the United States of America and the Hawaii State Constitution that mirrors the US Constitution. By supporting this bill and any bill similar to it, requires your resignation or impeachment. If you have any honor left, you will not support this bill. If you support it, then you are in violation of the Constitution and need to resign immediately.

This bill will not keep Hawaii citizens any safer, but only to illegally infringe on our constitutional rights. The best of Hawaii citizens must go through one the country’s most rigorous application processes to own our firearms. I call the legal and law-abiding gun owning citizens our best because of the rigorous training, education, and application process makes us the most responsible people to own them.

I again oppose SB 3196 based on the hard facts listed above which should clarify the multitude of reasons that it should not be passed. One’s opinion cannot take away a law-abiding citizen the right to choose, especially when there is NO overwhelming evidence that “Assault Rifles and Shotguns” are the leading cause to gun violence deaths when the facts clearly state suicide, which enforces a pro-active approach to mental health issues, not a ban on Assault rifles and shotguns.

Sincerely,  
Spencer Hisatake  
US Citizen & Voter

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 8:19:46 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

It is very hard for me to understand how elected individuals that willingly are bound by their Oath or Affirmation to support our US Constitution, can follow the agenda of a few disruptors that do not respect America's interests nor put America's Constitution above their undermining views. I know there are few that have deeper interests for the destruction of our ways of Freedom and Democracy and will do anything to undermine the foundation and principles that give power to the people. It breaks my heart to see and watch those that we have trusted, elected and hired to serve and protect us from external and internal enemies alike, deceive us in choosing to compromise and erode our original foundational framework based on a Constitution with bills like S.B.3196. I feel this bill is deceptive, with malice and does not support our country's original foundational principles of this great nation. One which is based on our Constitution that is for the people and by the people. When our Constitution was ratified on Dec. 15, 1791 it provided America with the best model of a government. One with amazing checks and balances that has been the envy of the free world. Our Constitution was written for free people, as William Pitt said in 1770, "Unlimited power is apt to corrupt the minds of those who possess it", and Lord Acton wrote in 1857, "All Power tends to corrupt; Absolute power corrupts absolutely". Our 2nd Amendment, "the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed" was added in by our founding fathers as a check and balance, for protection from a government that was corrupt absolutely. (Tyranny) I feel S.B.3196 is deceptive, with malice and does not support our country's original foundation. Nor will it help protect our citizens from those that choose to do evil. For just as any item or tool can be used for good or evil, the end result lies with the individual who holds it. We know that S.B. 3196 was not written here in Hawaii and serves no other purpose but to exercise political power and disarm law abiding citizens. I ask that you join millions of gun owning Americans, along with our U.S. Supreme Court by following your Oath and Affirmation in supporting our U.S. Constitution, saving your taxpayers money by voting "NO" on S.B. 3196.

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Submitted on: 2/20/2024 8:24:48 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This bill infringe of my right. I am a firm believer of the second amendment

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 8:30:43 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Guns is a hobby of mine. Don't ruin what I love to do. Guns is my safe place. As you can see I didn't shoot or kill anyone, so why do I get the shit end of the stick! Hawaii has one of the lowest shootings in the state. You guys should be proud enough of that! Not banned and make more things worse. Business will go down all because of this bill! Your giving us less options to protect our selves.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 8:32:54 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE BILL SB3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 8:41:16 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Banning firearms as a solution to crime is a complex and contentious issue that warrants careful consideration. While the intention behind such measures is often to enhance public safety, it is essential to recognize the multifaceted nature of crime and the limitations of a blanket firearm ban.

Firstly, proponents of firearm ownership argue that responsible gun ownership is a fundamental right and a means of self-defense. Banning firearms may disproportionately affect law-abiding citizens who use them for protection or recreational purposes. Implementing comprehensive background checks and mental health assessments, rather than an outright ban, could be a more nuanced approach to ensure responsible ownership.

Furthermore, a firearm ban may create a black market, where illegal weapons become more accessible to criminals. History has shown that prohibition measures can lead to the rise of underground networks, making it harder for law enforcement to track and control the circulation of firearms. In such a scenario, criminals who are determined to obtain weapons are likely to find alternative, illicit avenues.

Moreover, addressing the root causes of crime, such as poverty, lack of education, and mental health issues, is crucial. Instead of focusing solely on banning firearms, investing in social programs, community outreach, and mental health support can contribute to long-term crime prevention. By addressing underlying issues, society can create an environment where individuals are less inclined to engage in criminal activities in the first place.

In conclusion, advocating for a ban on firearms as a solution for crime overlooks the complexity of the issue. A more effective approach involves a comprehensive strategy that combines responsible gun control measures with efforts to address the root causes of crime. Striking a balance between individual rights, public safety, and targeted interventions is essential for crafting policies that genuinely contribute to a safer and more secure society.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 8:52:16 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196...stop punishing the law abiding citizens of Hawai'i with more restricitve gun laws.

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Submitted on: 2/20/2024 8:52:19 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

my name is Mariah Borden and I OPPOSE bill SB 3196.

This bill is unnecessary. We, the law abiding citizens, should be able to legally own all guns listed in this bill to shoot or collect! My husband and I hunt and use guns , some listed in this bill, for hunting our food! This bill will make it a felony to own guns we already have! This is unacceptable I strongly OPPOSE this ridiculous bill!

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Submitted on: 2/20/2024 8:52:43 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

1. Does not align with nor protect our US Constitution's 2nd amendment right of the people to keep and bear arms thus opening our state and people to litigation.
2. Definitions are not clear for multiple items including barrel & overall lengths, magazine capacities, special exceptions and exemptions, & other.
3. Includes irrelevant lists of specific makes and models of weapons being classified as "assault."
4. Addresses items that already have governing laws, information is conflicting & again may open our state & people to litigation.
5. Erroneously addresses standard pieces of safety equipment & stock design that includes sporting & hunting guns.
6. Inadvertently targets & puts at risk your law-abiding citizens.
7. Will put more businesses out of business.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 8:56:14 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jeff Bow	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha #SB3196 Committee!

Thank you for allowing me to testify via online submission.

I think we can all agree that we want Hawaii to be a safe place to live and raise our children and grandchildren. Hawaii already has some of the strictest gun laws in the nation. Most of Hawaii's violent crime occurs with stolen or illegal firearms. It's time also to give credit to the responsible gun owners in Hawaii for being good, sane, sober, moral and prudent.

It's disappointing that on 2/14/24 #SB3196 moved forward even with **overwhelming opposition to the bill**. This penalizes the responsible gun owners who take the time to follow the law while exercising their 2nd amendment rights. None of the people with intentions to commit crimes will follow the proposed restrictions stated in SB3196 if passed.

I have lived in Hawai'i for most of my life and have seen the changes in our communities, islands and state. While many have claimed that our crime has gone down, that is not what I have witnessed as a kupuna in Hawai'i. It has been my experience that crime has escalated and has become more violent. We now have smash and grabs on a regular basis, hit and runs regularly, daily auto theft, theft while people are home, crime against the elderly, shootings, drunk driving killings, knifings and now acid or some unknown chemical being thrown on people. A lot of these crimes are committed by repeat offenders.

In our current crimes, we punish the person who commits the crime and do not create laws to limit the use of the item used to commit the crime. As an example, when a drunk driver hits a pedestrian and the pedestrian is hospitalized or killed, we do not create laws that prevent the use of cars. And we don't outlaw or ban alcohol although it is the main cause of many injuries and deaths. As ironic as this may seem, somehow, when it comes to firearms, our state continues to punish the law-abiding citizens and create laws that infringe on our 2nd amendment rights as outlined in the United States Constitution. Owning firearms is a right, not a privilege. SB3196 targets the responsible gun owners, gun clubs, gun shops and firearms enthusiasts.

Criminals will always have access to all firearms, carry them wherever they want and not have to take a proficiency test to own or carry a firearm. They will have pistols, shotguns, AR15'S, and every weapon on the market. If you look at all the illegal fireworks that come into the state and

the states inability to stop it even with the laws in place, imagine the number of illegal drugs and firearms that come in the same way.

So instead of focusing the resources and manpower on those that abuse the right of owning firearms, the state now wants to put more limitations on what we can own and use. This is so frustrating to the law-abiding gun owners of which I am one. We already do not have a Stand Your Ground law in Hawai'i, and the state continues to limit us in our ability to protect our families, the innocent and for some, their lively hoods. (farmers, store owners, retail businesses etc)

We can look back on the use of pepper spray and tasers. There was so much voice against these, and I have not heard of one instance that someone who legally obtained these was arrested for improper use. In fact, we can extend that to all the current CCW holders. Not one has misused their license.

We already have a shortage of police officers, and they are doing their best to protect the citizens of Hawai'i and visitors as well. However, they cannot be everywhere and often cannot get there fast enough when a crime is being committed in real time. I remember as a youth, the new officers would have to walk Waikiki and Chinatown. I stay in Waikiki at least 2x a year for 10 days at a time and have never seen this happen now. Waikiki is unsafe and the shop owners that I speak to feel the same way. The local shop owners agree that Hawai'i is not what is used to be. The common sentiment is that crime in Hawai'i is really bad and continually getting worse. It is not the Hawaii we grew up with.

So yes, I oppose bill #SB3196 again. Please give much consideration to public testimony in person and online.

Best regards,

Jeff Bow

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 8:56:46 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am a law enforcement officer here with over 17 years of experience and I am opposing this bill on multiple levels. The bill is so restrictive that it encroaches on being unconstitutional, and because of this I may not be able to enforce this bill if it passes.

1. This bill addresses a problem that does not exist. Hawai'i has not seen any significant spate of murders or shootings involving semi-automatic rifles or shotguns. Hawai'i has seen very few murders involving high caliber firearms such as .50 caliber. Most gun crimes are committed with pistols, targeting these rifles and shotguns would have practically zero effect.
2. The list of equipment that seeks to be banned in this bill is quite arbitrary. Most have no significant bearing in terms of the lethality of the firearm.
3. The bill seeks to criminalize firearms that are already commonplace even here in Hawai'i where we already have strict firearm laws. Who can get their hands on firearms is far more significant than what firearms they can get their hands on.

I am willing to meet with any legislator who would like to sit down and discuss concerns and ideas about firearms.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 9:07:50 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

You guys have to know this will have no effect on on preventing violent crime. FBI statistics show that it would increase violent crime. There are already laws in place that are not followed by criminals, that's why they are criminals. This will effectively make responsible citizens into criminals and put our most vulnerable of the population at risk. As an adult male, I'm mostly capable of defending myself. This law hurts the females and kupuna in our community, the ones not physically able to defend themselves. Maybe your goal is bigger though, maybe it's not to help protect the community, because this bill doesn't.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 9:26:12 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE bill SB 3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 9:28:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

SB3196 is a infringement of rights to legal gun owning citizens. Gun laws like this dont stop violence or crimes. stiffer penalties, stronger court system, more police, and more prisons will. criminals will get firearms no matter the type, legal or not. Drugs are illegal, yet still rampant in our state. If making drugs illegal didnt stop them from being made, brought in, or used, how will taking away weapons from legal gun owners stop crimes or prevent injuries or even death? How is one to say a firearm that is deemed legal and once used to defend our freedom in numerous wars now a threat? If anyone actually reads this testimony they should probably think of how the military, police, and other entities use it to protect you, me, the public, and our freedom, deemed unsafe or unnecessary in the hands of a law abiding citizen? How can a constitution be made to set our libertys, laws, and rights, be swayed and changed to fit a agenda that is opposed by the vast majority of law abiding firearms owners and the general public? I strongly oppose this bill and any other bill detrimental to the owning, purchasing, and use of firearms in the hands of legal owners

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 9:35:34 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ezekiel Nuesca	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To Honorable Members of the Legislature and people who Support this bill,

I **OPPOSE** this bill

Some background about me. I am a college student I was surrounded by firearms my entire life. In fact even from when I was 10 years old I had my first gun esque toy (nerf gun). Then became airsoft then became real firearms. The basics of firearm safety (even when using a nerf gun), **consequences and how to properly use a firearm was taught and engraned into me from a young age.** Things from proper storage of firearm and ammo, muzzle awareness, trigger control, the damages that a firearm can do to people, animals, and property.

Right now **to obtain a firearm** a person must have a **valid government photo ID, permit to acquire application** (handguns requiring make, model, caliber, type, and serial number), **contact information and address of the seller, Mental health waiver** (filled out by a authorized medical professional), **medical information waiver** (filled out by a authorized medical professional), the application, then a **background check**, documentation of **proof of training/safety course** and **original documentation proving U.S. citizenship or national status.** Then when you apply you must wait 14 days to maybe be able to get a rifle/shotgun and a handgun. This should cover all the bases of restricting someone from having a firearm because of a mental health disqualification (suicide, mental illness), criminals that have a background of crime, being the perpetrator of domestic violence, and preventing illegal or unregistered firearms off the street. **Yet we still see people that fall under this category of disqualified ownership still obtaining firearms and using them. In fact you can see in our nation that these guns that are used to commit illegal crimes sometimes have more than 10 rounds in a mag, a mechanism to turn a firearm full auto (banned across the nation unless you are a licened person/company (like a glock switch)**

These **crimes stem from** gang violence, less than ideal morals/values, and lacking the resources to get mental health help or the fear of repercussions. These **could be resolved** from the state providing adequate community resources, increasing community morale, and **helping youth and adults** that struggle with less than ideal directions of life. For personal example **I have met many people in my life that thought I was a crazy gun nut that was trigger happy ready to take a persons life, until they got to know me better, got to know my morales and values and how I am not the typical person people associate with firearms usage. In fact this could be said true of many gun owners in this state.** Going through the application process to get

these firearms and still maintain eligibility **requires gun owners to be better citizens to not disqualify their ownership down the line.** I still follow the laws regarding firearms, still follow safety in terms of storage, muzzle awareness, trigger discipline, and still know the consequences and damages that a firearms can induce.

With all that said. I am a lawful user of firearms. I only use my firearms at the range. In fact I use firearms to build stronger relationships with my friends, family, and significant other and all within a legal and safe matter. These people I meet all do business with local gun stores, airsoft shops which keep in mind are **local buisnesses** and passing this bill would put these local buisnesses in a place where they might have to lay off workers, or close their business, thus hurting our economy.

A **gun is a inatimate object** that must be operated by a person where the **person chooses to make decisions** on what to do with those firearms.

There is a solution to save lives, and keep the basic human rights to defend yourself. Get more resources for those in need. Keep the rights to those who want to express it

Respectfully,

Ezekiel Nuesca

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 9:36:49 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am strongly oppose of this bill. First and foremost this bill is an infringement on our 2nd amendment right and is unconsitutional. It puts harsh limits on law abiding individuals like myself for various reasons.

One of those reasons is the effectiveness to my personal safety and protection over my family from not just criminals but external threats. Weather that be from foreign countries or a tyranical government. These things happen all the time throughout history and continues to happen today. In just this past year, our government and millions of people continue to pour out support to other countries/people in Ukraine and Israel in defending themselves. Why can't we have that right to do it in our on home? Another one of those reasons is the recreational use of my rifle (hunting/sport shooting/target shooting). Living here on the island Maui makes it expensive and very limited to find a safe and legal area to shoot my rifle. This bill will only make it harder on the 2a community and much less pleasurable.

This bill will not stop criminals from committing crime and it will only limit law abiding citizens like myself. It is unconstitutional and shouldn't even be considered so I kindly ask you not turn this bill down.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 9:40:16 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196 as it is far too overreaching. It will impact hunters, gun enthusiasts and those wishing to exercise their second amendment right. In addition as with most current laws being passed these days, it seems that those on the lower socioeconomic ladder will be more adversely impacted. If someone who is not wealthy or connected and does not have access to large private acreage then they would not be able to use those firearms. There are two public areas allowed as gun ranges here on the Big Island, Manuka and mile marker 16. If someone purchased a long gun that will be banned with their hard earned money then they would have no where to safely and legally use them. That does not seem morally or ethically right.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 9:43:01 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

**I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB3196.**

This bill acknowledges that Hawaii has among the lowest rates of gun violence in the entire country, and yet, it proposes to punish the people of Hawaii by imposing unreasonably broad restrictions and prohibitions.

**SB3196 WILL COST OUR RESIDENTS HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS.**

In the late 1990s, the Attorney General's office conservatively placed the number of privately owned firearms in Hawaii at "at least one million". More recently, the attorney general's office estimated that Hawaii has about 2 million privately owned guns.

SB3196 will reclassify many thousands of guns that have been legally acquired and are now legally owned, into prohibited items. The guns being prohibited by SB 3196 include semiautomatic rifles which are among the most commonly owned guns in Hawaii.

If only 20% of the estimated 2 million guns in Hawaii are subject to the prohibitions affected by SB3196, that would restrict the owners of 400,000 guns and their related accessories. At an average cost of \$2,000 per gun and its accessories, the cost to Hawaii's law-abiding gun owners would be EIGHT HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS (\$800,000,000.00).

Subjecting Hawaii's gun owners to such an extreme cost of is UNFAIR and UNREASONABLE, especially in light of the legislature's acknowledgement that Hawaii has one of the lowest rates of gun crime in the country.

This bill would punish the law-abiding gun owners by prohibiting their rights that are guaranteed by the second amendment.

This bill if passes, it will simply be ignored by the criminals. It will disarm t;he law-abiding people of Hawaii and make us easier victims for the criminals.

Our lawmakers should not be penalizing and punishing the law-abiding people of Hawaii.

If this bill becomes law, the multitude of gun owners that are affected will have the choice to comply and give hundreds of thousands of guns to the chief of police, or they would become felons.

SB3196 is not a common sense bill. It contains many nonsensical provisions.

For example, it prohibits target rifles with a thumbhole stock such as those that are used in sporting competitions. A thumbhole in a wooden stock does not make it an "assault rifle" and it does not make it any more dangerous. Yet the writer of this bill missed this fact and prohibits such stocks and make their owners into felons.

This bill would also classifies a clear plastic, \$20 airsoft gun as a "assult gun" making their owners into Hawaii's newest felons on the date the this bill would be signed into law.

Although the intent of SB3196l might be well-intentioned, it would impose a great injustice and burden onto the people of Hawaii at cost HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS.

I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB3196.



**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 9:43:16 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee,

I am a retired public school teacher and a concerned citizen, and I am writing in support of SB 3196 which amends our laws to clarify that assault rifles and other assault weapons are included as prohibited firearms in our state.

As a nation, we have seen how these types of weapons have been used to harm greater numbers of people in mass shootings in places like schools, churches, stores, and other public places. The threat of attacks by shooters using such weapons have altered the sense of safety in classrooms and the need for practices such as lockdown drills for our children.

As a state, we are safer without the wholesale availability of these weapons. I ask for your support of this measure. Thank you for your work to keep our state safer.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 9:53:16 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I fully support this bill. we do not need weapons of war in the hands of our citizens, and these weapons also eventually fall into the hands of mentally unstable people.

Dear Senators,

My name is Myrna Cobb. I am a wife, mother of 2 children and former U.S. Army Reserve soldier. I grew up in Makaha & lived in the Waianae community. I oppose SB 3196, to ban all semiautomatic rifles with any assault weapon features ie: adjustable stock & magazines greater than 10 rounds.

These restrictions excessively burden the public who have a right to self-defense from having access to their tools where ever they may face a dangerous confrontation. Why do you feel it necessary to limit the public's ability to defend themselves when the aggressors, criminals, who have no such limitations?

Criminals can do anything to harm the people but we the public have limitations?

Who are you protecting with these ordinances anyway?

We, the people have a constitutional right to protect and bear arms against those who intend to cause harm and death toward the very existence of our livelihood.

As parents, we want to protect our children from dangerous situations. But how can we protect our family and home from criminals who have no respect toward our right to live and work in a safe environment. The 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment & 14<sup>th</sup> amendment protects our rights to our life & liberties.

In conclusion, I oppose SB 3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 9:57:10 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am writing to you today to express my opposition to Senate Bill 3196 (SB3196), which I believe represents a significant infringement on the rights of law-abiding citizens as guaranteed by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution.

While I understand and respect the need for public safety and the protection of our citizens, I am concerned that the proposed legislation, rather than effectively addressing the issue of crime, will instead place undue burdens on responsible gun owners. In its current form, SB3196 threatens the rights of those who adhere to the laws and use their firearms responsibly, while doing little to deter those who would use them for illegal activities.

The Second Amendment was not written lightly, nor was it intended to be easily dismissed. It is a fundamental right of every American citizen to bear arms for their protection and the protection of their families. This right should not be unnecessarily restricted or infringed upon, especially not by legislation that targets law-abiding citizens rather than criminals.

It is also worth noting that the implementation of SB3196 would place an enormous strain on our already overburdened law enforcement agencies. They would be required to enforce these new regulations, diverting resources away from the fight against real crime, and towards penalizing responsible gun owners.

As a concerned citizen and a believer in our constitutional rights, I urge you to consider the implications of this bill. Rather than passing legislation that infringes on the rights of law-abiding citizens, I urge you to focus on measures that would effectively deter criminals and prevent illegal activities.

I ask you to stand up for the rights of your constituents and oppose SB3196. I believe that with thoughtful consideration and a commitment to protecting our rights, we can find a solution to the problem of gun violence that respects the rights of all citizens and effectively targets criminal behavior.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my views on this matter. I trust that you will make the right decision for the people you represent.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 10:01:52 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This is a critical bill for consideration and support as it serves to protect the community of Hawaii from needless violence, by making it safe and ensuring that firearms such as those described are banned . We need "to arm ourselves against " and restrict the use of such weapons. Governments should and must support the common good.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 10:15:42 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Dear Senators and Lawmakers,

February 20, 2024

Vote no to SB3196.

Name: William Ching

Profession: Teacher, Department of Education

For part of my testimony I'd like to share a story.

*A high school class is learning about the Salem Witch Trials. Their teacher told them they were going to play a game.*

*"I'm going to come around and whisper to each of you whether you're a witch or a regular person. Your goal is to build the largest group possible that does NOT have a witch in it. At the end, any group found to include a witch gets a failing grade."*

*The teens dove into grilling each other. One fairly large group formed, but most of the students broke into small, exclusive groups, turning away anyone they thought gave off even a hint of guilt.*

*"Okay," the teacher said. "You've got your groups. Time to find out which ones fail.*

*All witches, please raise your hands."*

*No one raised a hand.*

*The kids were confused and told the teacher he'd messed up the game. "Did I?" He asked.*

*"Was anyone in Salem an actual witch? Or did everyone just believe what they'd been told?"*

*And that is how easy it is to divide a Community.*

*Shunning, scapegoating, placing blame and dividing will each destroy far more than they will protect.*

*Don't allow fear to cloud your decisions. Use your own discernment.*

SB3196 is flawed in its verbiage. The terms used are too broad. Its reach encompasses assault rifles, barrel shrouds, magazine capacity, pistol length, etc... There are a lot of issues that this bill is trying to ban in spite of the fact that current gun laws in Hawaii are one of the strictest in the nation.

Lawmakers, when you make your decision to pass this bill or not, do not base it on fear, placing blame, or scapegoating. I've been a gun owner since the 1990's. I participate in numerous gun clubs which promote the safe use and handling of firearms within our community. My clubs make donations to school related sports such as air riflery which enforces respect for firearms to our younger generation. I don't own guns because I am evil. I own them for reasons such as collecting, hunting, competing and target shooting. I contribute to social order by following laws. I am not a criminal. I am not a witch.

Yet, if SB3196 is passed into law it would take away my freedom of choice. That would be poor judgment. A tool such as a hammer or scissors does not make the owner a criminal. Neither should a gun, ammunition, nor firearm accessories make its owner a criminal. Criminal behavior makes a criminal.

Do not allow SB 3196 to become law. Do not take away my freedom. Do not turn Hawaii into a Salem Witch Trial.

Best regards,

William Ching

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 10:20:48 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

My Name is Eric Hammond and I OPPOSE this bill!

This is maybe the fifth year in a row now that I am compelled to submit testimony to defend my rights from being taken away by legislators that have failed us repeatedly in following the constitution that they swore to uphold. And like the Hawaii Supreme Court has done recently, ignore the previous rulings of SCOTUS (Heller and Bruen).

It is tiring, and sad, that this is the norm now for each legislation session. But as a citizen who firmly believes in the Constitution of the United States, I will continue to fight for ALL my rights guaranteed to me and my fellow citizens. This bill seeks to remove my right to keep and bear arms, arms that are common, that many in Hawaii possess, and use, for many different reasons.

Hawaii REPEATEDLY is ranked as one of the lowest states with deaths from firearms. I believe we are currently ranked number two in the nation as safest states regarding firearms. Yet, there are many here in the state that own and use firearms.

Why are you still trying to take away our means of defense? Where are your statistics that show we have an epidemic of illegal firearms use that constitutes the removal of our right to defend our lives, liberties, and pursuit of happiness?

There are none. Hawaii is one of the most restrictive states for firearms. What is not working? There is no logical reasoning to create even stricter laws that will only affect and harm law abiding citizens.

Meanwhile, criminals of the law possess whatever firearms they want. And there are many illegal firearms already out there in Hawaii. All you will be doing is making us a target. Not to mention that this bill will make many of your constituents instant criminals because they already possess the items listed in the bill.

Use common sense. Instead of a drive to be on your political party's popularity radar, think. We do not have a firearms problem in Hawaii. These bills are an extreme waste of tax payer's money and time.

Additionally, this bill is horribly written. It contains extremely vague wording. It lists air guns as assault rifles. It fumbles through a long list of erroneous and incorrect firearm terms and language.

Semi-automatic firearms are not assault weapons. The U.S. military, the organization that I would trust to have their definitions in order regarding firearms, defines an assault weapon as the following: a SELECT FIRE (switched between semi-auto and fully automatic fore) rifle that uses an intermediate rifle cartridge and a detachable magazine. The Britannica website backs up this definition.

Semi-automatic firearms are not used in the military except for pistols. Semi-auto firearms are also extremely common and ubiquitous. They are self-defense, hunting, sport, and many more type of firearms.

AR-15s were originally a civilian rifle that was specially adapted to military use to become the M-16. There was false testimony given previously by Every Town that the AR-15 was first made as the M-16 and then adapted for civilians. AGAIN, that is FALSE. A quick google search will show it was a civilian rifle first. ([www.poynter.org/fact-checking/2022/what-is-ar15-rifle-history-of-firearm/](http://www.poynter.org/fact-checking/2022/what-is-ar15-rifle-history-of-firearm/))

ALL of this is common knowledge to those who know firearms. Yet we have Senators with little experience or knowledge trying to create vague and confusing laws. This is an insult to the people of Hawaii. Our laws should not be based on whims and a “figure out if its constitutional later” attitude.

They should be well researched and well written. This law is the extreme opposite. It is a “throw everything at the wall and see what sticks” law.

I oppose this bill wholeheartedly!

Eric Hammond

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 10:30:04 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly oppose SB3196. Please do not pass this bill which will only impact law abiding gun owners, not those committing crimes. How about passing bills that actually impact criminals.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 10:37:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Please do all you can to keep our people safe. There is no need in Hawaii these days for people to walk around with dangerous weapons. In fact, they are dangerous to all concerned. Please pass this bill for the good of all.

With much appreciation for your caring,

Esther Geil

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 10:44:51 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I support the second amendment and this bill infringes on our rights to protect our lives and the ones we love.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 10:46:36 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha, Committee Chair Sen. Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members!

I am testifying in **STRONG SUPPORT** of SB 3196.

If Hawai'i is to remain free of the horrendous mass shootings we have witnessed on the continent, we must act now to **BAN** all assault weapons and all large capacity magazines!!

It does no good to wail and bemoan the tragedies we have heard about and seen on the media, if we do not take drastic steps **NOW** to help ensure that these weapons are prevented from entering our island home. Our schools and markets and public gathering places will not be safe from assault by individuals whose unstable mental and emotional states have not been adequately detected, and no interventions provided.

If such persons have access to firearms which can kill and maim, our families and communities will have to live in fear and distrust. Our energies and monies will need to go into protective measures, instead of into healthy activities and creative pursuits.

I urge you to pass this critical legislation!

Sincerely,

Cheryl Ho, Nu'uaniu

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 10:49:38 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am in **STRONG SUPPORT** of SB3196 for obvious safety and life-valuing reasons. No one needs these weapons in Hawai'i.

Mahalo for your consideration.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 11:06:29 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alexandra Chou	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**I respectfully submit testimony in support of SB3196.**

**Perpetrators of domestic violence with access to guns use the threat of gun violence to inflict emotional abuse on their partners or escalate to homicide. The presence of a firearm in domestic violence situations increases the risk of homicide for women by 500%. Additionally, more than half of women killed by gun violence are killed by family members or intimate partners. And the trend is worsening: in the ten-year period between 2008 and 2017, intimate partner homicides of women involving guns increased by 15 percent. The 2024 New Year’s Day island-wide police chase on O’ahu started with the shooting of an intimate partner who had access to an AR-15 rifle.**

**Hawai‘i has long prohibited one category of assault weapons--prohibiting the possession, transfer, and manufacture of assault pistols in the state. Assault pistols are defined under Hawai‘i law similarly to those defined in other states that prohibit them as semiautomatic handguns with two or more listed military features. However, Hawai‘i has not prohibited assault weapons that are rifles, and shotguns--including the AR-15 and other semiautomatic rifles that are frequently used in mass shootings and other gun crimes.**

**Assault weapons like AR-15 rifles fire high-velocity ammunition that inflicts greater damage to the human body than a round from a typical handgun. And semiautomatic rifles like the AR-15 are capable of firing rounds much faster than manually operated rifles, allowing shooters to fire a large number of powerful rounds over a short period of time. SB3196 would close this dangerous gap in Hawai‘i law, prohibiting assault rifles and shotguns with one or more military features that are capable of firing a high number of rounds in a short period of time.**

**[Research shows that prohibiting assault weapons can prevent mass shooting fatalities and active shooter events. The nine other states that regulate assault weapons include rifles and shotguns with military features in their prohibitions.](#) Hawai‘i, a state with some of the**

**strongest gun laws in the country, should address this obvious deficiency in its gun laws and prohibit all assault weapons.**

**Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important matter.**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 11:08:00 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I completely appose this bill. This bill infringes on my 2nd amendment rights as a citizen of the United States of America under our constitution.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 11:11:57 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

My Name is Gisele Hammond and I strongly oppose this bill.

I am an immigrant to this country and love the freedoms and rights I have found belonging to the best constitution in the world.

I had to study the U.S constitution to become a US citizen and I am grateful to have the right to bear arms to defend my freedoms.

This bill will remove extremely common use firearms from the public. Semi-auto literally covers almost every type of gun in use not in the military.

So called "Assault Weapons" are a made up term by uninformed, anti-gun groups. Again, many of the firearms on the list of banned guns are common, everyday firearms. One pull of the trigger is one bullet. Semi-autos are not full auto. They are not the big, scary monster that many who know little about firearms say they are.

In addition, this bill is poorly written, leaving vague and unintelligible language throughout.

Our founding fathers wrote the Constitution and Bill of Rights with ideas that are TIMELESS. Meaning they are valid in 1789, in 2024, and in 2133. Times change, technology changes, but the ideals stay the same.

Do not let this bill pass. Honor our constitution! Mahalo, Gisele Hammond

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/20/2024 11:54:11 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha

I am a registered voter and have done so for the past 20 years. I do not support the firearma bad because it contradicts the Constitution. America was founded on Freedom. A citizen has to be responsible for manifest destiny. The Ban only affects law biding citizens and voters. It does nothing to prevent criminals from obtaining illegal firearms. Historically speaking Kamehameha the first had guns . The monarchy had guns to defend itself. During the over throw the safety commitee which aided in the overthrow banned all Hawaiians from having guns. Please do not repeat history and create a toxic situation. We live in paradise which must be maintained by a constitutional republic.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 12:22:27 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<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 SB3196. With an overwhelming testimony in opposition you should be voting against this bill. It should be dead in the water. If this bill goes through we will have confirmation that all of you who support this bill are not for the people of hawaii. Therefore we will be forced to replace you in the next election cycle.

An obcenley unconstitutional bill along with the many unconstitutional anti gun bills in hawaii will be challenged in court at the cost of hawaiis citizens.

This bill will hinder and go against the supreme court ruling of Bruen and Hellers court decisions.

This bill will also destroy local small business and you all will be responsible for it. Hawaii's economy is already in shambles with hi tax rates, food, gas and misbudgeted money.

Again, I urge you to vote against this bill and help hawaii at the root cause. We need to fix the problems of hawaii and leave the politics behind

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 12:54:07 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

To Honorable Lawmakers,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed SB3196 Assault Weapons Ban (AWB) based on a critical evaluation of its efficacy in addressing gun violence. While the intention behind SB3196 to reduce firearm-related crimes is commendable, it is my contention that the ban ultimately fails to tackle the root causes of gun violence and, therefore, is an inadequate solution to the complex issue at hand.

Firstly, SB3196 overlooks the socio-economic factors that contribute significantly to gun violence. Poverty, lack of access to education, and unemployment are crucial determinants of crime rates, yet the ban solely focuses on firearm regulation without addressing these underlying disparities. By neglecting to invest in socio-economic reforms and support systems, SB3196 misses a vital opportunity to address the root causes driving individuals towards violence.

Secondly, mental health considerations are largely absent from SB3196's framework. Many instances of gun violence involve individuals grappling with mental health challenges. However, the ban's approach of restricting access to certain firearms does little to provide support and resources for those in need of mental health assistance. Without comprehensive mental health initiatives, individuals facing mental health crises may continue to pose a risk of violence irrespective of firearm availability.

Furthermore, SB3196 fails to incorporate meaningful criminal justice reforms necessary for combating gun violence effectively. The criminal justice system plays a pivotal role in crime prevention and rehabilitation efforts, yet the ban does not prioritize such reforms. By overlooking the need for comprehensive criminal justice reform, SB3196 misses an opportunity to address systemic issues that perpetuate criminal behavior and contribute to the demand for firearms.

Lastly, SB3196 inadequately addresses gang violence and the illegal gun trade, which are significant drivers of firearm-related crimes. Criminal organizations continue to access firearms through illicit channels, circumventing the restrictions imposed by the ban. Without concerted efforts to combat illegal firearms trafficking and dismantle criminal networks, SB3196's impact on reducing gun violence remains limited.

Additionally, I express my firm opposition to the proposal of granting exceptions for the acquisition and possession of assault weapons solely to members of law enforcement and the military. While the intention to maintain operational effectiveness and ensure public safety is commendable, the potential risks associated with this proposal far outweigh any perceived benefits. Granting exclusive access to assault weapons for these groups poses significant concerns, particularly regarding the potential for misuse and erosion of public trust in our justice system. Such exceptions could lead to an escalation of force in certain situations, undermining efforts to promote de-escalation and community policing. Moreover, the inherent challenge in enforcing such exceptions raises serious questions about oversight and accountability, potentially creating loopholes that could be exploited for unauthorized access to prohibited firearms.

In conclusion, while the goal of reducing gun violence is a laudable one, SB3196 falls short of achieving this objective due to its failure to address the underlying causes of violence. To effectively combat gun violence, comprehensive approaches encompassing socio-economic reforms, mental health support, criminal justice reform, and efforts to combat illegal firearms trafficking are imperative. Furthermore, privileging certain groups with access to assault weapons while imposing strict regulations on civilians may contribute to a perception of unequal treatment under the law, further eroding public confidence in gun control measures. Therefore, I urge you to reconsider this proposal and prioritize comprehensive approaches to gun control that address the root causes of violence and ensure equitable treatment under the law. I urge you to consider alternative solutions that address these root causes rather than resorting to ineffective measures such as SB3196.

Sincerely, Dwayne Lim

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 12:55:19 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<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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Sincerely, Kelly Lim

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 12:58:15 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Hello,

I am writing to express my adamant opposition to the amendments proposed in the bill concerning firearms. SB3196 is specifically targeting assault rifles, assault shotguns, assault pistols, .50 caliber rifles, and firearm attachments, and I strongly believe that these proposed changes are unfounded and will severely infringe upon the rights of law-abiding citizens under the guise of achieving enhanced public safety. While I can empathize with wanting to achieve the ultimate goal of public safety, the proposed bill wrongfully punishes responsible gun owners while also serving no benefit or progress toward achieving public safety. The points below summarize my rationale behind my vehement opposition.

**The Overbearing Restrictions:**

The bill wrongfully categorizes a broad range of firearms as "assault weapons." This grossly negligent identification system fails to make meaningful distinctions between firearms and shows a reckless misunderstanding of firearms as a whole. These restrictions would only affect individuals who have shown themselves to be law-abiding citizens which brings me to my second point.

**Unjustly Targeting Law-Abiding Citizens:**

The proposed restrictions unfairly affect responsible gun owners who use firearms lawfully which includes, but is not limited to, self-defense and recreational activities. This bill aims to restrict the rights of individuals who have long exemplified proper firearm use and safety. All this in an effort to curb the actions of those already intending to commit a crime. This brings me to the root causes of our issue.

**This Bill Criminalizes Parts without Addressing People:**

Instead of addressing the root causes of violence, the bill aims to restrict access to specific firearms for everyone; including individuals who are demonstrably lawful in their use of firearms. Individuals are to blame for violent actions, not the tools they wield in the commission of a crime. As such, solutions should be focused on addressing the individual's needs, not restricting the lawful right of the populace, and the rights of the everyone is not a just price for the actions of a few. Leading me to my next point.

**The Infringement on the Rights of the People:**

This bill raises grave concerns in regards to infringing upon the Second Amendment rights of

ALL law-abiding citizens in the state. Hawai'i's admission into the United States of America means the adoption of the federal rules and regulations. This includes the Bill of Rights which enshrines our Second Amendment and supported by the Bruen decision. The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed wasn't a suggestion; it was a directive to the governing bodies of their limitations on restricting a citizen's rights to life and liberty.

With my rationale outlined above and with the numerous letters in opposition to the proposed amendments. I highly suggest that you review and explore alternative avenues of that respect BOTH the want for public safety and unalienable individual rights. Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony. I implore you to consider the ramifications of such a grossly negligent proposition on the rights of your law-abiding, tax-paying citizens.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

-Taz Gample

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 2:11:55 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Yao Buttetl	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Yao Buttetl and I am an individual, submitting written testimony in reference to SB3196 Relating to Firearms.

I strongly oppose SB3196, which would violate the constitutional rights of law-abiding gun owners in Hawai'i. This bill is unnecessary, ineffective, and unjust.

SB3196 is unnecessary because Hawai'i already has very strict gun laws and low rates of gun violence and homicide. There is no evidence that further restricting the rights of responsible gun owners will reduce crime or improve public safety. In fact, studies have shown that banning certain types of firearms or magazines has no effect on crime rates or mass shootings .

SB3196 is ineffective because it relies on arbitrary and vague definitions of what constitutes an "assault weapon" or a "high-capacity magazine". These terms have no clear meaning in the context of firearms technology or functionality, and are based on cosmetic features or subjective criteria that have nothing to do with the actual performance or lethality of a firearm. The bill would ban many common and popular rifles and handguns used for hunting, target shooting, or self-defense, and impair the ability of gun owners to defend themselves and their families in a life-threatening situation.

SB3196 is unjust because it would create a double standard for the acquisition and possession of firearms in Hawai'i. The bill would exempt members of law enforcement and the military from the ban, creating a privileged class of citizens who can enjoy the rights and freedoms that are denied to the rest of the population. This is a clear violation of the principle of equal protection under the law, and a dangerous precedent for the erosion of civil liberties in Hawai'i.

I urge you to reject SB3196 and uphold the rights of the people of Hawai'i to keep and bear arms as guaranteed by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article I, Section 17 of the Hawai'i State Constitution. Please do not punish the law-abiding citizens of Hawai'i for the actions of criminals and extremists who misuse firearms.

Thank you for your time and attention.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 5:38:32 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 6:14:18 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I am personally appalled at the continuing of this bill to ban so called assault weapons. These weapons are in common use across America and are used in numerous self defense cases. Our 2nd Amendment was well understood at our nation's founding. There were firearms that could fire multiple rounds and you can argue that the musket was the military assault weapon that the common colonists had at the ready.

I must also remind you of the events of April 19th 1775 when British soldiers attempted to confiscate firearms and powder they were met with men who were steadfast in their resistance and determination to defend themselves from this illegal confiscation.

The term "assault weapon" was coined in 1984 by antigun Democrats to confuse citizens. It has no meaning.

As determined in numerous 2A cases, AR-15 and variants are in common use and owned by millions of Americans.

On the issue of magazines, the term "high capacity" is a made up term. A 30 round magazine is the standard magazine for these weapons.

It has been obvious since the Bruen decision that the tyranny of the Hawaii state legislature is intent on punishing law abiding citizens while at the same time wanting to legalize drug use, get rid of bail requirements and reduce the number of prosecutions for crime. You have it backwards.

If this bill is passed, I will not comply.

I am a lifetime citizen of the State of Hawai'i, a lifelong resident and long-time teacher in Honolulu, **I strongly oppose SB3196**. As a State that has one of the strictest guns laws for obtaining and owning firearms, more restrictions and limitations are being proposed that will further control an individual's 2nd amendment right to choose the best means of protecting themselves and their family.

This will limit the legal law-abiding gun owner of choice by proposing blanket bans and restrictions on a broad range of firearms and accessories. As stated many times before, criminals do not abide by the law, this will not curb the kinds of violent crimes committed by these individuals. As stated in an article by [Hawai'i Civil Beat](#), most criminals of violent crimes have obtained firearms illegally.

As our elected officials, you were selected to defend the rights of the people of Hawai'i. I ask that our rights be protected, our freedom to choose how we want to protect ourselves and our families be protected and the preservation of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Restrict and penalize the criminals and not the vast majority of us who are law-abiding citizens. As stated at the beginning, **I strongly oppose SB3196**, with respect and hope.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 6:33:47 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose sb3196. I find it shocking and appalling that people could think the spirit of aloha could be more important than the second amendment, spirit of aloha would be nonexistent without the rights and freedoms of the people

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 6:36:18 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha , I believe this bill should not take place and the reason is because you are taking the guns away from law abiding citizens. The criminals don't care about your laws and they will always have a way to get guns. Its that simple 🤔

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 6:41:54 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Oppose SB3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 6:43:10 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Caroline Kunitake	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Committee on the Judiciary,

I am writing to support of **SB 3196** Relating to Firearms. **SB 3196** bans assault rifles, assault shotguns, .50 caliber rifles, and assault weapon attachments, expands the definition of banned assault pistols, bans firearms with detachable magazines with over a ten round capacity.

Hawaii is the only state in the nation with an assault weapons ban that FAILS to ban assault rifles and large capacity magazines for those weapons.

SB 3196 will finally close gaping holes in Hawaii's Assault Weapons Ban.

Assault weapons are modeled on military weapons, capable of inflicting the greatest harm on the greatest number of people in the shortest time. Hawaii does not need assault weapons and large capacity magazines.

The National Rifle Association (NRA) and local gun clubs are vocal, but they are a minority and do not reflect the great majority in our community on this issue.

Our nation already has more mass shootings than there are days in the year. Please help keep Hawaii safe from this senseless violence.

We can reduce the number of mass shootings by reducing the total number of guns in our society and by banning assault weapons. Assault weapons are weapons of war.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of **SB3196**. I appreciate your time and concern on this grave matter.

Mahalo,

Caroline Kunitake

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 6:56:07 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Honorable Members of the Committee,

I appreciate the opportunity to testify today regarding Bill 3196, which proposes amendments to the prohibition on certain firearms. While I understand the intent behind this legislation, I strongly oppose its passage for several reasons.

First and foremost, the proposed bill threatens the fundamental rights guaranteed by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution. The right to bear arms is a cornerstone of our democracy, essential for self-defense, hunting, and safeguarding against tyranny. Any attempt to restrict law-abiding citizens' access to firearms undermines this constitutional right.

Furthermore, the definitions used in the bill to classify certain firearms as "assault weapons" are overly broad and lack clarity. This ambiguity could lead to the unintended consequences of penalizing responsible gun owners who use firearms for legitimate purposes such as sport shooting or hunting. Banning firearms based on cosmetic features or arbitrary criteria does little to enhance public safety and only serves to infringe upon the rights of law-abiding citizens.

Additionally, there are significant concerns regarding the efficacy of bans on specific types of firearms in reducing crime. History has shown us that such measures often fail to address the root causes of violence and disproportionately burden law-abiding citizens without deterring criminals who obtain firearms through illegal means.

Enforcing the proposed bans would pose significant challenges for law enforcement agencies and strain already limited resources. Prohibiting the sale or transfer of certain firearms would create a black market, driving lawful commerce underground and making it more difficult to track firearms in circulation.

Instead of pursuing restrictive measures that target law-abiding citizens, I urge policymakers to focus on evidence-based solutions to address the complex issue of gun violence. This includes strengthening mental health services, improving background check systems, and targeting illegal firearms trafficking through enhanced enforcement efforts.

In conclusion, I respectfully urge you to oppose Bill 3196 and consider alternative approaches that respect our constitutional rights while effectively addressing the underlying factors contributing to gun violence.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely, Chad Ries.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 6:58:41 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Members of the committee,

I thank you for the chance to voice my opposition to the measure. This measure threatens the fundamental right granted by the 2nd amendment. The definitions used within the measure lack clarity and terms are used to offend or scare. The measure does nothing safe guard the law-abiding individuals. The measure fails to address the root causes of violence and undermines the law-abiding citizen without deterring criminals who illegally obtain firearms and accessories.

The measure also affects the popular sports, Airsoft and practical shooting. Thousands of individuals and multiple business will be affected by these measures. The measure's language does not distinguish the difference between accessories used for the sport and for ii mannered means. Instead of pursuing restrictive measures that target law abiding citizens, I encourage policymakers to focus on evidence-based solutions to address the complex issue of gun violence and enforce laws already in place. I suggest strengthening mental health services and targeting illegal firearms trafficking with enhanced enforcement efforts. I believe we can find and discuss alternative solutions that respect individual rights and effectively addressing the underlying issues contributing to gun violence. As the measure stands, I oppose SB3196.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Ted Baldonado

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 6:59:26 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. This is a direct attack on our second amendment right and an example of government overreach. We need to focus more on mental health and not taking away guns fr law abiding citizens. Hawaii already has strict gun laws and by doing this is NOT going to decrease crime. It will not stop criminals from acquiring guns illegally. It will just take away guns from the people that already follow the law.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 7:05:31 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

SUPPORT!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 7:06:41 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill as it eludes to further hinder/ limit our 2nd Constitutional Right as U.S. law abiding citizens.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 7:08:31 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I DO NOT support this bill. This goes against the 2nd ammendment. Which hawaii laws must follow. Criminals do not follow the law, and will always obtain a weapon. The term "Assault" is used. Do we put a ban or restrictions on knives? A car can be used as Assault for drunk driving do we ban or restrict certain cars? A fork or spoon for getting someone fat. The point is it's not the object it's the person behind it. That's facts.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 7:19:07 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

THIS IS AGAINST MY CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS TO PROTECT MY FAMILY AND OHANA. THIS IS COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE AND I VOTED FOR YOU. I CANT WAIT TO GO TO THE POLLS AGAIN AND IT WILL BE DIFFERENT. YOUR PENALTIES ARE WEAK ON REPEAT OFFENDERS AND ALLOW MAYHEM ON US CIVILIZED CITIZENS. SHAME ON YOU. WE OPPOSE THIS RIDICULOUS INFRINGEMENT OF OUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

I am a decades old resident of this state of Hawaii my name is Chad Hokama and I am testifying against SB3196 "Assault Rifles". Many of the bills/laws you make in particular this SB3196 continue to be unconstitutional according to the Supreme Court of the United States and only punishes the law abiding citizen. This SB3196 will not enhance public safety but will disarm the populace of this state against criminals and endanger more lives. Crime will not be reduced by removing the listed arms in your bill but will have the opposite effect.

#### Impact on Law-Abiding Citizens:

The proposed restrictions disproportionately affect responsible gun owners who use firearms for lawful purposes, including self-defense and recreational activities. By limiting access to certain firearms and accessories, the bill imposes unnecessary burdens on individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to safety and adherence to existing regulations.

The Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) has stated that all arms in common use for lawful purposes including all semi-automatic weapons and all standard magazines that hold more than ten rounds, cannot be banned. The Heller decision says that we are to look at the Text, History and Tradition at or around the time of the founding which is the year 1791. Owning these semi auto weapons listed is clearly referred to by the Text of the Second Amendment, an Unqualified command. This gun control law SB3196 cannot fulfill the burden of the government to prove there was an anecdotal law or historical analogue within the history at the time of the founding. Therefore if the burden of the government cannot be satisfied showing a long standing tradition or historical analogue of gun regulation. SB3196 can only be deemed Unconstitutional. SCOTUS has also said that the only arms that may be banned are those that are proven to be Dangerous And Unusual. The arms listed in SB3196 are in common use for lawful purposes and owned by thousands if not millions of American citizens in the United State and because they are common these arms are not deemed Unusual and cannot be banned under the Constitution.

SCOTUS has also shown that the Tiers of Scrutiny or interest balancing between the Rights of the People and the safety of the populace has already been decided at the time of the founding by the forefathers and is shown by the resulting Second Amendment an Unqualified command. The right of the People to keep and bear arms shall NOT be INFRINGED and the government may not interest balance away constitutional rights.

The United States Constitution is the Supreme Law of the Land, it is our social contract between the government and the People and SB3196 is a clear INFRINGEMENT of our Constitutional Right. Per Samuel Johnson's Dictionary of 1773 states that to INFRINGE is to violate; to break laws or contracts. This SB3186 is clearly breaking our social contract between the people and the government by violating our individual rights by banning commonly used arms for lawful purposes.

#### Failure to Address Root Causes:

Rather than addressing the root causes of violence, the bill focuses on restricting access to specific firearms. Comprehensive solutions should involve addressing mental health issues, improving law enforcement strategies, and implementing educational programs to promote responsible firearm ownership.

#### Potential Impact on Local Economy:

The prohibition on the sale or transfer of certain firearms within the state may have adverse effects on local businesses and the economy, particularly those involved in the firearms industry. This will lead to job losses and economic downturns in affected sectors. Our tax base will be diminished leading to

increase taxes and an ultimate loss of population, increase of the poor and a continued downward spiral because of the ever increasing cost to live in Hawaii.

If this government continues to ignore our individual rights by passing this Unconstitutional bill you will be in violation of your oath of office to protect and defend the United States Constitution as well as the Hawaii State Constitution. The Second Amendment of the United State Constitution is NOT a second class right but one of the pillars that must be upheld if our Republic is to endure. This bill if passed will continue to dismantle our Republic and the rule of law. You will also be violating Supreme Court of the United States decisions and interpretations regarding the Second Amendment by trying to interest balance the rights of the People away in the guise of safety. True history will take note of your part in the downfall of the Republic which will be your Legacy of SHAME.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 7:22:06 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Closing the loop hole that makes our community vulnerable to gun violence is critical. As Chris Marvin said in his OpEd: "Simply put military style assault rifles have one purpose: killing humans quickly and efficiently".

there is no place for weapons like that in our community...or any American community.

Please take action in this legislative session.

Mahalo,

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 7:24:02 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I Oppose this bill, it is our constitutional right to bare arms and ammo. We have the right to bare arms to protect ourselves and family.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 7:24:51 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196.

Thank you,

Teri K. Savaiinaea

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 7:33:27 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I very strongly oppose this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 7:36:00 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This is absolutely ridiculous. I can't think of a time when a legal firearm owner has caused harm to other people. Usually the biggest threat to legal firearm owners is suicide.

I can note that many recent shootings here in Hawaii were due to the suspect carrying an UNREGISTERED FIREARM.

Stop allowing rapists, drug addicts and criminals ways and means to attack innocent men women and children.

We should mirror states like Idaho instead of California and China. The homeless and crime in big city's in Cali are out of control.

If no free citizen has the ways and means to defend themselves, crime will only get worse. That's why states like Idaho have very very small violent and petty crimes.

Because citizens self regulate and criminals don't take the risk

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 7:49:33 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
kai nalu kelly-poznansky	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Plain and simple. THE RIGHT TO BARE ARMS SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED!

this bill is a clear violation of our United States constitution and the right of the people to defend ourselves against threats, both foreign and domestic.

please read:<https://constitution.congress.gov/browse/amendment-2/>

for a reminder of the rights and freedoms given to the people of America. Especially the part about defending ourselves against a tyrannical government...

if you want this bill to pass then all forms of government officials and law enforcement must also give up their weapons that fall within these restrain as well. You cannot have it both ways.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 7:54:36 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

This bill will not affect criminals but will limit law abiding citizens defending themselves.

Thank you,

Lyle Hiromoto

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 7:55:43 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha

I support this bill.

The released emotionally immature or mentally unstable bullets that fly through crowds and kill innocent young children, family and community member's are an epidemic in this country.

Truly, my curiosity is, is it necessary to have to testify in Support of changes like this? How does someone sleep at night voting against initiatives like this? Like war, no one wins.

Mahalo

Maki Morinoue  
Holualoa, Hawai'i  
96725

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:03:14 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:05:53 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Richard Domingo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

First, let me start off by saying that this is a disappointment and an embarrassment to witness the 50th state of The United States of America continue to undermine SCOTUS and the nations constitution the PEOPLES Rights on many occasions. Not only that, please explain to me what an “assault” anything is? Changing the name to something to make it sound much more scarier and to confuse the people is disingenuous. Be honest and let the PEOPLE read, hear, decide on their own with honest information. With that being said...

I am writing to STRONGLY OPPOSE the proposed additional gun restrictions currently under consideration with SB3196. While I acknowledge the aim of enhancing public safety, it's essential to consider the effectiveness of such measures.

Research suggests that stricter gun control laws do not necessarily correlate with reduced gun violence. For instance, places like California and Chicago, regions with stringent gun regulations did not consistently experience lower rates of firearm-related incidents. In an Office of Attorney General article it states that, “someone is killed with a gun every 3 hours.”[[www.oag.ca.gov/ogvp/data](http://www.oag.ca.gov/ogvp/data)] and in 2021, chicago seen a increase of “7.5%this year(2021) compared to 2019, according to Axios’ analysis of city data.”[[www.axios.com/local/chicago/2021/12/20/chicago-violent-crime-gun-violence-statistics-2021](http://www.axios.com/local/chicago/2021/12/20/chicago-violent-crime-gun-violence-statistics-2021)]. In 2023, according to data collected by Statists, Hawaii was ranked #2 for the lowest gun deaths per 100,000 residents [[www.statista.com/statistics/1380025/us-gun-violence-rate-by-state/](http://www.statista.com/statistics/1380025/us-gun-violence-rate-by-state/)]. This indicates two things, that the focus should shift towards addressing the root causes of violence rather than imposing additional restrictions on law-abiding gun owners and that criminals are criminals because they break the laws knowingly and willingly.

In my earlier years, D.A.R.E. played a significant role in my education. The program provided insights into First Responders, the perils of drugs, and the intricacies of drug culture. The knowledge acquired from those sessions has remained a lasting

influence throughout my life. But those programs are no more. Without the proper information for kids and the community, how are people suppose to informed about the good, the bad, the ugly?

In light of these findings, I urge you to explore alternative solutions that prioritize MENTAL HEALTH initiatives, IMPROVE LAW ENFORCEMENT STRATEGIES, and EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS on RESPONSIBLE GUN OWNERSHIP. These approaches are more likely to yield positive results without infringing on the rights of law-abiding citizens.

I appreciate your consideration of everyone's testimony whether it was written or in person and trust that you will make informed decisions that genuinely contribute to public safety while respecting our constitutional rights.

A Concerned Citizen,  
Richard D.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:12:37 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
alfred janneck	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am a long term Hawaii resident and have raised all 3 of my children on Maui. Also, a small business owner for over 23 years in Paia, Maui. Over the years I have watched as the crime has grown and prosecution of criminals has relaxed.

Being a law abiding, contributing member of society and a legal firearm owner I strongly oppose this new legislation.

Stop pushing these restrictions on the people who are following the current laws. Criminals do not follow laws ... hold these criminals accountable see the change it will have.

These restrictions have been proven proven to not work

New York City

Philadelphia

Chicago

Baltimore

San Francisco

washington DC

Are all over run with crime and violence yet have unconstitutional gun control. The overwhelming majority of testimony last week was AGAINST this new legislation yet somehow it passed to this stage ... it's time

to listen to the taxpaying law abiding citizens and stop this immediately.

tale the time to research the facts.

Represent the people

who elected you.

thank You

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**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:12:53 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I totally oppose this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:14:29 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Cliff O'Donnell	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Assault rifles and large capacity magazines are used in the deadliest mass shootings. There isn't any civilian need for them. Therefore, I support SB3196 banning them and respectfully ask for your support as well. Mahalo for your consideration.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:18:12 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

The second amendment states "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed". To infringe is defined in Samuel Johnson's 1768 dictionary titled "A Grammar of the English Tongue" as "to deftroy, to hinder". Deftroy is also used to describe actions such as to wreck, to efface, to ruin.

Therefore, SB 3196 infringes upon our right to bear arms as defined in the U.S. Constitution.

I urge our honorable members to oppose this bill in order to protect the Constitution they swore, under oath, to uphold.

I also ask that any member who votes in support of this bill would also remove themselves from office being found guilty of treason and tyranny.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:24:36 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose bill 3196 and the banning of semi-automatic firearms for two major reasons. Firstly, hunting is a major source of food for the local community. Hawaii has one of the highest cost of livings in America and a large percentage of that cost comes from food prices! The ability to provide local protein for your family and community is a keystone for the Hawaiian population, especially for those who are economically vulnerable. The assumption that a hunter doesn't need a semi-automatic weapon is based in ignorance; a large Hawaiian boar is a fast, strong, and dangerous animal capable of withstanding a single bullet! The ability to get two or three round out quickly is important because you might miss a vital organ and the boar might charge you or attempt to escape. In both instances you don't have a couple second to reload and a fast second shoot can quickly, safely, and more humanly end the life of the animal.

Secondly, Bill SB3196 should NOT be passed becasue throughout American history and throughout our states currently, the banning of firearms does not positively impact gun violence. Proper education and training combined with background checks and mental health evaluations have the most significant and measurable impact on gun violence. If you look at states with less government oversight in regards to firearms, like Montana, Texas and Florida, you see no measurable difference in gun violence when compared to states that inhibit firearms greatly, like California. The lack of correlation between gun regulation and gun violence proves that removing firearms from the public doesn't stop gun related crimes because there is always a way to obtain a firearm illegally. "The laws that forbid the carrying of arms are laws of such a nature. They disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes.... Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants; they serve rather to encourage than to prevent homicides, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed man." - Thomas Jefferson, Commonplace Book (quoting 18th century criminologist Cesare Beccaria), 1774-1776

In conclusion, Bill SB3196 should not be passed because it is our constitutional right to keep and bear arms. Also, owning a semi-automatic weapon is important for food security and in a situation where the animal is just wounded, a fast second shot is the difference between a clean death and a long, slow, painful death. Lastly, there is no evidence that proves that removing firearms actually reduce crime or gun violence and instead of banning weapons we should focus on better safety and education programs.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:34:37 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Wehi Nakano	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello, my name is Wehi Nakano, a Native Hawaiian residing on Kaua'i and **I strongly oppose this bill.**

I think we should focus on how to keep this guns our of criminals hands. If I drive drunk and cause an accident, authority wont blame my vehicle, they'd blame my actions. Same goes with gun violence. Focus on stopping criminals from obtaining these firearms. We need the State of Hawaii to be more harsh on criminal punishment, because right now criminals are let go with a slap on the wrist.

This bill is focused on the wrong group of tax paying american citizens. It is our American right to bear arms. Any hindering of that right is unconstitutional, which is why again I **strongly oppose this bill.**

Sincerely,  
Wehi Nakano

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:34:38 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This bill is completely tyrannical and completely against the constitution as well as my rights. The corrupt politicians that introduced this bill should be tried for treason as as they are willingly violating their oath to office. There is already a supreme court ruling that this bill goes directly against. Why are they breaking the law willingly? Corrupt hawaii politicians good for nothing.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:38:49 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Strongly oppose SB3196

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Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:44:31 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I appose this bill as this is another attempt to remove the right to bare arms! Another power grab and completely unconstitutional!

The criminals don't buy legal guns which is the main reason this bill is an assault on the free americans who have the right to protect themselves! Stop this insanity! No on SB3196!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:46:38 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB 3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:53:37 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose Senate bill: SB3196 that wants to limit our rights to bear arms by targeting specific firearms. This bill will do nothing to reduce crime and "gun violence". Enforce the the laws currently on the books and quit going after legal and lawful gun owners.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:53:46 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Please do not take this bill any farther. This bill is unconstitutional and violates the second amendment. Fall the constitution and please do not try to insert any form of aloha or aloha spirit as an excuse to disarm the American citizens of Hawaii.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:00:29 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Shari saiki Rodrigues	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill, it is unconstitutional.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:04:36 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This bill is infringing our 2nd ammendment right.

Its against our constitution.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:05:53 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mericia Palma Elmore	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hawaii is the only state in the nation with an assault weapons ban that FAILS to ban assault rifles and large capacity magazines for those weapons.

SB 3196 will finally close gaping holes in Hawaii's Assault Weapons Ban.

Assault weapons are modeled on military weapons, capable of inflicting the greatest harm on the greatest number of people in the least time. Hawaii does not need assault rifles and large capacity magazines.

The NRA and local gun clubs are vocal, but they are a small minority and do not reflect the great majority in our community on this issue.

Our nation already has more mass shootings than there are days in the year. Please help keep Hawaii safe from this senseless violence.

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

SB3196  
23 February 2024  
3:00 pm @ State Capitol Conference Room #016

## **IN OPPOSITION**

I am testifying in Opposition to SB3196.

I have resided in New York City for 43 years which has the strictest gun laws in the country and can absolutely attest that they have zero impact on gun violence. Chicago can also be used as another case study to further prove my point with strict gun laws not affecting gun violence at all.

Criminals have proven time and time again that they do not obey the law, will acquire and utilize firearms illegally without any regards to public safety. Why not go after them with zero tolerance penalties that would deter them since they are the root cause of crimes committed with firearms?

SB3196 only punishes law abiding citizens who lawfully acquire firearms and have committed no wrongdoing with senseless restrictions on a perfectly normal recreational activity or sport. It also strips whatever little chance that we have at defending ourselves in the event that we or our loved ones are attacked by criminals.

Respectfully,

Alvin Lee

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:13:35 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am writing this in firm opposition to this bill. It is too much overreach. The greater majority of your constituents are against this. I am a 23 year resident of Maui. I have raised 3 children and I firmly believe in the rights of the legal gun owners.

laura janneck

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:14:44 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. It's a slippery slope at unarming your citizens. Guns in the hands of honest citizens save lives and property and yes,gun control laws adversely affect ONLY the law abiding citizens. With guns we are 'citizens' without them we are 'subjects'

Let history tell you the consequences of disarming your citizens. For example: in 1938 Germany established gun control. From 1939-1945 a total of 13 million Jews and others who were unable to defend themselves were rounded up and exterminated. Same things happened in China, Cambodia, Uganda etc

Please do not pass these Unconstitutional bills!

I oppose strongly

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:17:42 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill, please protect our 2nd amendment rights!!!!!!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:20:59 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This bill is founded on a completely flawed premise and should therefore be rejected outright. The flawed premise is this: the belief that weapons kill people. The same weapon can be used by law enforcement, our military, or a good person to defend and save lives. Guns don't kill people, people kill people.

Moreover, this bill is a violation of our 2nd Amendment right to bear arms to protect the populace against tyranny. It is, therefore, not only unlawful to pass this bill, it is a violation of a founding principle on which our country was founded. We must never assume that our rulers will be good or wise. Is there a hidden agenda of the Left to disarm the public? I guarantee that I am not alone in this suspicion. Your attempt to pass a bill like this under the ruse of "public safety" is a classic Machiavellian ploy that will not age well. Once you leave office, you cannot guarantee that your successors will be good or wise. How do you plan to protect yourselves? So you may have a handgun or a knife while your tyrannical oppressors have superior weaponry?

In the immortal words of Dave Chappelle, "The first amendment is first for a reason. The second is just in case the first doesn't work out."

For these reasons I am vehemently opposed to this bill and pray that it goes down in flames, for all our sakes, including yours one day.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:27:16 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Testimony in opposition of SB3196

Your committee report indicates support for this measure from over one hundred individuals, and over one thousand eight hundred individuals-yet this still passed?

This bill will do nothing to increase safety and is intended to strip away rights. If it isn't the intent, then why the exception for military and law enforcement? The stripping of rights start with firearms-so that it'll be easier to strip away the rest. Where will this end? You say that the state has some of the strongest "gun safety" laws in the nation, yet we still see violent crimes occurring in the state with firearms. How many of those arrested for these violent crimes took a firearm safety course, paid for background check, waited at least 14 days, registered their firearm, or was issued a concealed carry permit? When will it occur to anyone that the root crime is behavior-human behavior? Where are the hard numbers to support that it is the law abiding gun owner who is responsible for these violent crimes?

There should be the same amount of enthusiasm to curb drunk driving-there's a push in the media about driving without a license with the Yara case. Change the reference of firearms to vehicles or alcohol and introduce bills to prohibit assault vehicles and assault alcohol. Ban vehicles with one or more prohibited features, conduct a background check and wait fourteen days to buy a vehicle or alcohol; limit gas tanks to 10 gallons and alcohol to 10 mL-it's all about increasing public safety.

The US Supreme Court has ruled that police agencies have no obligation or duty to protect. When seconds count, the police are only minutes away-at the very least. What stops a bad guy with a gun? A good guy with a gun-and there are more good guys in our community than just the police.

For these reasons-and much more-I am in strong opposition of this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:31:21 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Stop taking away our constitutional rights to protect our families. I most definitely oppose this ridiculous bill!!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:31:30 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Chris King	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, as a decendant of Jews who were imprisoned and tortured during the holocaust, I vehemently oppose any attempt by any government to try to disarm its citizens. Our founding fathers knew that tyrants would someday try to disarm us and this had the 2nd amendment. It's very clear. Shall. Not. Infringe. Period. Stop wasting your time and our money on such hubris filled nonsense. We will begin the affidavit process very soon if you continue to attempt to erode our God given rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:33:19 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

SB3196 has no concrete evidence to logically justify and validate its passage: firearms used in mass shootings and extending it to similar firearms i.e.semi-auto shotguns and pistols, lends itself to infringing upon the US Constitution.

there are no distinct support to further the logical reasoning: those firearms used in those shooting,..were they legally obtained? If so, than the user or person should be tried as the criminal not the weapon...

where is the real reason and logic to passage of SB3196?

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:39:15 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Chandler Rowe III	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Not Pono

Written Testimony of: Kevin Kondo ([kkondoesq@yahoo.com](mailto:kkondoesq@yahoo.com))

In Opposition to: Senate Bill 3196

Date of Hearing: February 23, 2024

#### WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

The purported purpose of Senate Bill 3196 is to “protect the safety and well-being of its citizens.” This is despite the fact that Hawaii has the third lowest firearm related death rate, per capita, in America, and has recently received an “A-” in preventing gun violence. What legitimate purpose, then, would this Bill serve? Perhaps perfection? Then I oppose.

SB 3196 is entirely unnecessary in the State of Hawaii because it serves no practical or legal legislative objective. SB 3196 does not just attempt to regulate the rights of the people to defend themselves; it oversteps the bounds of government by completely obliterating that right and criminalizing the purchase and sale of over 290 “arms” and the possession and use of parts integral to the responsible and ethical use and function of a firearm.

This bandwagon will ultimately come to stop at the steps of the United States Supreme Court because SB 3196 is so patently vague and ambiguous in many of its essential parts, and is entirely without any legal precedence. This Bill would either be left unenforced by law enforcement or, after proper judicial review, rendered unenforceable from a practical standpoint. This is mainly because the sponsors of SB 3196 did nothing to understand the problem they are hoping to solve. Instead, they simply chose to cut and paste incomplete parts from the State of Illinois 2023 Protect Illinois Communities Act (PICA), without regard to the context there or reality.

Significantly, SB 3196 is devoid of any provision amounting to a “grandfather clause” for any of the contraband items it purports to make illegal after the effective date. SB 3196 also lacks the surety and constitutional safeguards to properly carry out what amounts to both illegal taking by the State (as prohibited by the Fifth Amendment), and an unconstitutional infringement of a law abiding Citizens’ Second Amendment rights the keep and bear arms.

On June 23, 2022, the United States Supreme Court issued its opinion in *N.Y. State Rifle & Pistol Ass’n, Inc. v. Bruen*, 142 S. Ct. 2111 (2022). Amongst other things, the Bruen Court reaffirmed that “the right to ‘bear arms’ refers to the right to ‘wear, bear, or carry . . . upon the person or in the clothing or pocket, for the purpose . . . of being armed and ready for offensive or defensive actions in case of conflict with another person.’” 152 S. Ct. at 2134 (quoting *D.C. v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570, 584 (2008)).

Furthermore, the right to maintain proficiency in firearm use is an important corollary to the meaningful exercise of the core right to possess firearms for self defense. After all, the core right would not mean much without the training and practice that make it effective. Undoubtedly, training, practice, and proficiency for effective practice of Second Amendment rights refers to the ability of Citizens to accurately shoot and hit their intended target in case of confrontation.

To this very simple end, a pistol grip or thumbhole stock on a carbine or rifle necessarily improve accuracy and reduce the risk of errant as much as hand guards and foregrips decrease the risk of losing control of a firearm. Likewise, flash suppressors prevent users from being blinded in low lighting conditions, muzzle brakes and compensators reduce the felt recoil impulse and muzzle movement, making the firearm less painful and easier to control.

Proponents of this Bill no doubt admit that these items provide for probable accuracy, increased safety, and enhanced comfort, since those are the very same the reasons cited for banning such items in the first place. Nevertheless, the defensive nature of these attachments are so plainly obvious they amount to a basis for the Court to take judicial notice not their utility as a public safety benefit by preventing errant shots, accidental discharges, and burns from firearm use.

Furthermore, because the “meaningful exercise” of the right to armed self-defense is wholly dependent upon the ability of citizens to properly utilize their arms and hit their intended target, items that aid in accuracy are considered “arms” and are presumptively afforded protection under the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

Finally, the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution extends, *prima facie*, to all instruments that constitute bearable arms, even those that were not in existence at the time of the founding.” *Heller*, 554 U.S. at 582. *Bruen* clearly holds that the Second Amendment protects “possession and use” of weapons “in common use” not just weapons in common use for “self-defense.” Therefore, even if there was a requirement that the “common use” of an “arm” be that of self-defense, AR-15 style rifles would meet such a test considering that 34.6% of owners utilize these rifles for self-defense outside of their home and 61.9% utilize them for self-defense at home.

AR-15 style rifles are simply the most ubiquitous and popular long arms produced “account[ing] for nearly half of the rifles produced in 2018 and nearly 20% of all firearms of any type sold in 2020 and traditionally have been widely accepted by all courts as lawful possessions. The more than 24 million AR-15 style rifles currently owned nationwide dwarfs the 200,000 stun guns which the Supreme Court found sufficient to meet the “common use” test. See *Caetano v. Massachusetts*, 577 U.S. 411, 420 (2016) (*per curiam*) (Alito, J., concurring). Therefore, even under the *Caetano* test, even 1% of the 24 million AR-15 style rifles held by citizens is sufficient to result in a finding that such arms are in common use.

Furthermore, considering the commonality of ammunition magazines proposed to be banned by this Bill, which the U.S. Supreme Court has specifically found to be “arms” for purposes of the Second Amendment, the analysis becomes even more obvious.

There are “about 39 million individuals” who have owned magazines that hold over 10 rounds (up to 542 million such magazines in total). Thirty-nine million individuals is over 39 times the population of Hawaii, the tenth least populous state. Yet, as proposed under SB 3196, as of July 1, 2024, the mere possession of one of these magazines in the state of Hawaii would be criminalized, and the insertion of one into a firearm would be conduct amounting to a Class C Felony.

Fear and ineptitude are simply not enough to explain the reasons for SB 3196. There is absolutely no evidence that this Bill, as proposed, will actually help Hawaii communities, or serve a purpose beyond the headlines, given our distinctively non-violent track record as a State. To the contrary, if passed into law, SB 3196 will eventually garner the full and unfettered Supreme Court scrutiny and analysis becoming of an overzealous, overstepping, State government - all packed neatly against the backdrop of the Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States. This legislative body should be very careful what it wishes to accomplish in that context.

Law abiding gun owners are simply tired of being blamed for every madman (or madwoman), every criminal and every other depraved act that millions of gun owners did not commit with the hundreds of millions of guns sold they own and possess as their lawful personal property.

We are in way attempting to minimize the damage caused when a firearm is used for an unlawful purpose; however this Legislature must be mindful of the rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution. It simply does not appear that the drafters of SB 3196 considered an individual's rights under the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, nor the U.S. Supreme Court precedent directly on point concerning the fundamental rights implicated by this Bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:54:46 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am against this.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:56:38 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jim Elder	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**Self defense is a primary human right.** Each has the right to keep and protect their own life and the lives of their loved ones. This is perhaps the most ancient of all human rights, preceding language and civilization. Our civilization, regardless of our modern advances, hasn't fundamentally changed human nature and our need to protect ourselves from those criminal and violent elements in our society.

Our State Constitution and National Constitution does not allow the government to prohibit law-abiding, responsible citizens from protecting themselves, their families, and their homes with semiautomatic firearms or ammunition magazines that are in common use for lawful purposes. The right to bear arms is a fundamental human right that ensures individuals can defend themselves and their families. Gun ownership is a cornerstone of personal liberty and must be protected.

As was most recently affirmed in :

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA V. HELLER, 554 U.S. 570**

**NEW YORK STATE RIFLE & PISTOL ASSOCIATION, INC., ET AL. v. BRUEN, SUPERINTENDENT OF NEW YORK STATE POLICE, ET AL.**

This legislature suggests that there is neither a need, or justifiable purpose, for ordinary law-abiding citizens to own semi-automatic rifles or ammunition magazines. This is fundamentally ridiculous. Our newspapers are filled with headlines of violent crimes, murders, and attacks. Waiting for Police to respond hasn't prevented victims from dying, yet armed citizens, do indeed, defend their own lives everyday in Hawai'i and across the Country.

Our State Constitution and National Constitution enshrine the people as the ultimate source of power, not the representatives of the people. That constitutions exist is proof enough that legislatures were never entrusted to be the sole arbiter of individual freedoms.

**Hawai'i State Constitution**

**Article 1**

**Section 2.** All persons are free by nature and are equal in their inherent and inalienable rights. **Among these rights are the enjoyment of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and the acquiring and possessing of property.** These rights cannot endure unless the people recognize their corresponding obligations and responsibilities. [Am Const Con 1978 and election Nov 7, 1978]

**Section 17.** 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. [Ren Const Con 1978 and election Nov 7, 1978]

In fact, there was a provision that was rejected for the Hawai'i constitution that "Declares right of the people to keep and bear arms for common defense and that the military shall be subordinate to civil authority." and so they abandoned a declared collective right in favor of the stated individual right that mirrors the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution. Also worth noting is the the individual right of the Constitution enshrined for "the people" in the Second Amendment is the same "people" proclaimed in the First Amendment, and the Fourth Amendment.

So fundamental is the right to keep and bear arms in defense of life, that most state constitutions also enshrined that right for their people.

#### ~Other State Constitutions~

**Pennsylvania - 1776** - That **the people have a right to bear arms for the defence of themselves and the state**; and as standing armies in the time of peace are dangerous to liberty, they ought not to be kept up

**Vermont - 1786** - That **the people have a right to bear arms for the defence of themselves and the State**

Kentucky - 1792 - That **the right of the citizens to bear arms in defense of themselves and the State shall not be questioned.**

**Ohio - 1802** - That **the people have a right to bear arms for the defence of themselves and the State**; and as standing armies, in time of peace, are dangerous to liberty, they shall not be kept up, and that the military shall be kept under strict subordination to the civil power.

**Indiana - 1816** - That **the people have a right to bear arms for the defense of themselves and the State**, and that the military shall be kept in strict subordination to the civil power.

**Mississippi - 1817** - Every citizen has a right to bear arms, in defence of himself and the State.

**Missouri - 1820** - .. that **their right to bear arms in defence of themselves and of the State cannot be questioned.**

**Connecticut - 1818** - Every citizen has a right to bear arms in defense of himself and the state.

**Alabama - 1819** - That every citizen has a right to bear arms in defense of himself and the state.

**Michigan - 1835** - Every person has a right to bear arms for the defence of himself and the State.

**Texas - 1836** - Every citizen shall have the right to bear arms in defence of himself and the republic.

**Oregon - 1857** - The people shall have the right to bear arms for the defence of themselves, and the State, but the Military shall be kept in strict subordination to the civil power.

**Kansas -1859** - The people have the right to bear arms for their defense and security; but standing armies, in time of peace, are dangerous to liberty, and shall not be tolerated, and the military shall be in strict subordination to the civil power.

**Florida - 1868** - The people shall have the right to bear arms in defence of themselves and of the lawful authority of the State.

**Colorado - 1876** - The right of no person to keep and bear arms in defense of his home, person and property, or in aid of the civil power when thereto legally summoned, shall be called in question; but nothing herein contained shall be construed to justify the practice of carrying concealed weapons.

**Idaho - 1889** - The people have the right to bear arms for their security and defense; but the Legislature shall regulate the exercise of this right by law.

**Montana - 1889** - The right of any person to keep or bear arms in defense of his own home, person, and property, or in aid of the civil power when thereto legally summoned, shall not be called in question, but nothing herein contained shall be held to permit the carrying of concealed weapons.

**South Dakota - 1889** - The right of the citizens to bear arms in defense of themselves and the state shall not be denied.

**Washington - 1889** - The right of the individual citizen to bear arms in defense of himself, or the state, shall not be impaired,

**Wyoming - 1889** - The right of citizens to bear arms in defense of themselves and of the state shall not be denied.

**Utah - 1896 - The people have the right to bear arms for their security and defense, but the legislature may regulate the exercise of this right by law.**

**Oklahoma - 1907 - The right of a citizen to keep and bear arms in defense of his home, person, or property, or in aid of the civil power, when thereunto legally summoned, shall never be prohibited; but nothing herein contained shall prevent the Legislature from regulating the carrying of weapons.**

**Arizona - 1912 - The right of the individual citizen to bear arms in defense of himself or the State shall not be impaired, but nothing in this section shall be construed as authorizing individuals or corporations to organize, maintain, or employ an armed body of men.**

**New Mexico - 1912 - The people have the right to bear arms for their security and defense, but nothing herein shall be held to permit the carrying of concealed weapons.**

**Nevada - 1982 - Every citizen has the right to keep and bear arms for security and defense, for lawful hunting and recreational use and for other lawful purposes.**

**New Hampshire - 1982 - All persons have the right to keep and bear arms in defense of themselves, their families, their property and the state.**

**North Dakota - 1984 - .. to keep and bear arms for the defense of their person, family, property, and the state, and for lawful hunting, recreational, and other lawful purposes, which shall not be infringed.**

**West Virginia - 1986 - A person has the right to keep and bear arms for the defense of self, family, home and state, and for lawful hunting and recreational use.**

**Delaware - 1987 - A person has the right to keep and bear arms for the defense of self, family, home and State, and for hunting and recreational use.**

**Nebraska - 1998 - .. and the right to keep and bear arms for security or defense of self, family, home, and others, and for lawful common defense, hunting, recreational use, and all other lawful purposes**

**Wisconsin - 1998 - The people have the right to keep and bear arms for security, defense, hunting, recreation or any other lawful purpose.**

In 1857 the United States Supreme Court issued the reprehensible Dred Scott decision. Supreme Court Chief Justice Roger B. Taney ruled that African Americans were not and could not be citizens. Part of his reasoning included that full citizenship "...would give them the full liberty of speech in public and in private upon all subjects upon which its own citizens might speak; to hold public meetings upon political affairs, and **to keep and carry arms wherever they went.** His obstant opinion is notable because it (rightly) assumes an right of an individual citizen to keep and carry arms as they so desire, stated so as a matter of fact that this right is equal to our other enumerated rights.

The reason so few Supreme Court decisions on the Second Amendment exist prior to the 20th century is precisely because it was so universally accepted as an individual human right.

Hawai'i is not the place it was 20 or 30 years ago. Even if there was no right to bear arms, and it could simply be regulated by 'need' as determined by this legislature, that need could not be causally dismissed by the history of our state. Undeniably, there has been a substantial increase in random and violent crimes, and the use of firearms and knives in the perpetration of criminal acts. In most cases weapons whose possession (and use) violate current laws. Simply put, criminals who disregard the current laws will disregard this one as well. If you disarm law abiding citizens you only protect and embolden violent criminals.

Arguments have been made that Hawaii has a special culture that would one damaged by an armed citizenry. There is no evidence for this. We've had an armed citizenry for over 100 years.

Distinctly, there are those who ignore the law and those who follow it. Demanding entire classes of weapons owned by a large population of the islands to become illegal is nothing but the slow repression of our freedom.

Self defense is already perilous in the State of Hawai'i. We already have an obligation to retreat, even in our homes. If our lives are put at risk, we are obligated by law to turn our backs to our attackers and run. Only when escape is impossible may we defend ourselves. Now this legislature, is pursuing an ideology of delay, deny, exclude, and divide to slowly eliminate that right to defend ourselves in even those last moments where self defense is the last option.

There is a element in this legislature that continually searches among kindred spirits in the most punitive and restrictive minority of States and finds no bad idea they wouldn't also like to try.

Hawai'i is destined to lose lawsuit after lawsuit. Bad law, lawsuit, appeal, reversal, followed by a similarly bad law, always at the real cost of it's law abiding and most productive citizens, is no way to govern.

As we saw with:

**Young v. State of Hawaii**

**Yukutake v. Shikada**

**Yukutake v. Connors**

It seems that actually addressing crime is the furthest from this legislatures desire or purpose. The classification 'Assault Rifles" is ridiculous branding and a false attempt to divide arms into meaningless categories then outlaw them one at a time, as cannot be done in a single stroke. The determination that a magazine capacity law will make our society safer is without merit. The cases we've seen on the Mainland (which are the small minority of gun crimes, gang activity being the largest cause of fatalities by far) all demonstrate a determined shooter seeks to commit crimes in areas where law-abiding citizens are restricted from carrying guns. They

usually carry multiple weapons, multiple magazines which this law will not affect. Once again, those intent on breaking the law and causing harm to others simply ignore these laws. You also can't argue that changing magazines gives time to stop a mass shooter, yet it's also not a burden to someone defending themselves.

Responsible and law-abiding citizens will speak here and now because we are not the problem. Yet once again, our freedoms are diminished by a government intent on repressing it's mostly peaceful population ostensibly to regulate the lawless violent few.

America has been made a better country by the expansion of rights, not by their reduction.

There is no nobility without humility.

There is no judiciousness in governing to repress.

There is no freedom without individual choice.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:01:01 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Stop infringing on my unalienable rights! Criminals don't obey laws, you're only hindering law abiding citizens. Absolutely useless to making society "safer". We, as your constituents, do not want this. You're job is to echo OUR voices. Not to push your own useless agenda infringing MY rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:05:07 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196. This bill is a direct infringement on my 2nd amendment rights. It will not prevent criminals from getting their hands on firearm's. It makes it impossible for law abiding citizens to defend themselves. Please invest your efforts and resources into something more meaningful such as the housing and homeless situation that is in dire need of you attention. Mahalo

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:12:55 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Restricting most long guns and their components make no sense when you consider the fact that most crimes are done with a handgun. It's like forcefully neutering your neighbors dog because you seen a news on TV about a stray attacking a child. It makes no sense.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:17:28 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill due to the infringement of our constitutional rights. Lawmakers come for our second amendment rights who's to say you won't come for our other rights .

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:18:18 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I Yvonne Alvarado Oppose to Bill SB3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:19:07 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

We the People should not need to remind public servants of inalienable rights protected by the constitution. "The right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:19:45 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Senate Judiciary Committee Members. My name is Carla Allison and I live in Honolulu. I'm writing in strong support of SB3196 and ask that you support this bill to make a Hawaii safer place to live, work and play.

Assault weapons are modeled on military weapons, capable of inflicting the greatest harm on the greatest number of people in the least time. Contrary to gun enthusiasts, the people of Hawaii do not need assault rifles and large capacity magazines to enjoy the freedoms our country and state leaders work to ensure.

Please do not fall into believing that a large group of pro-gun rights testifiers represent the majority of voters in our community....they do not.

Please take the proactive step of increasing the safety of our Hawaii residents and guests. by supporting SB3196.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:20:13 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196. This proposed bill does nothing for public safety and will turn law abiding citizens and firearms owners into felons overnight and will just lead to costly lawsuits.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:21:30 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

To whom it may concern, please dont ban assault weapons. Shall not be infringed. What part of our constitution do you not understand. I use my AR15 for target shooting and most of all hunting. Yes you can hunt on Lanai with an AR15 or any other semiautomatic. There easier to carry, lighter and easier for kids and women that hunt. I understand that you dont understand but i also dont understand why new laws need to be implemented. Why dont you enforce laws that are already on the books. You're soft on crime and criminal ls is the problem but yet you blame me and every other law abiding citizen in the state of hawaii. I bet none of you thats pushing this has ever been to Koko Head gun range. There is no justification to ban you're so call assault weapons because my AR15 has never assaulted anything or anyone. By passing this law on assault weapons and large magazine's, all you did was make legal gun owners criminals. Please think about what you're doing. Listen to the people not you're opinion. Just cause you dont like dosen't mean its bad. So please dont pass this major government and state overreach. I got alot to say but for now please to pass this into law.

Thank you, Andrew Uyeda

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:21:37 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

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**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:27:19 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This is not Right, I strongly oppose you taking away our Rights!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:37:43 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill and any other bill that infringe on our second amendment rights!!!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:37:52 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE SB3196!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:39:18 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE SB3196!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:40:22 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This bill is unconstitutional per the 2nd Ammendment of the U.S. Constitution.

Aloha judiciary members voting on this bill,

My name is Joshua Dukes and I am a resident of Hawaii and live in Ha'iku Maui.

I am in strong opposition to this bill. I want start by quoting our Declaration of Independence.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

Again I do not consent to this bill. One, we have the right to Life, to protect and preserve life of our loved ones and ourselves. With the rampant crime and violence out of control in this state by criminals, who don't listen to your laws anyway, we as law abiding citizens deserve the right to protect our families. The weapons of choice for the protection of all of you politicians by US marshals, sheriffs, military and police are semi automatic weapons with higher round magazine capacity. If that is the best choice to protect you, then it is the best choice to protect my loved ones. If we have to protect ourselves with non fire arms then that's what the politicians should havet to protect themselves.

Secondly, our second Ammendment of the Constitution states "the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed." This is our right and you derive your power to govern by our consent. Again we the people do not consent to your violation of our rights. Article VI of the Constitution states" This Constitution, and the Laws of the United States which shall be made in pursuence thereof; .....shall be the supreme Law of the Land; and the Judges in every State (includng Hawaii) shall be bound therby, anyting in the Constitution or Laws of any State to the Contrary notwithstanding."

My third objection is this, this SB 3196 only hurts law abiding citizens. Criminals won't listen to it. A firearm is no more deadly than a blunt object in the hands of a law abiding citizen. Guns dont kill people, people kill people. Likewise a hammer doesn't kill people, but a murderer with a hammer does. There are already laws on the books that make poeple safe. The problem here is the justice system does not enforce them. You as representatives of the community should be putting pressure on Judges to lock up violent criminals. You should pass laws making sure violent criminals don't get released on bail to go repeat offend. You should be fighting to protect citizens who go through all the background checks and laws to have the ability to protect their lives and the lives of their loved ones. There are countless stories of small, even elderly women being able to stop aggressive, strong, large, violent criminals with the guns this bill would ban. If you truly care about women, children and vunerable peope in this community, don't try and take away their God given rights to protect themselves.

Fourth, Have you given any thought to the danger this will impose on the men and women of law enforcement who will have to risk their lives trying to regulate an unjust and unconstitutional law? That could put them in danger. I support the men and women of law enforcement. I don't believe they should be required to go into harms way to strip people of their rights that you are

demanding. If this bill passes, those who vote for it should be required to confiscate the fire arms, not law enforcement.

5th, here in Maui county we have a huge invasive species problem with wild ungulates. Currently the deer population is estimated around over 70,000 on Maui. I work with many ranchers, farmers and property owners doing wildlife mitigation. The use of semiautomatic rifles is key to being successful in this environmental issue. With the use of semiautomatic firearms, we can and are making a difference in the invasive species numbers. Without larger magazines and semiautomatic rifles this effort will be severely hindered. The damage these animals cause is in the millions to the county and property owners. There is also a danger associated with the over population of them as well. As a former first responder in Maui, i went to many car accidents over my career involving these animals. In fact many more in the last few years. Taking away these guns is a disservice and a danger to our community.

6th the economic impact would be detrimental to local businesses owners and entrepreneurs, many who are hardworking people supporting not just their ohana, but keiki sports teams and community events. This bill would literally put businesses like Handley's gun store in Kihei out of business. The economic impact would be devastating. And again I must reiterate, this bill would only be hurting the law abiding citizens of Hawaii. The criminals don't listen to the SB bills or laws anyway.

I want to finish with a quote from Thomas Jefferson "We in America do not have a government by the majority -- we have government by the majority who participate.... All tyranny needs to gain a foothold is for people of good conscience to remain silent." Remember you represent us. Listen to the testimonies submitted by your constituents and vote accordingly. Please listen to the will of the people. I do not agree to this bill and I oppose it.

Mahalo for your time.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:48:06 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Denise Cantrell Winkler	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it does not align with nor protect our US Constitution's 2nd ammendment right for people to keep and bear arms thus opening our state and it's people to litigation.

Instead, please focus on creating clearly written laws that strengthen the conssequences and rehabilitation of illegal carriers and violent criminals. Continue to fund firearms education and the Becoming an Outdoor Woman's program that improves firearms education. Firearm education is the best solution and it protects our children.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:53:52 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
alexis-nova posiulai	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose to bill SB3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:02:15 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kobe-Reese Leong	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Oppose SB3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:14:39 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha

Regarding SB3196 which I Oppose infringes on my 2nd amendment right as a law abiding citizen. If these gun laws are passed then truly the criminals will be happy. It seems like these bills are targeting law abiding citizens and not the criminals who are the ones breaking the laws. When someone is killed by a drunk driver no laws are created to ban any alcohol or motor vehicles the driver is held responsible so why isn't it the same here. Laws should be specific to the criminals. Hawaii already has one of the strictest gun laws and if there are crimes committed with a firearm in Hawaii they are not with a firearm that are owned by a law abiding citizen.

Thank you

N. Dumo

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:19:28 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Dear Sir/Ma'am,

Please respect my 2nd amendment rights. I have enjoyed target shooting for over thirty years and have always been a responsible firearms owner. This Bill would prohibit me from passing down my firearms to my daughter and possible grandchildren.

Please focus on the real criminals committing crimes, not the law-abiding citizens that enjoy the shooting sports. I am a good citizen...please treat me as such.

Thank you for your service to the State of Hawaii.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:19:41 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha, Judiciary Committee members,

I oppose this bill - it infringes on our Hawaii Constitutional right to keep and bear arms.

The cosmetic features called out have no relation to the 'power' of the weapon.

Mass murder is horrific, yes, but compared to the number of horrors prevented by the fact of an armed citizenry is much larger. Mexico outlaws guns for civilians - the cartels are better armed than the military. Outlaw weapons and only the outlaws have them, and our police forces and, especially, prosecutors' discretionary choices, are not very effective against outlaws.

Banning things, as in fireworks and chickenfighting, creates an ungovernable underground.

I urge you to vote no on this bill.

Mahalo,

Boyd Ready

Haleiwa

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:20:50 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

This bill proposes to ban guns involved in less than 1% of crimes involving guns.

The Hawaii Supreme Court quoted a television show to support gun restrictions so I'll do the same to oppose this bill.

“Sometimes when I try to understand a person's motives, I play a little game. I assume the worst. What's the worst reason they could possibly have for saying what they say and doing what they do? Then I ask myself, 'How well does that reason explain what they say and what they do?’”

So what is the worst reason this bill was proposed.

To embolden and support criminals and undermine law abiding citizens.

This bill is a waste of our tax payer monies going through the court system because it will eventually be struck down in court.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:21:41 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
D. H. Kondo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose as this bill violates my 2nd Ammendment rights.

It also directly affects the income of persons operating legal businesses by restriction the merchandise they are able to sell.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:24:37 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Isabella Zingray	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I respectfully submit testimony **in support of SB3196.**

Perpetrators of domestic violence with access to guns use the threat of gun violence to inflict emotional abuse on their partners or escalate to homicide. The presence of a firearm in domestic violence situations increases the risk of homicide for women by 500%. Additionally, more than half of women killed by gun violence are killed by family members or intimate partners (1). And the trend is worsening: in the ten-year period between 2008 and 2017, intimate partner homicides of women involving guns increased by 15 percent (2). The 2024 New Year’s Day island-wide police chase on O’ahu started with the shooting of an intimate partner who had access to an AR-15 rifle (3).

Hawai‘i has long prohibited one category of assault weapons--prohibiting the possession, transfer, and manufacture of assault pistols in the state. Assault pistols are defined under Hawai‘i law similarly to those defined in other states that prohibit them as semiautomatic handguns with two or more listed military features. However, Hawai‘i has not prohibited assault weapons that are rifles, and shotguns--including the AR-15 and other semiautomatic rifles that are frequently used in mass shootings and other gun crimes.

Assault weapons like AR-15 rifles fire high-velocity ammunition that inflicts greater damage to the human body than a round from a typical handgun. And semiautomatic rifles like the AR-15 are capable of firing rounds much faster than manually operated rifles, allowing shooters to fire a large number of powerful rounds over a short period of time. SB3196 would close this dangerous gap in Hawai‘i law, prohibiting assault rifles and shotguns with one or more military features that are capable of firing a high number of rounds in a short period of time.

[Research shows that prohibiting assault weapons can prevent mass shooting fatalities and active shooter events](#) (4). [The nine other states that regulate assault weapons include rifles and shotguns with military features in their prohibitions](#) (5). Hawai‘i, a state with some of the strongest gun laws in the country, should address this obvious deficiency in its gun laws and prohibit all assault weapons.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important matter.

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(3) <https://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/2024/01/03/police-suspect-islandwide-manhunt-was-armed-with-unregistered-ar-15/>

(4) <https://everytownresearch.org/report/assault-weapons-and-high-capacity-magazines/>

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:26:14 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill and would like to be able to defend myself and my children in public and at home using a firearm. Please oppose this bill as it is an attack on our constitutional right to bear arms.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:26:53 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose bill SB3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:32:37 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Dear all elected officials of Hawaii by We the People,

I oppose SB3196 due to it's unconstitutional nature that has no legal standing to become law in Hawaii, which is still bound by the U.S. Constitution. The Good Lord granted all of mankind certain inalienable rights that no man can nullify: Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; as opposed to death, tyranny, and the imposition of communism.

Do God's will and not the will of men.

Mahalo and God bless you all,

Dennis Nishihara

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:35:39 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andrew Babin	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**SB3196 is a travesty to the United States Constitution and a clear violation of the Second Amendment. As a Law Enforcement Officer I strongly OPPOSE this bill. With the recent ruling in New York v. Bruen case decision, this bill will grossly waste Hawaii tax payers dollars as it will inevitably be fought in the highest of courts where it will eventually be defeated. This bill only hurts law abiding citizens as it limits how one can defend their family, while criminals will not follow the law anyway. If the state of Hawaii can't keep illegal fireworks out of the state, how can we reasonably expect that it will do the same with firearms that you deem "Illegal." This bill will turn thousands of law abiding citizens into criminals the moment it passes. The use of the term "assault" in this bill is laughable. If one were to take a golf club or any other object and hit another individual with it it would be an assault. The term assault is not an adjective. You all swore an oath to defend the constitution, now do your job.**

**SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED.**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:35:52 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This should not pass this is crazy. Guns make me feel safe makes me know my family is safe. Without guns my house will be ruined I would be scared to live. You guys should really think of this and not pass this

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:45:09 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB 3196.

This bill would not stop a criminal from breaking the law. It would take away the most effective tools for law abiding citizens to protect themselves.

Morality cannot be legislated. Before making another law, prosecute and sentence criminals to the full extent of existing laws.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:46:32 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am opposed to SB3196 as it will not only infringe on our constitutional rights which all of our elected officials have taken an oath to uphold, but only affect law abiding gun owners.

Criminals don't follow gun laws and will obtain these types of firearms (or worse) just the same as the obtain illegal fireworks and drugs brought into Hawaii, therefore leaving LEGAL law abiding firearm owners at a disadvantage if they would ever need to protect themselves or loved ones from anyone or Anything looking to harm them.

Lastly, your term "assault" weapon lacks. The definition as a "assault weapon " is a select fire firearm capable of both fully automatic and semiautomatic firing, which modern sporting rifles like the AR-15 or AR-10 are not, and fully automatic rifles are highly regulated by the federal government and already illegal in Hawaii along with any tax stamped class 3 firearm products. Our founding fathers thought our right to bear arms important enough that it was only second to our first amendment freedoms. They had just fought a war and won their freedom from those who could be called a tyrannical government and wanted the power of the people to always be protected and for them to be able to protect themselves from all enemies foreign and domestic.  
Oppose SB3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:50:17 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This bill is unconstitutional, punitive, and effectively a taking of legally owned firearms and magazines from many thousands of law abiding Hawaii residents. These residents have jobs, families and are part of all aspects of our society, including teachers, lawyers, architects, contractors, doctors and more. Such a law would be unconstitutional because there is no historical tradition at our founding of confiscating commonly owned firearms (with certain cosmetic features) from the public at large in order to reduce violent crime. Such a showing is required by the Supreme Court in the Breun Decision. The State must look to other means to reduce gun crimes, other than the violation of a constitutional right belonging to the people. I urge you to think carefully about the unconstitutional ramifications of this bill if it is passed into law, and the consequences of the inevitable lawsuits that will follow in the wake of its adoption, and then vote against it should it come to a committee or floor vote.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:51:35 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill that infringes on our rights as a citizen.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:52:53 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Honorable Members of the Committee,

I appreciate the opportunity to testify today regarding Bill 3196, which proposes amendments to the prohibition on certain firearms. While I understand the intent behind this legislation, I strongly oppose its passage for several reasons.

First and foremost, the proposed bill threatens the fundamental rights guaranteed by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution. The right to bear arms is a cornerstone of our democracy, essential for self-defense, hunting, and safeguarding against tyranny. Any attempt to restrict law-abiding citizens' access to firearms undermines this constitutional right.

Furthermore, the definitions used in the bill to classify certain firearms as "assault weapons" are overly broad and lack clarity. This ambiguity could lead to the unintended consequences of penalizing responsible gun owners who use firearms for legitimate purposes such as sport shooting or hunting. Banning firearms based on cosmetic features or arbitrary criteria does little to enhance public safety and only serves to infringe upon the rights of law-abiding citizens.

Additionally, there are significant concerns regarding the efficacy of bans on specific types of firearms in reducing crime. History has shown us that such measures often fail to address the root causes of violence and disproportionately burden law-abiding citizens without deterring criminals who obtain firearms through illegal means.

Enforcing the proposed bans would pose significant challenges for law enforcement agencies and strain already limited resources. Prohibiting the sale or transfer of certain firearms would create a black market, driving lawful commerce underground and making it more difficult to track firearms in circulation.

Instead of pursuing restrictive measures that target law-abiding citizens, I urge policymakers to focus on evidence-based solutions to address the complex issue of gun violence. This includes strengthening mental health services, improving background check systems, and targeting illegal firearms trafficking through enhanced enforcement efforts.

In conclusion, I respectfully urge you to oppose Bill 3196 and consider alternative approaches that respect our constitutional rights while effectively addressing the underlying factors contributing to gun violence.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,

Derek Hoshino

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:53:08 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Take our right to practice our 2nd amendment. Why make this law when criminals won't follow it making law binding citizens suffer our 2nd amendment.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:53:57 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This bill is unconstitutional and an illegal overreach of power.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:56:24 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This bill attempts to penalize law abiding hunters and shooting sports enthusiasts. The legislature needs to focus on crime and illegal gun trafficking in the State of Hawaii and not constantly devote time, tax dollars and unconstitutional anti-2nd Amendment legislation efforts that will only penalize the law abiding. According to some media sources Hawaii is one of the top 12 states in the US for illegal firearms trafficking. This is a wasted effort and will likely result in legal actions wasting more dollars that could be used to build safe shooting facilities island wide and promote firearms safety programs and crack down on illegal trafficking and criminal activities in our communities..

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:57:41 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

It is often overlooked that these types of weapons help level the playing field for a woman who needs to protect herself. This bill violates the 2nd amendment

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:57:58 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Honorable Members of the Committee,

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Additionally, there are significant concerns regarding the efficacy of bans on specific types of firearms in reducing crime. History has shown us that such measures often fail to address the root causes of violence and disproportionately burden law-abiding citizens without deterring criminals who obtain firearms through illegal means.

Enforcing the proposed bans would pose significant challenges for law enforcement agencies and strain already limited resources. Prohibiting the sale or transfer of certain firearms would create a black market, driving lawful commerce underground and making it more difficult to track firearms in circulation.

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In conclusion, I respectfully urge you to oppose Bill 3196 and consider alternative approaches that respect our constitutional rights while effectively addressing the underlying factors contributing to gun violence.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,

Rambo Franco

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:58:35 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Hello,

I oppose SB3196. We live on the Big Island, I and my family enjoy target shooting and hunting. The passing of SB3196 would greatly impact our ability to do this in the future. It would prohibit us from exercising this right in the future and it would affect many others that practice hunting and the shooting sports. Please don't pass this bill.

Sincerely,

Dubin Whitaker

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:59:28 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Stop trying to regulate freedom of choice.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 12:00:54 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Legislators, Hawaii really needs this bill! Our assault weapons ban does not ban assault rifles and large capacity magazines, which are the most common weapons used in mass shootings. We don't want a mass shooting in our state, but current legislation permitting military style weapons leaves us open to that threat.

While the NRA and local gun clubs oppose this bill, their small minority does not reflect the majority of our citizens. Please don't be swayed by their numerous testimony! Those who voted for you do not want military style weapons and the devastation they bring.

Your support of this bill will protect those who voted for you from senseless violence. Please give this bill your vote.

Valerie Wayne, Professor Emerita, UH Manoa

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 12:01:29 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill due to its clear violation of my Second Amendment rights. Similar bills such as Miller V Bonta in California have been struck down multiple times even after multiple appeals and reviews. According to the landmark decision and current Supreme Court precedent under the Bruen framework, this is unconstitutional and should not be put into law. These weapons are in common use by law-abiding citizens for self-defense across this state as well as this great country. To limit access to these weapons is directly opposing our Second Amendment rights and freedom. Law-abiding citizens should not lose their right to access weapons used in self-defense due to the malicious acts of a few with mental health issues. The vast majority of so-called "assault weapons," which is an incorrect and vague term, are owned legally by responsible citizens interested in their right to defend the life of themselves and their loved ones and this cannot be taken away according to our Second Amendment. **STRONGLY OPPOSE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 12:01:35 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196 as it is unconstitutional and turns a mass number of innocent law abiding citizens of Hawaii into felons. SB3196 is government overreach to trample on the 2nd Amendment given by the constitution and weakens and topples the standing of citizen between political and federal bodies, creating inequality and putting citizens in risk of harm by criminals that do not follow any firearms/weapons restrictions.

**SB-3196**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
stephen koa kakaio	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose Bill SB 3196 because it violates our 2nd Amendment rights in the state. I know families that provide food on their table with firearms while simultaneously practicing gun safety as if it were innate knowledge. That information and the knowledge is passed down from generation to generation bearing the full responsibility of not only maintaining the integrity of the firearms but all the safety behind using it responsibly. There are also too many criminals with access to unregistered firearms that would leave a lot of people defenseless. A lot of responsible gun owners would not only be crippled when it comes hunting but completely defenseless as well to random criminals.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 12:05:00 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jayson Dela Cruz	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is so unconstitutional on our 2nd amendment rights, it is a clearly violation on every citizens 2nd amendment rights, You politician very hard on us, state of Hawaii one of the very strict on gun laws, me as a sports/competitive shooter i think you guys all ruin the 2nd amendment that our foreFathers made it in 1776, You guys making it hard for us law abiding american citizen, We will be hard then on voting politicians this coming elections specially those anti gun Politicians

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 12:08:16 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196. I am a mother and I believe in protecting my family and country. The 2nd Amendment shall not be infringed.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 12:12:31 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kekoa Pader	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in strong opposition to this bill. I am a law-abiding gun owner and have followed all the requirements for me to obtain my firearms. This bill will only prevent those who care to follow the lawn from obtaining firearms. Those who go through the process of legally obtaining and carry firearms respect the law. They understand the consequences of having a firearm and take that responsibility seriously. They have trained with their firearm and know how to use it. They understand what will happen should they draw their firearm on another person and do not take this action lightly. Purchasing firearms and training with them is very costly for a gun owner including the price of the firearm, ammunition, range fees, etc.

It is obvious that the person(s) who drafted this bill is unfamiliar with firearms. Why should these people be able to dictate what should be allowed when they don't know what they are talking about? The fact remains that the proposed list of banned weapons and magazines are rarely used to commit murders in this country, much less the State of Hawaii.

Quoting from ProCon.org in an article intitled "Should More Fun Control Laws be Enacted?"

"The Second Amendment of the US Constitution reads, "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."

Gun ownership is an American tradition older than the country itself and is protected by the Second Amendment; more gun control laws would infringe upon the right to bear arms. Justice Antonin Scalia in the June 26, 2008, *District of Columbia et al. v. Heller* U.S. Supreme Court majority opinion syllabus stated, "The Second Amendment protects an individual right to possess a firearm unconnected with service in a militia, and to use that arm for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense within the home."

The *McDonald v. City of Chicago* (2010) ruling also stated that the Second Amendment is an individual right.

Lawrence Hunter, Chairman of Revolution PAC, stated, “The Founders understood that the right to own and bear arms is as fundamental and as essential to maintaining liberty as are the rights of free speech, a free press, freedom of religion and the other protections against government encroachments on liberty delineated in the Bill of Rights.”

The Second Amendment was intended to protect gun ownership of all able-bodied men so that they could participate in the militia to keep the peace and defend the country if needed. According to the United States Code, a “militia” is composed of all “able-bodied males at least 17 years of age... under 45 years of age who are, or who have made a declaration of intention to become citizens of the United States and of female citizens of the United States who are members of the National Guard.” Therefore, the militia mentioned in the Second Amendment would have been composed of almost all adult men and, in turn, that most adult men should not have their right to own firearms infringed.

History has proven that such government overreach only hinders law abiding citizens from protecting themselves. It does not prevent criminals from committing crimes or hurting innocent people.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 12:12:55 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill as it is an infringement on my consitutional rights. Hawaii already has one of the strictest gun laws in the nation. This bill is not necessary.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 12:14:27 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this unconstitutional bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 12:20:44 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

My name is Howard Glassman. I am a US citizen and resident of Hawaii. I am strongly against this measure in any form.

This measure infringes severely on the natural rights of people and the specific constitutional rights of citizens as outlined in the Bill of Rights. Moreover, there is no reason to have all these restrictions on natural rights. Many studies have shown that all the restrictions and anti gun laws in the world have virtually NO effect on lowering crime, which would be the only reason for even considering such measures. It is logical and has been shown statistically that these laws do Not stop or deter criminals from committing crimes. They only serve to stop and deter law abiding citizens who have never committed a crime, have no intention of committing any crime, and will in fact never commit any crime, from exercising their natural and constitutionally protected rights.

It is for these reasons that I strongly oppose this or any other watered down version of any of the points of this bill. Thank you,

Howard Glassman

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 12:21:09 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Loki Tanioka	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Honorable Members of the Committee

As a private citizen who resides on the island of Kauai, I have to write you to voice my opposition to this bill, SB3196, which proposes amendments to the prohibition on certain firearms. This legislation does nothing to curtail gun violence in the state, nor does it enhance the state's ability to curtail gun violence without intruding on the rights of law-abiding citizens who live in the State of Hawaii. Let me elaborate further on my opposition to this measure.

First of all, the proposed bill threatens the fundamental rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution's Second Amendment. The right to bear arms is an essential component of our democracy, essential for self-defense from foreign and domestic threats, hunting, and safeguarding against tyranny. Any legislation that restricts law-abiding citizens' access to firearms undermines this constitutional right.

Furthermore, enforcing the proposed bans would present significant challenges for law enforcement agencies and strain our already limited resources. Prohibiting the sale or transfer of certain firearms would create a black market, driving lawful commerce underground and make it more difficult to track firearms in circulation.

Any gun-related violence that is happening in the State of Hawaii is **not** being perpetrated by folks armed with AR-15s or SPAS-12 shotguns. They are being perpetrated by criminals who are presently partaking in illicit activity armed with unregistered or illegally trafficked handguns. With that in mind, the committee should be focusing its efforts **instead** on increasing police presence and recruitment, strengthening mental health services, improving background check systems, targeting illegal firearms trafficking through enhanced enforcement efforts, but most importantly, prosecuting and imprisoning the repeat offenders who are currently being released to be a clear and present danger to our communities. Without establishing consequences for those who violate the law, nobody will respect the law.

In conclusion, I respectfully urge you to oppose Bill 3196 and consider the alternative approaches I have listed above that respect our constitutional rights while effectively addressing the underlying factors contributing to gun violence.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,

Loki Tanioka

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 12:21:10 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose to this bill, as a legal firearm owning citizen. It would negatively impact citizens from legally obtaining firearms for not just sport and hunting but also self defense. Criminals will not be following any of the laws put into effect and this bill would give an unfair and unjust advantage for criminals to continue to commit crimes against the citizens of Hawaii.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 12:22:18 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This bill is unconstitutional and completely violates the citizen's right to bear arms. The second amendment clearly states "shall not infringe"! When will you politicians address the actual problems that cause harm like mental illness and drug addiction? It's not the firearms that are the issue. Also, you cannot stand behind statistics when a criminal is using a firearm against you. Give us even 0.0001% chance to fight back and not play victim. How else do you fight a bad guy with a gun? The answer is, a good guy with a gun. Also, police are there to enforce the law, not serve and protect the citizens. Supreme Court decision clearly affirmed that police have no obligation to protect the public/citizens. So, why are you trying to disarm the law abiding citizen or make it so that only the wealthy can afford to exercise our Constitutional rights? In fact, we all as US citizens have an obligation to carry and train in self defense, against all enemies, foreign and domestic. Speaking of, have you seen the videos of Hamas attacking unarmed civilians in Israel? What if that happened to us here in Hawaii? How will we protect ourselves against terrorists? Please do your duty or representing your constituents and stop taking away our rights. Vote against this ridiculous bill. This should not even be considered, and I'm ashamed that this bill even got this far. How dare you think you know what is better for me!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 12:22:22 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am a good honest citizen and HD 13 candidate 2024. I live upcountry. I have a gun collection. I have a range of rifles; some of which are semi-automatic. I hunt deer and pig for food. I also have an AR-15. It is a good hunting rifle and I also have it for home defense. We have drug addict burglars that do series of home invasions here. I have a wife, son, mom, daughter in law, grand daughter and pets to protect and care for. We fear a truck full of bad people invading our property. We pass strict backround checks to become gun owners. Guns are not the problem. The mentality of the populace is a problem. I support a local 'well regulated ' militia to protect our island in times of war or disaster. Keep our rights to own firearms.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 12:24:57 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am submitting this testimony in stark opposition of SB3196. Every facet of this bill does nothing to prevent violence and only further erodes the rights of citizens.

Data has shown that gun related violence as a whole is lower than incidents involving objects including knives, fists, hammers and other blunt objects. Per capita Hawai'i is even lower on that statistic than the national average.

Naming features arbitrarily and banning them with no objective evidence is unjust, and calls into question the legitimacy of understanding in firearms and safety the sponsors and proponents of this bill possess.

This bill should be tossed out in its entirety and more focus be devoted on root causes of violence as a whole such as social issues and declining mental wellbeing.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 12:26:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Stricter gun laws will not prevent criminals from obtaining firearms. Criminals are labeled as such because they do not follow the law. Enforcing stricter firearms laws will only burden us, the law-abiding citizens. Owning a gun is a fundamental right and essential for self-defense, hunting, etc.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 12:36:24 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill because this will do nothing but restrict the rights of the law abiding people.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 12:37:38 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nestor L Robles	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB3196

Aloha,

My name is Nestor Robles. I'm writing this testimony in strong opposition to SB3196. A legislative ban on semiautomatic long guns and standard capacity magazines. I've served in the US Army for 15 yrs and also served as a police officer for the Honolulu Police Department.

Hawaii's SB3196 "assault rifle"ban takes away from its law abiding citizens the choice to use an AR type rifle for self defense. If you look at The US DOJ reports in the year of 2021, in the entire country 447 people were killed with rifles(of all types). From this statistic based on a national population of 320 million people in the US, rifles of any kind (including AR-15s) were used in 0.0000014 of the time. Supreme Court Justice Alito clarifies Heller is a conjunctive test. A weapon may not be banned unless it is both dangerous and unusual. If Heller tells us anything, it is that firearms cannot be categorically prohibited just because they are dangerous. In Heller the Supreme Court said the firearms protected are firearms "that are not dangerous and unusual and typically possessed by law abiding citizens for lawful purposes like self-defense."

The AR-15 and other similar semiautomatic rifles in my opinion are the best arms for self-defense. Hand guns are easier to carry; though are less accurate and underpowered. Shot guns have the stopping power along with greater recoil and limited capacity. I believe I have the right to choose the most effective means to protect the one thing I can't get back if I lose it, My Life. Owning an AR-15 with standard capacity magazines is my right to protect my life and those I love. The defense of my life and the people I love deserve the best. Using the rationale of a police officer who finds themselves in a fight for their life has never said, "this 10 round magazine is better than my standard 15 round magazine."

Our founding fathers used their own rifles against a tyrannical government. The AR-15 is the best platform to maintain our checks and balances and deterring a government foreign or domestic to be tyrannical. May this committee do right by the people of the Sate of Hawaii and reconsider this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 12:39:08 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill as it is a violation of the Constitution of the United States of America

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 12:39:28 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

As a lifelong citizen of the State of Hawaii, I cannot understand why you refuse to listen to your constituents. Less than 10 percent of submitted testimony is in support of this bill. When senators vote on measures, the majority ruling is what decides if it is passed or rejected, so this should tell you that 90% of the people you work for outright reject this measure.

Assault weapons do not exist. Anything can be made into a weapon, hence whenever an assault takes place with an object, the charge becomes Assault with a Deadly Weapon. As we have seen, even everyday objects, such as metal reusable water bottles, have the ability to be used to commit murder by persons intending to do harm to others. As a victim of Assault in the 3rd degree by a mentally impaired and houseless individual outside my workplace no further than two blocks from the Beretania Police station, which took officers more than 15 minutes to arrive, I would have felt much safer staying at that job if I were allowed to carry an AR-15 with 30 rounds in multiple magazines, as I have seen first hand the result of the Supreme Court decision that police do not have a duty to protect the populace.

Do not make law abiding citizens criminals overnight, because it is already very clear that we cannot depend on the police or sherriffs to defend us.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 12:39:47 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<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 am a 20 year resident of Hawaii and retired after 22 years active duty as an officer in the US Army. My service with the Army was both in the US (with a tour in Hawaii) and overseas, to include combat service (Infantry) in the Republic of Viet Nam. I am definitely opposed to this legislation. It seems to me to have no useful purpose other than to be another step toward the nullification of the Second Amendment. I used semi-automatic weapons both in training and in combat and I qualified repeatedly as "expert" with them. I also trained the soldiers under my command in their safe and effective use. Upon moving to Hawaii, I became active in local firearms clubs which promote the safe use and further education regarding firearms. Following retirement, I have safely owned and used rifles and pistols that would be prohibited under this law. I have never been the subject of a complaint or violation due to my ownership of the firearms. I have also funded training for my wife, daughter-in-law, daughters, and other relatives in the safe handling and use of firearms. And, far from promoting firearm ownership and use based on my personal virtue, I will state that I am not alone in my beliefs; gun owners will be the most unlikely people to commit crimes using firearms. While I am completely comfortable with possessing, handling, and shooting these firearms, I do understand - perhaps more than someone without my experience with them - the need to be familiar with them, respect their capability, and exercise basic rules for safe handling. These rules do NOT extend to the complete removal of the firearms from society. Ownership and use (and enjoyment) of firearms carries with it the need for training and responsibility; it does NOT necessitate the need for their complete removal from society, And the complete removal from society does violate the rights of those people who enjoy and respect the shooting sports.

I urge you to shelve this bill and stop responding to the fear-mongers who would obliterate the right of individuals to own and use semi-automatic firearms. Thank you for your consideration.

Aloha,

Peter J Long, Jr, US Army (retired)

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 12:40:16 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Deanne R Robles	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB3196

Aloha,

My name is Deanne Robles. I'm writing this testimony in strong opposition to SB3196. A legislative ban on semiautomatic long guns and standard capacity magazines. I've served in the US Army for 15 yrs and also served as a police officer for the Honolulu Police Department.

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**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 12:44:03 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marcy Kaholokula Nichols	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Unless you are a liberal with an unhealthy ability to distance yourself completely from reality, you know that crime in Hawai'i is increasing at an alarming rate. What is being done about it? Our legislature saw fit to stock our men's restrooms with women's hygiene products. Our legislature is conducting public business behind closed doors through executive meetings...cough cough Scott Nago cough cough... Our legislature is working hard to ensure that Trump doesn't make it onto our ballots here in Hawai'i. Of course, when all else fails we have our legislature to make sure they continue to flagrantly disregard the Constitution by infringing on our 2A rights. Now if I saw through legislation and policies that Hawai'i had a strong justice system and heroically championed victims and denounced and punished criminal activity accordingly, perhaps I wouldn't feel the need to arm myself or my family.

You would have to be Spongebob Squarepants living under the sea to know that Hawai'i isn't the Hawai'i of yesteryear. It is through constant mismanagement, horrendous policies, and self-serving politicians with repulsive ideologies that have Hawai'i in line to be the next California.

I am a law abiding citizen who owns an AR-15. How would you know? Well you wouldn't because its not your business. I own guns because it is my right as a citizen of the United States of America as written into our Constitution and Bill of Rights. It has become increasingly apparent that the State of Hawai'i and the United States government are ignorant of the fact that if you consistently keep pushing policies which threaten it's people, their families, communities, and nation, at some point people will rise up because they will have had enough. Which unironically is exactly why our Founding Fathers wrote that provision into the Bill of Rights. See how that works.

I refuse to give into your sick and twisted tyranny. I'm not gonna play. You fix Hawai'i first by cleaning up the drugs, crime, passing legislation that protects our children in CPS, fixing our Justice Department, and addressing the homeless/houseless crisis, then we can talk.

The majority of you are self-serving puppets who seek the downfall of Hawai'i. Absolutely shameful.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 12:45:45 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

We do not have fast police response times in all parts of Hawaii. That means if someone or a bunch of people were going to do harm we the people are on our own to protect ourselves. The types of firearms you are wanting to restrict are the most commonly bought and possessed firearms in America. The constitution allows we the people to have common and ordinary arms to protect ourselves, train, and use recreationally. If you pass this law it will be overturned in court. Please save everyone the trouble and don't pass it.

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I hope this message finds you all well. I am writing to urgently express my opposition to SB3196, which proposes a ban on semiautomatic firearms in our state.

This ban is deeply concerning as it affects every law abiding citizens. And fails to address the core issue of criminal activity. Criminals, by definition, do not adhere to laws, and this ban will do nothing to disarm them. Instead, it puts law-abiding citizens at greater risk of becoming victims, as they will be left defenseless against armed criminals who will continue to obtain firearms illegally.

Furthermore, the proposed ban threatens to devastate Hawaii's economy by potentially forcing the closure of numerous gun stores across the state. These businesses are not only important contributors to our economy but also provide essential services to law-abiding citizens who wish to exercise their constitutional rights responsibly.

The Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution guarantees the right to bear arms, and any attempt to infringe upon this right is unacceptable. History has repeatedly shown us the dangers of disarming law-abiding citizens, leaving them vulnerable to both external threats and abuses of power.

Rather than implementing ineffective bans, I urge you to focus on evidence-based solutions that address the root causes of violence while respecting the rights of law-abiding citizens. It is imperative that we prioritize the safety and freedoms of our community.

Thank you for considering my testimony on this matter. I urge you to reject SB3196 and instead pursue measures that truly promote public safety and protect our constitutional rights.

Sincerely,

Ronaldo S.P. Idio

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 12:51:53 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha dear legislators,

I beg you to pass this bill to ban assault weapons from our communities and our state. Hawaii's record to date for violent deaths by guns has been remarkable but that is changing. How long might it be before we see a mass shooting in one of our schools, churches or shopping centers? The trend on the mainland does not give us much hope. Right now, in proposing and passing this legislation, you are the ones standing between your communities and a shooter with the capacity to maim and kill dozens. We will never understand why the visible and loud minority feels so compelled to argue for the right to own a weapon or a device that should only be used in wartime. There is no rationale except that the gun owners feel it is their right. When and where do they want to fire rounds of bullets on this island - and at whom or what? Please determine that the rights of all citizens of Hawaii who want to send their children to school, attend church, attend a concert or shop without facing a hail of bullets take great priority over this loud-voiced, gun-loving minority and pass this ban.

With gratitude,

Jennifer Taylor

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 12:55:12 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha mai kākou,

Re: SB3196

I am writing in opposition of SB 3196.

As a responsible gun owner, with the sole intent of acquiring a firearm for self defense, for the protection of my family, within my home; I've taken the necessary courses, and followed all registrations processes to legally own my firearm. As written, SB3196 infringes on my 2nd amendment right to keep and bear firearms for self defense, as a law abiding citizen. As an unarmed female, I could be quickly overpowered in a home invasion by an intruder, with no fighting chance to protect myself or my family.

Mahalo!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 12:55:52 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill and others like it.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 12:57:57 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill SB 3196. Reason being for great opposition is that this bill holds no regard for my second amendment right and the second amendment right of all citizens. The second amendment wasn't written down for only government use or only Hunting use the second second amendment was created to protect ourselves from a tyrannical government, such as the one we are seeing displayed now. Putting a restriction or limitation upon a citizens right without cause is unconstitutional, if one of them are taken away, you can proceeded to strip all of my rights without my consent, such as the first amendment right. I do not agree with any portion of this bill. This whole bill should be killed and done away with and not brought back up for discussion. It is illegal to trample a citizens right. My question to you as legislators is, do you cater to the tourism of Hawaii or citizens, which comes first to you? It is a charade to hide behind the spirit of aloha To then turn around and strip me of my rights, that is no Aloha! Do you represent the greater interest of people moving from out of state to Hawaii or do you represent the interest of your constituents? For you to willingly take a blind eye to the opposition of this bill and pass it for senate hearing is ridiculous. Who are your constituents? Are you in office for political theater to choose one side no matter what or are you in office to fulfill your duties to your constituents and the citizens of Hawaii, I believe the time that we are living in whether you are Democrat or Republican it doesn't matter we should be Americans first, and we shouldn't hide behind the guides of Aloha Spirit. How does restricting law abiding citizens of their firearm rights protect them? Criminals do not care whether or not it is Legal.

Statistics being provided on gun violence are not entirely accurate. What searches have you done as a committee understanding those statistics. You need to specify your statistics, so that people get a better understanding of what you're talking about? This bill tramples all over my liberties and my pursuit of happiness I believe that we should operate on natural law such as, I will bring no harm to you If you bring no harm to me, I hope while reading this testimony, you feel a conviction of the people who do uphold the laws when they say my rights are being stripped. I hope you feel conviction to do the right thing and not tamper with our constitutional rights. In lieu of the bill criminals need to be brought to justice not law abiding citizens.

There needs to be more transparency on who, and what representative works for a certain group that gets these laws and these ideas to push such laws into our committee hearings I wish there

was a lot more transparency on who you work for and why you would want to do such a thing to free Americans and this country of America.

I'm a natural born citizen of this country and was raised in Hawaii all 35 years of my life and never did I think I'd experience such a time is now where our representatives in the Senate and Congress would be OK with taking away my God given rights.

If this bill passes, it'll instantly turn any law, abiding citizen, gun owner into a criminal. That is not the reason why you are in office get your head on straight and think about the people you represent think about the majority think about the Hawaiian people with Kanaka blood that you have done wrong for so many years and continue to treat them like crap. This will disable a lot of people from protecting themselves from a tyrannical government. It'll take away, means of providing for their family, such as hunting or small businesses, which I find ridiculous and unconstitutional the government as a whole has too much power we the people have spoken.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 12:58:19 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I must express my concern about recent events that have left me feeling unsafe in my own community. It is my strong belief that the proposed bill will only make matters worse. As a responsible and law-abiding gun owner, I fear that this bill will deprive me of my ability to protect my loved ones and myself during a crisis. I believe that passing this bill will only generate unnecessary fear and anxiety. Therefore, I urge you to consider my concerns and vote against this bill. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 12:58:33 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Plain and simple it's OUR RIGHTS! Everyone took and oath to UPHOLD the CONSTITUTION!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 12:58:39 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. I have an AR15 that I use for home defense to protect my family. This bill would strip my ability to protect my family from home invaders. It is unfair and unbelievable that the legislation of hawaii would strip me of my ability to protect my own family.

-Travis

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 12:58:40 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am opposed to this bill, I believe that it infringes on my 2nd amendment rights. I believe that the current rules have prevented firearms violence and has protected the citizens of Hawaii, therefore there is no need for further restrictions.

This bill will prevent teaching the skill of hunting to the next generation.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 1:07:58 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose that bill

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 1:08:41 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am emailing you today to demand that you OPPOSE ALL of the anti-gun bills being heard in the legislature.

Yet again peaceable individuals are being scapegoated and punished for the actions of others. Yet again, the state is incapable of doing anything besides reaching for tired, old, and failed policies that abuse the natural rights of their constituents.

As the state has become increasingly weaponized against peaceable people, faith in the institutions of this state has also increasingly diminished.

I demand that you oppose SB 3196 and SB 2845. Each of these bills attacks peaceful gun owners at the expense of their safety and natural rights. The criminal doesn't care to break the law, and won't listen to anything you pass. All you are doing is supporting them by making their targets defenseless.

I expect to see your opposition to these measures, and FPC will keep me informed

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 1:10:41 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

*Bill SB3196 is a complete disregard of the constitutional rights of all citizens of Hawaii . This bill will take away the ability of innocent and law abiding citizens to protect themselves and their families.*

***I DO NOT SUPPORT BILL SB3196***

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 1:12:47 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill because it discriminates against native Hawaiian people as well as minorities in Hawaii. Everyone I know that is from Hawaii values firearms and needs them for hunting and self/family protection. Banning any weapons wepons is the exact opposite of Aloha. It personally affects me because I need standard capacity magazines (30 rounds) for the purposes of pest control on my farm. We experience large amounts of pigs on my farm with herds up to 40! They destroy our land and crops and are a invasive species that must be eradicated. A 10 round magazine makes 0 sense for these purposes. There are many Kanaka that experience the same issues with pigs as me. That is why I believe this billl is very discriminatory. As well as the fact that it violates my second amendment rights as a citizen of the United States of America. States rights are not allowed to supersede the constitution making any laws banning weapons iligal. If you care about minorities and native peoples you will oppose the banning of firearms in any context. Law abiding citizens should have access to any firearm they want. Because criminals do. King Kamehameha the great would be ashamed of the Haole mindset the government of Hawaii has adopted, self sufficiency is so important. We the people of Hawaii will not allow the government to take that away from us.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 1:14:31 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

There has been an outpouring of testimony OPPOSING this bill for good reason. It is 100% an infringement upon Hawai'i resident's 2nd Amendment rights affirmed by the US Constitution. The issue at hand is the lack of enforcement of laws against criminals and the lax judiciary system in Hawai'i that has allowed criminals to have rights over the law abiding citizens who do follow the law. Firearms can't just shoot people and must be physically in the hands of an individual that is either legally going to acquire the firearm or illegally acquire the firearm, which tends to be most of the cases of the criminals with existing criminal backgrounds which prevent them from legally acquiring firearms. What is the definition of an assault pistol? An assault can and does occur in the state of Hawai'i regularly without firearms and yet the laws don't stop the criminals from committing assault. These constant infringements of the US Constitution are leading the state of Hawai'i in one concerning direction... onwards to Communism. The overwhelming amount of support in opposition that was submitted for the first round reading of this bill should have prevented it from even getting to this point. The "public servants" who were elected need to listen to the people of Hawai'i and uphold their Constitutional rights rather than attempt to strip them.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 1:15:23 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Charles-Michael victorino	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing in opposition to SB3196. This bill would essentially ban all semi automatic rifles. The language in this bill bans rifles with a handguard being that only one “assault style” feature being needed to be banned. It would also make it impossible to even fix rifles that somehow don’t fall under the new definitions in this bill because said parts could be construed as parts that “convert” said rifle into an “assault style” rifle. Secondly, the expansion of the assault pistol ban would make practically every pistol an “assault pistol” under the new regulations. Most pistols do not meet the weight requirement for example. So with just one factor being needed to determine a handgun an assault pistol, now all pistols are “assault pistols”. Third, the expansion on “high” capacity magazines. A ban of this nature does nothing to increase safety. All it does is restrict the law abiding citizen. Not to mention increase the cost of ownership exponentially. Most standard capacity magazines are more than 10 rounds from the manufacturer. This means hawaii residents already need to find a dealer that will ship to your hawaii FFL ( which many do not). This means you need to buy from a premium dealer and pay a premium price for a standard pistol. We also need to pay a fee per magazine to get the magazine altered to only accept 10 rounds.

bill is effectively a ban on all firearms disguised as an “assault style” weapons ban. There is also no reason the people should not be able to outfit and defend themselves with the same caliber of defense the police use to protect them. Therefore, there should be no law enforcement exception. It is the right of the people to participate in their own defense. The average police response in areas where police are well staffed is longer than fifteen minutes. Most violent crime takes less than five. Additionally a criminal in perpetuation of a crime does not care about gun law, only law abiding citizens do. The very same citizens that can’t afford to put food on the table with just one job. Let alone hire private security, and no citizen can afford to just wait for the police to arrive when their life is in danger. This ban severely restricts the peoples right to defend themselves, as well as disproportionately affects those who are median to low income (since the most popular and affordable firearms are ones that will be restricted by this law), who’s only choice is to defend themselves since they cant afford to outsource their safety.

Lastly every part of this bill in some form or other has been challenged and/or overturned in lower and higher courts across the country. Parts of this bill are just blatantly unconstitutional. I humbly ask that this bill be reconsidered on the grounds stated above.

Mahalo,

Charles-Michael Victorino

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 1:16:33 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill and will not support any politicians that vote in favor of this ridiculous overreach..

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 1:19:16 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Dear Committee Members,

I stand in strong opposition of SB3196. To be frank I couldn't oppose it more if you paid me to do so. It is a clear example of government over reach, as well as a blatant violation of the second amendment. SB3196 has the ability to turn law-abiding citizens into criminals without addressing the real problems.

I am a pragmatist , a realist , firearms require an operator to be used in any capacity. I find the term "assault" when used as a descriptor with relation to firearms to be misleading. The word assault implies that a firearm that looks a certain way, is somehow nefarious. Those who use this term does do so to scare the general public, those who lack any sort of understanding with regard to firearm safety or function anyway. Deleting certain features of a firearm does not make it any less dangerous. I grew up handling firearms, shooting for sport, hunting, and for carrying for personal protection when residing in states that allowed such.

I live in fear more of the hundreds of people swerving all over the road from cell phone use, the drug users I see on our streets than I do with any of the terms described in SB3196. Let us focus more on real public safety rather than the theatrics of the times.

Regards,

Joseph Alivero

Very Concerned Citizen

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 1:22:21 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I wanted to let you know that I strongly oppose SB3196 regarding the Ban of Assault Weapons. I feel that a ban will affect my 2nd amendment rights as a US Citizen. If this bill is passed it will affect my ability to use these types of firearms as recreation and as hunting which I also use as a food source to feed my family. However, the main reason is the ability to defend myself and my family from "criminals" who will get their hands on these types of firearms illegally. Responsible firearm owners and collectors are not the problem. As the new law stands for me to get a new firearm I am required to go to a class and get recertified every (4) years. There are already steps in place for the responsible citizen to purchase firearms. My biggest fear is the criminal and the irresponsible people who will acquire these types of firearms illegally and use it against a "responsible" citizen like myself.

Keep in mind like drunk driving it is not the vehicle that kills, it is the person's decision to drink and get in a vehicle which kills. Firearms do not hurt on their own. It takes someone to pull the trigger.

Thank you for your time and consideration to oppose SB3196

19 February 2024

State of Hawaii, Senate Committee on Judiciary

Dear Chairman Rhoads and Honorable Judicial Committee Members,

As a resident of up-country Maui, a hunter and a believer in the Second Amendment, I strongly oppose these three bills: SB2845, SB3196 and SB3349. Of particular concerns is SB3196. If passed, it will not only erode my ability to protect my property from pigs, wild dogs and deer but will unilaterally abrogate my Second Amendment rights. I believe further that passage and enactment of SB3196 will have the effect of criminalizing all law-abiding citizens who now legally possess and utilize both the long guns and handguns defined in this bill. In addition, the enforcement of such a draconian, all-encompassing bill will amount to a taking. The bill's passage will cause both law-abiding citizens as well the counties to incur legal and other expenses that would be more usefully applied to current and future needs. Finally, Hawaii already has in place one of the strictest procedures for gun registration and ownership.

I am opposed also to the implementation of SB3349. If passed, there is the strong potential for such an unelected, unaccountable committee to act in ways detrimental to our form of government. SB2845 is, in my opinion, also not needed.

Given the image of Hawaii as perceived by the rest of the nation in the light of recent anti-tourism pronouncements and given the many other pressing needs, I submit that, aside from the arguments given above, there is no need for this potential legislation. Indeed, this position is supported in the opening paragraph (lines 1 - 5) of SB 3196. Surely there are many more pressing needs for our legislators' energy, imagination and creativity. Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Respectfully,

/signed/

Jamie Chapman jchapman@timevarsys.com 617-513-8429

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 1:23:26 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am writing this testimony and opposing this bill for the reasons of 1. I am a Law abiding Citizen who is also licensed and certified to possess firearms. It is also my constitutional right to bare arms. 2. It is not fair for law abiding citizens who are also licensed and certified to bare arms to have to suffer and be stripped of their rights to obtain or possess any firearm. We all obtain our firearms legally and abide by all laws, Criminals and people who are obtaining weapons illegally do not care about any laws set forth and will possess firearms illegally and use it to commit crimes. We all as licensed firearm owners have every right to protect ourselves and our families and shall not be stripped of that right. These are just some of the reasons I strongly oppose this bill SB3196. Thank You

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 1:25:02 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

SB3196 prohibits citizens the right to possess weapons that may be used in defense of themselves and their families or communities. The term "assault weapon" is a made up term to identify any firearm that the legislatures do not like or feel is dangerous. "Assault" is a verb, not an adjective. It is used to describe an action, not a function or type of item. We call them bats, not assault bats. Knives, not assault knives. These particular types of firearms are used for sporting purposes as well as protection and serve many other roles. The excuse of their supposed dangerous nature is unfounded, particularly here in Hawaii. This bill is being passed out of fear and will only affect law abiding citizens. It does nothing to address the real problems. Measures like this should be disregarded until the state can figure out how to stop criminals from illegally possessing firearms, reduce crime and poverty in low income areas, and provide better resources for mental health and drug addiction. This bill is strongly opposed.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 1:26:18 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha

As a citizen of the united states and proud Hawaiian born and raised in Hawaii, it is my sole duty to continue the traditions in our islands and help our community to thrive and stand up to what's PONO.

I strongly OPPOSE SB3196 for the fact that it goes against our rights as responsible citizens to bare arms. I am a 1st generation in my ohana who rightfully and proudly passed my hawaii hunters education course and now legally and responsibly own my own rifle.

I have 3 keiki of my own. Do you know how much they look up to me knowing their mama can provide them with food from our Aina and that they can too with the right tools and directions from peers and family like myself?

Banning this will take away all of that opportunity for them if they wish to one day own their own rifle. You cannot do that for our future generations.

You are only punishing the responsible gun owners with this ban. Criminals DO NOT FOLLOW THE LAW. Remember that!

We are living in 2024 where crime rates are through the roof. If one day, my daughter or my sons wants to purchase a pistol for home or self defense, how can they if this pretty much ELIMINATES their chances of applying for one?

This is TYRANNY!!!!

2ND AMMENDMENT clearly Protects an individuals rights to posses a ffirearm. Obey it!

Make the pono decision to drop this ban. Let's come back to the table and work on how to keep criminals in jail when they commit their crimes against the public and not set them free with just a slap on the wrist. Look at the stats in Idaho or Alaska where guns are legal to open carry. How are the crime rates there?

Ask the people how they feel knowing criminals won't even think about wanting to try to do a crime.

Let's do better Hawaii!!

Mahalo nui

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 1:26:56 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This bill is in direct violation of our constitution. The supreme court of the US has already spoken on the issue of magazine limits. You have no right to limit magazine capacity.

You are also incorrectly labeling any semi auto firearm as an assault weapon. This shows your ignorance of both the constitution, our rights as Americans and of firearms in general. The intent of the second amendment was to enable its citizens to be ready, with modern day firearms, to defend themselves. Your proposed restrictions are unconstitutional and restrict citizens from being able to defend themselves. Your bill will cost innocent lives.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 1:29:36 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am a law abiding resident of Hawai'i and I oppose this bill. I am a father of 3 and happily married going on 24 years now. My wife and children are the most important people in my life and I have done everything that I can to ensure their protection from any harm or danger that may present itself whether physical danger or mental and/or emotional danger. We are God loving Christians who make every attempt to do what is right although sometimes we may fall short...however, it is a blessing to know that regardless of our imperfections, The Lord recognizes our strives to be better.

I say that to allow you to see that this bill would affect simple people like myself and my family who are only looking to have our Constitutional rights upheld. No right wing or left wing agenda. I'm only expecting that the people still have a voice, regardless of voting to support or oppose. Because it is our Constitutional right, this bill should be struck down.

Thank you and God Bless America.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 1:29:39 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196 it is in direct violation of the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 1:31:01 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

*As a law abiding citizen in this state of Hawaii, having served in the United States military for over 20 years I am appalled at the fact that these elected officials have the audacity to propose SB3196 that infringes my 2A rights. I oppose this unconstitutional bill.*

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 1:32:48 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196 as written because is so restrictive and will make many of the rifles I already own or have been passed down to me illegal.

It has the intent to make Hawaii a safer place but in reality, will make criminals out of law abiding citizens.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 1:37:33 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

It's our constitutional right

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 1:42:04 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am a retired member of the military and have handled and been qualified on multiple firearms as a requirement of my service. I strongly support firearm safety, training, and strict adherence to all laws applicable to firearm ownership, registration and use. However, I oppose SB3196 as currently written and respectfully request members of the Hawaii State Legislature consider my rationale for opposition.

- During my military service I relied on data for any given task which required me to reach rational conclusions and decisions on direction, policy, guidance and planning. Data stimulates critical thinking and can provide clear direction for policy and strategic planning formulation—a direction contrary to that which otherwise could be driven by erroneous beliefs, emotions, limits of experience or implicit media bias. If data was used in the drafting of this bill, then I and perhaps many other constituents would like to see the data and its source(s) to enable readers of proposed legislation to better understand its origins and respond with appropriate testimony.

I have listed here some data related to gun crime. I would conduct further research before drafting policy or, in this case, before drafting congressional bills, but this is a start:

- There have been zero mass shootings in Hawaii (thankfully) from 2014-2022, according to the American Medical Association's article "Characterizations of Mass Shootings by State, 2014-2022."

- The most common background trait of mass shooters is a criminal record, at 65%, closely followed by a history of violence at 63%.

I frequently read in the local and Honolulu Star-Advertiser news of suspects arrested for violent crimes who already have long criminal records. I also see many, if not most, of those charged with serious crimes recommended by defense lawyers for "supervised release" (no bail) which is often granted by judges. How many of these individuals fit the profile of a future mass shooter, and will they commit a mass shooting, knifing, acid attack or other horrific criminal act of violence due in large part to the tacit complicity of those in the judicial systems who sometimes seem to increasingly favor criminals over victims?

- According to the Bureau of Justice Assistance (a branch of the U.S. Dept of Justice), Hawaii's recidivism rate is 52.1%, meaning Hawaii's criminal justice system is not working for more than

half the individuals who go through it. The recidivism rates have swung back and forth between a low of 53% to a high of 76% and likely won't improve unless significant changes are made.

When punishments are certain, severe enough to sufficiently offset the anticipated gains of crime, and are levied promptly after the crime/conviction, then they result in more effective legal and judicial outcomes than what we are currently seeing around our nation and in Hawaii.

-- Might a mandatory minimum sentence for use of a firearm in the commission of a crime serve as a deterrent? What about the return of a "three-strikes law"? (I believe Hawaii's three-strikes law expired in 2011 and was only used once when it was the law).

Gun ownership by the average citizen was relatively rare throughout the 20th century despite guns being readily available for purchase. Gun ownership by law abiding citizens now is much more prevalent and will continue to spiral upward proportionate to increases in crime rates. Want to see a decrease in the number of firearms in the community? Then control crime rates. Drug addiction and its resulting homelessness and "mental health crises." Negative social media influences. The emboldening of criminality through "social justice" prosecutorial decisions, "bail reform" ideology, and lax sentencing guidelines. These combine to cause good people to own firearms for self-defense and bad people to use them without any regard for existing laws.

Legislative action is needed not to prohibit the tools good people may need to defend themselves and their loved ones against aggressive and deadly threats from bad people, but to address the explosion of crime across the country. If somehow legislation could make all firearms disappear overnight, would the criminals still commit horrific acts using strongarm weapons, knives, other weapons of opportunity, and gang or large group attacks to overwhelm their victims? Yes, they would. Warm blankets of impunity tend to provide that level of confidence. The shortfalls in our current legislative, legal and judicial systems assure us of that.

I respectfully request that SB3196 be revised to address substantive issues more directly related to firearms use in crimes, and in a way in which the legislation's effectiveness can be assessed through data generation, compilation and review.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 1:44:07 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Stop infringeing on our rights!

criminals allready dont listen too the laws.

stop harrasing god citizens

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 1:44:26 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am in strong opposition to this unconstitutional bill. Every year we have to fight you politicians for our constitutional rights. When will it be enough that you no longer want to strip us of our god given rights? Let us now what your end game is so we all can stop wasting each others time and money. Every year you pass something and every year you get sued and lose. You all know these bills are unconstitutional and yet you keep pushing more and more. When will you all be satisfied? When you strip every legal gun owner of their guns? When you removen the 2A?

None of these new bills that you are all proposing will do anything for public safety. These are feel good bills. Legal gun owners are not the problem, but here you are once again pushing to strip us of our rights.

When will you start protecting my rights? My son's rights? Why are you so strong at protecting criminals and not law abiding citizens?

When will you protect my rights?

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 1:47:01 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
carol ann vonHake	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

2/21/2024

Dear Senators,

As a taxpayer and good citizen, and Business owner as well as Real Estate Broker,I strongly oppose Senate Bill SB3196. This covers way to many firearms, will do away with hunting, recreational shooting etc. I am a believer in the US constitution and second admendment. I vote and this is very unjust in my opinion. Again I strongly oppose SB3196

Respectfully,

Carol Ann von Hake

Big Island

Captain Cook

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 1:50:28 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Julian Tongpalan Jr.	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Violate my constitutional rights

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 1:53:34 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 1:55:45 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill SB 3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 1:59:41 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose bill SB3196, it is unconstitutional and should be deferred completely.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 2:01:03 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose to bill of banning or Disarming law-abiding citizens. This is not the path toward a safer America / Hawaii . Nor is it going to keep our loved ones safe.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 2:16:07 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kim Coco Iwamoto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In support of SB3196 WITH AMENDMENTS.

Hawaii is the only state in the nation with an assault weapons ban that FAILS to ban assault rifles and large capacity magazines for those weapons. SB 3196 will finally close gaping holes in Hawaii's Assault Weapons Ban.

Assault weapons are modeled on military weapons, capable of inflicting the greatest harm on the greatest number of people in the shortest time. Hawaii does not need assault weapons and large capacity magazines.

Therefore, **I urge this committee to amend SB3196 by removing the exemption carved out for members of law enforcement.** Hawaii does not need a militarized police force bearing down on civilians. The proposed exemption goes in the opposite direction of the de-escalation training that law enforcement should be using.

Our nation already has more mass shootings than there are days in the year. Please help keep Hawaii safe from all this senseless violence used to harm people, including those who are supposed to protect us.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 2:18:59 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Cindy Ann Delongchamp	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My husband and I took the firearms safety class in November 2022. We have been trying to figure out what we would like for protection and the time got away from us. We paid over \$300 for the class 808 Gun Club in Honolulu. We went to the HPD in January 2023 to have our background check done and were told that they no longer accepted our paperwork and sent us away and told to see what the legislature was going to decide in January 2023. Now we find out that we have to spend another \$300 per person to take the class again. This is not only an inconvenience but also a complete rip off, since we have done our due diligence and the class at the time in 2022 were were told by 808 Gun Club, was good for 4 years. We were lied to and now we feel that the part with regards to the 4 years should be honored for us. This economy has made it harder for myself and my husband (I am retired), to acquire a fire arm for protection due to these ridiculous changes. We should be able to go and have our background checks done without having to go through all this nonsense. Can you imagine if our house is broken into and someone tries to kill us, we will be defenseless because of Hawaii's rules and making it harder to obtain protection!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 2:20:22 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly oppose SB3196.

I was born and raised in Hawaii and have lived here my entire life.

I participate in shooting sports and hunting, and I am very concerned about the banning of the firearms, accessories, and components listed in SB3196. Many of the listed firearms are commonly used in everyday recreational shooting, competitions and hunting. Similarly, the listed components and accessories are common features of ordinary rifles used in these activities, especially hunting.

The list of guns, parts and accessories in this bill is so broad that passing this bill would effectively eliminate hunting, shooting sports, and competitive shooting in Hawai'i.

Hunting is part of life in Hawai'i, particularly for those who practice sustainable lifestyles and hunt, fish and grow their own food (self-sufficiency and sustainability is something we should encourage, not impede).

Many of our youth participate in competitive shooting, which offers them scholarships for college and the opportunity to compete in the Olympics. This bill closes those doors of opportunity by depriving our students of the basic tools for practice and competition.

SB3196 goes too far. Given its restrictions on recreational shooting, hunting, and competitive shooting, I strongly oppose this bill.

Mahalo for your serious consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Cecelia Chang



**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 2:20:23 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Anthony Dean	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Name: Anthony Dean

**Opposing Testimony: *Regarding Bill SB3196***

Honorable Members of the Committee,

I appreciate the opportunity to testify today regarding Bill 3196, which proposes amendments to the prohibition on certain firearms. While I understand the intent behind this legislation, I strongly oppose its passage for several reasons.

First and foremost, the proposed bill threatens the fundamental rights guaranteed by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution. The right to bear arms is a cornerstone of our democracy, essential for self-defense, hunting, and safeguarding against tyranny. Any attempt to restrict law-abiding citizens' access to firearms undermines this constitutional right.

Furthermore, the definitions used in the bill to classify certain firearms as "assault weapons" are overly broad and lack clarity. This ambiguity could lead to the unintended consequences of penalizing responsible gun owners who use firearms for legitimate purposes such as sport shooting or hunting. Banning firearms based on cosmetic features or arbitrary criteria does little to enhance public safety and only serves to infringe upon the rights of law-abiding citizens.

Additionally, there are significant concerns regarding the efficacy of bans on specific types of firearms in reducing crime. History has shown us that such measures often fail to address the root causes of violence and disproportionately burden law-abiding citizens without deterring criminals who obtain firearms through illegal means.

Enforcing the proposed bans would pose significant challenges for law enforcement agencies and strain already limited resources. Prohibiting the sale or transfer of certain firearms would create a black market, driving lawful commerce underground and making it more difficult to track firearms in circulation.

Instead of pursuing restrictive measures that target law-abiding citizens, I urge policymakers to focus on evidence-based solutions to address the complex issue of gun violence. This includes strengthening mental health services, improving background check systems, and targeting illegal firearms trafficking through enhanced enforcement efforts.

In conclusion, I respectfully urge you to oppose Bill 3196 and consider alternative approaches that respect our constitutional rights while effectively addressing the underlying factors contributing to gun violence.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,

Anthony Dean

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 2:25:21 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB3196. YOU ARE ALL NOT LISTENING TO THE PEOPLE. THE FIRST HEARING GARNERED OVER 1000 VOTES OPPOSING WITH 100 SUPPORT, YET YOU STILL PASSED THE BILL TO THIS HEARING. WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO START LISTENING TO THE CONSTITUENTS AND NOT YOUR OWN AGENDAS? THIS BILL IS A SLIPPERY SLOPE, INFRINGING ON THE LEGAL RIGHTS OF GUN OWNERS. CRIMINALS DO NOT FOLLOW LAWS. YOU ARE MAKING IT HARDER FOR GUN OWNERS TO DEFEND THEMSELVES AND EASIER FOR CRIMINALS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SYSTEM YOU SET UP FOR THEM TO OPERATE. DO NOT PASS THIS BILL.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 2:29:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. It will take away law abiding citizens the ability to defend ourselves and family. It will not stop criminals from getting illegal firearms and will not stop violent crimes. We need stricter laws for criminals. This bill only hurts law abiding citizens. Mahalo

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 2:34:20 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill...

Hawaii's gun laws are the strictest in the nation as it is, this will implement gun holders negatively.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 2:37:01 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

The great majority of Hawaii's people support this ban on assault weapons. These are military style weapons designed to kill and injure the most people in the shortest amount of time.

Can you imagine an assault weapon used in any school classroom in Hawaii? Please think about it and do the right thing.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 2:46:18 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Theodore Aughe Jr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is an infringement on our Constitutional Rights as Americans.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 2:47:37 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

It's my constitutional right to bear arms, you cannot take that away!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 2:48:29 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB 3196, a bill that seeks to ban all semi-automatic ARs. As a concerned citizen and a firm believer in upholding our constitutional rights, I believe that this proposed legislation is not only unconstitutional but also infringes upon our God-given freedoms.

The Second Amendment of the United States Constitution unequivocally guarantees the right of citizens to keep and bear arms. This fundamental right is not subject to arbitrary limitations or bans on specific types of firearms. By targeting semi-automatic ARs, SB 3196 directly undermines the core principles enshrined in our Constitution.

Furthermore, the notion of God-given rights is deeply ingrained in our nation's history and values. Our Founding Fathers recognized that certain rights are inherent and inalienable, bestowed upon us by our Creator. Among these rights is the ability to defend oneself, one's family, and one's property. The semi-automatic AR rifle is a tool commonly used by law-abiding citizens for self-defense, sport shooting, and hunting. Banning such firearms would unjustly strip individuals of their ability to exercise their inherent right to self-protection.

Moreover, SB 3196 sets a dangerous precedent by allowing the government to dictate which firearms law-abiding citizens are allowed to possess. If we allow the government to encroach upon our Second Amendment rights today, what other liberties will be targeted tomorrow?

Upholding the Second Amendment is crucial to preserving the freedoms that define our nation.

In conclusion, I urge you to reject SB 3196 and any similar legislation that seeks to infringe upon our constitutional rights. As elected representatives, it is your duty to uphold the principles of freedom and protect the rights of law-abiding citizens.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 2:51:29 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

As a recognized state of the United States of America, you are illegally barring people's rights to their second amendment. Whatever the claim is that you are using to push this law forward it is not the fault of legal, law-abiding gun owners. We all see the crimes committed with guns in this state are all illegally obtained and most of the time used by convicted criminals that the judicial system has chosen to release back into the community. Do something about that. We are one of the states with the highest cost of living in the country; do something about that. The rising homeless population is plaguing every area of these islands; do something about that. The fentanyl crisis here due to illegal aliens bringing it here is killing Americans and Hawaiians; do something about that. There are so many other issues, that you as elected officials have chosen to ignore, yet continue to infringe on law-abiding citizens' rights. You work for us the people. We no longer feel safe walking down the street without a mentally unstable homeless person acting volatile. And you are trying to ban our right to protect ourselves? Shame on you.

If you decide to pass this bill at least have the courage to stand up in front of everyone and tell us who lobbied you to push this through. But I hope that you have the decency to do the right thing and fulfill your duty to the people and the Constitution of our land.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 2:54:25 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michael A. Wee	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE this bill. I realize that this legislation is your "Dream Gun Ban" bill. It will do nothing to reduce crime, it only penalizes and denies the constitutional rights of law-abiding citizens. Everybody knows that guns are not the problem, they are just tools. There is no such thing as "gun violence." People are the problem, and you know it, but it's easier to just ban something and hope the problem goes away. An all-inclusive ban like has failed on the national level, and now Hawai'i is jumping on the bandwagon at the state level, after declaring it will not abide by the Constitution of the United States. Hawai'i may as well secede from the nation, and go back to being a territory. Statehood? Who needs it?

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 3:08:18 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Oppose

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Submitted on: 2/21/2024 3:09:46 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Daniel Lukacinsky	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Good day. This is regarding the less than exceptionally written and worded Bill SB 3196. This seeming hastily thrown together piece of legislation leaves much too much open to interpretation, personal whim, and feeling of those who would make decisions based upon it. In order to reasonably bring something of that serious of a nature to vote, if it is to brought at all, surely must require much more thought and tact invested into it in order to create a draft be to be taken even remotely seriously by those expected to vote on it and most importantly acceptable to the law abiding tax paying residents of Hawaii. I also want to make sure that those elected officials and judges entrusted to make sound decisions based on our Constitutional rights and freedoms are aware that the American people are paying attention nationally to the disregard by the courts here in Hawaii of the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of Hawaii which reads exactly the same verbatim Article 1 Sec 17 concerning our Bill of Rights and our 2nd Amendment Right and privilege as law abiding citizens to keep and bear arms and that right not being infringed upon. This is strongly supported by the 14th Amendment Section. 1 wherein it clearly states "No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States" and the landmark SCOTUS Bruen ruling from 2022 which is certainly not outdated. These have been ignored by the court on the basis of opinion and feeling and the Constitution has been treated as an advisory document which it is not. If the judges that are making these opinion based personal interpretations of the Constitution feel it is not valid in today's world or in the State of Hawaii and The United States Constitution needs to be revised to reflect that there is a clear legal process to that which needs to be strictly followed to change or revise it as such into valid law. Spirit of Aloha is a beautiful gesture and it may have once held up as a basis for determining law in the old times but Hawaii is now first and foremost a federally funded State of the United States Of America and must first and foremost follow the laws of the Constitution as such. The State of Hawaii receives much Federal funding of US taxpayer money and as a taxpayer myself that lives here in Honolulu with my family and children we not only pay Federal taxes we also pay high Hawaii State taxes to fund the courts making these decisions. As such Constitutional law first and foremost must be upheld. As a matter of public safety myself as a tax paying resident with elementary school children as well as many other families would like to see the courts and authorities spending much less time on this sort of legislation that produces very little to nothing in the way of results and much more time on arresting the criminals, thugs, and drug traffickers running on our streets threatening us, our families and our neighborhoods. This is a proven and effective method of improving public safety. We never hear of solutions or see legislation up for vote for taking the illegal weapons away from these felons and violent criminals but only see restrictions being passed that infringe upon peaceful law abiding citizens

2nd Amendment Rights. The dangerous criminals, thugs, and felons committing the crimes intent on harming others with illegal guns and weapons do not care about gun control laws. It seems to most of us tax paying voting residents that spending time and taxpayer money going after these criminals locking them up and taking their illegal weapons away should first and foremost be accomplished. Hawaii may be an island chain in the middle of the Pacific Ocean but we are also a Federally funded State Of the United States of America which means hard earned US taxpayer money is being used here in large quantity to fund public services including the courts. The hard working tax paying American People surely do not appreciate their Constitutional rights and freedoms being thoughtlessly disregarded in any case especially based on personal opinion or feeling. The NRA and NRA Institute For Legislative Action have posted the recent actions of the courts here in Hawaii. It would be most prudent to take Bill 3196 back to the drawing board for a redraft if it is to be pursued with a much further in depth study and consideration as it deserves of the many violations in it's current form that it poses to US Constitutional law. Thank you for carefully considering the many valid points which I have raised here on behalf of my fellow law abiding taxpaying voting residents and their families. Many thanks to all for your time and service to the State of Hawaii and the City and County of Honolulu it is appreciated. A concerned voting tax paying law abiding American citizen, resident of Honolulu, State of Hawaii exercising the my 1st Amendment rights to protect our 2nd Amendment rights. - Daniel Lukacinsky

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**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 3:10:39 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

## Comments:

I oppose this legislation. Criminals will get the guns they want one way or another. Clearly, we aren't able to keep illegal drugs or fireworks out so we aren't going to be able to keep illegal guns out. Criminals and government should not be the only ones with access to these types of guns. The second amendment of the constitution is largely to keep the citizens empowered to defend themselves, notably against tyrannical government. I am sure the state of Hawaii does not want an armed citizenry. It wants to be able to crush us with mandates for every emergency it proclaims. But the constitution of the US allows us to protect ourselves and this right to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.

DATE: February 21, 2024

TO: Honorable Legislators

FROM: Christopher D. Thomas, Attorney at Law

RE: Public Comment and Testimony Regarding SB3196

My name is Christopher Thomas; I am an attorney in Honolulu. My law practice concentrates, in part, on mental health law and treatment. I am also a military veteran, a parent to school-aged children, an avid hunter, and a registered State of Hawaii gun owner.

I support SB3196 as a practical and commonsense Amendment to our existing gun safety laws, to expand assault pistol safety regulations to now include assault rifles and shotguns. Gun ownership and advocating for responsible gun safety laws are not mutually exclusive.

Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 134 currently covers only a small portion of the type of weapon that our State has sought to keep our citizens safe from. Our law already supports the premise that Hawaii does not want assault weapons in our community; it is settled law. Merely expanding the current statute is a logical and commonsense means of preventing gun violence from the most dangerous commercially-available firearms. Furthermore, our current law is outdated; our existing law regulating assault pistols lags behind the proliferation of assault rifles and corresponding lethality inundating our society.

Gun safety in our communities is reliant upon commonsense regulation that is proven to reverse the current epidemic of violence using these types of firearms. As you are aware from nearly everyday reports of mass shootings, assault pistols, rifles, and shotguns are specifically and nefariously designed to inflict the greatest amount of harm to the largest number of persons within a short duration of time. These weapons were and are designed to be primarily used by military forces on the battlefield; to kill humans. Multiple inflicted wounds caused by rapid repeating assault weapons are more severe and lethal than wounds caused by other firearms, and, particularly when paired with large capacity magazines, assault weapons can injure more people much quicker than non-assault designs. SB3196 will prevent the phenomenon of assault weapon mass shootings from reaching our State. The legislation is overdue.

I respectfully request that SB3196 be given your full support through the legislative process.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christopher D. Thomas

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 3:17:25 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am a registered gun owner for many years now and have love and passion for them. If the law passes, what about the criminal with guns that's not registered. How we supposedly protect ourselves and how is it fair for those criminals that have record and guns and us good citizens have to give up ours, What about businesses. I'm a responsible person that has passion for guns and I think this law is bullcrap and for the people who are supporting this law because they think for themselves not others. They can't just take our 2nd amendment rights, this hearing just shows all how corrupted these governments are. Now you know why people are getting crazy because of all this politics, just think about it.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 3:27:55 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gabriel Lau	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

*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.*

That is the 2nd amendment in our Constitution that places limits government interference. Exactly what you all are doing right now. With over 1800 opposition in the last hearing, and only 200 in support, here we are again.

Now, can anyone of you tell us what an "assault" weapon is? What functions does it have? Is it based solely on cosmetic features? None of it is mentioned in the bill, as it is vaguely written and encompasses all. The way i see it, its a ban on 90% of firearms out there. There was a assault weapons ban from 1994 to 2004, and in that 10 years, it did nothing to curb illegal gun activity.

Now, onto magazine bans. Banning things will create a black market, which will create more crime and violence. If only bad guys have standard sized magazines and law abiding citizens are limited to only 10 rounds, whats our chances against that threat if the time comes? As law abiding citizens that went through a background check, we shouldnt have any infringement on what we can own, but yet here you are, infringing.

Also, towards the end of the last sessio, Karl Rhodes mentioned no one needs .50 caliber rounds to hunt with. People in fact do hunt with .50 caliber bullets, and its not up to him to decide how we humanely put food on our table.

Stop saying or associating the 2nd amendment with hunting. It clearly is for The People to defend themselves from a tyrannical government. What are you doing about it? Be tyrannical, or side with the law abiding people who want to live in peace and have a means of keeping it that way?

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Submitted on: 2/21/2024 3:30:27 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments: I oppose the introduction of this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 3:31:21 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I do not support this bill as it conflicts with my second amendment.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 3:31:53 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Steven Butler	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Testimony AGAINST SB3196. Submitted 2/13/24

Ladies and Gentlemen,

My name is Steven Butler. I am a 70 year old husband of one wife, father of 5 adult children, grandfather of 8, born and raised in Hawaii first in the Territory then which later became The 50th State. To further remove all doubt the following is stated regarding my background: I am a Born-Again Christian believing that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, I believe that the Holy Bible that only includes the Old and New Testaments to be 100% true and acceptable and the basis of our Constitutions both the United States and the State of Hawaii. All legislation that runs counter to its precepts must be repealed. I am a registered Republican that has legally voted in every election available to me and have never voted for anyone in the Democrat Party. I am a qualified NRA Instructor, I own firearms (both long guns and handguns), I own ammunition. I understand and have diligently taught and practice Firearm Safety. I am also a Hunter certified and licensed by the State of Hawaii. I have been cautioned to be courteous and respectful and although I am finding this to be difficult I am sure that the above statements have already tainted many of you as you do not agree with the values that I hold dear. Be it known that as a Citizen of the State of Hawaii that those in Government Service and Elected Office work for their constituents of which I am one. Therefore, I am your boss. Yes, you work for me. Please listen and consider with an open mind.

\*\*\*I OPPOSE SB3196\*\*\* furthermore I urge you to REPEAL SB3196

First of all Hawaii already has a plethora of gun laws, way too many that are infringing on my Constitutional Rights, both State of Hawaii and United States. This attempt at clarifying and expanding the current law with SB3196 is egregious to me and I take offense first to its proponents and to any that vote in favor of SB3196 and to all of its content, especially as this is just a blatant Cut & Paste from other States as they are foisting this EXACT Bill. Not an original thought. Shame on you.

SB3196 and the legislation that it seeks to qualify are both flawed in that it has an extreme misunderstanding of firearms and its constituent parts and pieces as well as its history. The definition of "ASSAULT" is flawed. At this juncture please turn to one of your Legislative

Correspondants and nod for them the get the real meaning. None, I repeat NONE of the civilian owned firearms are Military Fully Automatic. At the most these firearms are SEMI-AUTOMATIC and therefore do not fall under the definition of "Assault".

I find "purpose" (1) "...and assault weapon attachments;" to be further infringing on my Constitutional Rights. These attachments can include military style points of attachment for accessories such as bayonets. I own old military rifles from WW1 and WW2 that have those attachment points and I do own bayonets. I respectfully ask this question of you, has there EVER been an altercation that resulted in death or at least bodily injury or even threat with a mounted bayonet on a rifle? Again, look towards your LC to search for the answer. I'll wait. I refuse to alter those antique firearms as it would immediately decrease its value, appearance, and desirability. In modern firearms these attachment points include grips, lights, bipods, scopes, Heaven forbid if any of these are scary black. Now you are going after old wood which was previously not scary. Are you upset yet? I am. I will not alter modern firearms as well to satisfy this erroneous Bill.

Purpose (3), ANY firearm with a detachable magazine can accept a fully legal magazine from another State with a higher capacity. I view this "Purpose (3)" as a backdoor clause to outlaw ALL firearms (Handguns and rifles) with detachable magazines. I find Purpose (3) to be egregious and so should you. Shame on its proponents!

Purpose (5) is a backdoor "Buy Back" clause probably to the Chief of Police and is purposely vague. Again, Shame on You!

Section 2, 1. (3) (A through F, H) just screams "Scary Stuff that I don't understand but it has to be bad so let's outlaw it. They won't know." I KNOW. Don't do it.

The rest of this SB3196 is a laundry list of "scary" firearms in common use that would be outlawed by legislation and the stroke of a pen is egregious and should be stricken,

You expect the constituents of the State of Hawaii that are legal firearms owners to read and study this Bill SB3196 and the plethora of others already or about to be introduced during this current Legislative Session and hopefully not submit negative testimony. As your boss I am saying that I require all of you that research, propose, and vote for SB3196 and others like this to enroll in and Pass a qualified Firearms Safety Course so that you can give an educated opinion and vote. I am sure that a Qualified Firearm Safety Instructor would do so FOR FREE! If not, again...SHAME ON YOU.

REPEAL SB3196. I am not ashamed for telling you the truth and possibly making you angry. I do so respectfully.

For those Legislators that publicly OPPOSE this Bill I am proud of you and will remember your track record with my vote.

I OPPOSE SB3196

Submitted, Steven Butler

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 3:36:23 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

It has been over 20 yrs since the nationwide "Assault Weapons" expired. It expired because the change in "gun crime" was so small it was hardly measurable. Most gun crimes being committed in Hawaii are not with so called "Assault Rifles, Assault Shotgun or Assault Pistols" that are legally owned. The majority of gun crimes being committed in Hawaii are committed by Felons who are not legally allowed to posses firearms or they are by done by criminals who purchased guns illegally.

The only "assault" occuring is the assault on the rights of law abiding citizens. California which is widely regarded as the most restrictive state for so called Assault weapons was overturned by a federal judge who called it "EXTREME and UNCONSTITUTIONAL" Even though Court precedents have been established with other states going the Supreme Court, the fact the Hawaii Lawmakers would even think about wasting tax payer money, much of that money ironically coming from those enjoy the rights you are trying to take away, by defending a law that will be struck down is ridicoulus and even rises to shear negligence on their part.

Even the text of SB3196 has inaccurate information. Outlawing anything that shrouds a barrel and attachments to the weapons to prevent the firer from burning their hands is outright illogical. A shroud has no other function besides allowing attachedment such as grips to better control a weapon and to dissapate heat. A telecoping stock does not make an AR more concealable, it allows the proper stock to should lenth of pull for various people to accomodate those with longer/shorter arms and necks, to better allow the user to obtain an proper sight picture which in turn, allows the person to accurately shot the target. Just as pistol grip makes the weapons more ergonomical such as modern day keyboards, Standing Desk stations, and chairs. In fact ergonomics has become so important in the workplace that OSHA actually issues guidelines.

Just as the 1st Ammendment has evovled due to technological advancements so didn't weaponry. To claim that only the 2nd Ammendment was meant to be "frozen" in the time the of the writing of the Constitution is absurd. This would mean that the 1st Ammendment was only covered by the items used during that same time period. SB3196 would not be allowed as it was written on computers, printed using modern day printing process and not by "printing presses" Any medium being used by all lawmakers that is not quill and ink, print press, horseback delivery or town squires would be disallowed.

Gun control is an emotional talking point tha takes all advantage of misinformation and lazy legislation. Nothing in SB3196 will stop any of the past gun crimes or will it impact any furture

gun crime. According to the FBI Uniformed Criminal Report of 2022 more people were killed by hands and feet than Rifles in the U.S.

In Hawaii, there were 243 criminal acts with handguns, 567 criminal acts with knives, 325 acts by blunt object, and 1,258 with "personal weapons" Absent from the Hawaii's own reporting is crimes committed with Assault Rifles, Assault Shotgun, Assault Pistols. This coupled with according to Hawaii's own reporting the second highest location of violent crime is committed in peoples homes. Hawaii's lawmakers way of dealing with this is by taking the means away for people to protect themselves. Will the same lawmakers take the responsibility of crimes committed against the people living in their home?

Instead of addressing the crumbling infrastructure, improving public education, or reducing the cost of living. Ironically, the reason for failing to pass a law preventing from foreign investors of buying property it may violate their Constitutional Right, but as an American Citizen its ok for Hawaii to violate my Constitutional Right.

SB3196 should not be allowed to go forward. Federal Courts and SCOTUS have ruled that ARs are a common use weapon. SB3196 is clearly and Unconstitutional.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 3:38:29 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I write to express my strong opposition to the proposed bill SB3196 banning semi-automatic rifles, as it infringes upon our Second Amendment rights and could inadvertently compromise public safety by disarming law-abiding citizens without deterring criminal activity.

The Second Amendment ensures our right to defend ourselves and uphold a free state. Restricting access to semi-automatic rifles fails to acknowledge that most gun owners are responsible citizens. Moreover, such a ban does not address the root issue: criminals, who have been and are likely to continue to obtain firearms unlawfully, will not be hindered by stricter laws. This leaves ordinary citizens more vulnerable and does little to nothing to prevent crime. In fact, these unconstitutional gun laws that are being proposed will only empower criminals and give them the upper hand in their criminal activities.

It's crucial to find a balance that respects constitutional rights while targeting illegal gun trafficking and misuse. Effective measures could include improved background checks and mental health support, rather than broad restrictions on gun ownership.

As your constituent, I urge you to consider these points and oppose this bill. Our focus should be on solutions that protect both our safety and our freedoms.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. As elected officials sworn in to serve "we the people" and uphold the constitution of the United States, I expect you all to stay true your oath.

Sincerely,

Harold Teshima

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 3:51:29 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cynthia Van Kleef	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

February 21, 2024

To: the men and women of the Hawaii State Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs as well as the Senate Committee on Judiciary

From: a woman, Cynthia, who lives on the island of Maui

I am mystified that SB3196 is moving forward when, according to my sources, more people of Hawaii testified and opposed it than supported it! Therefore, it is unconscionable that this bill is moving forward!!!

**I strongly oppose SB3196!** I agree wholeheartedly with all of the points expounded upon by the other men and women of Hawaii who oppose this bill!

As a man or woman who, in your Oath of Office, swore and/or affirmed [first] *to support and defend the CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES*, and [second] *the CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII*...you are now sworn to do everything possible to protect every man and woman's right to 'bear arms'.

You, therefore, must oppose SB3196 because it infringes on our 2nd amendment rights under the US Constitution and the following rights in our State of Hawaii Constitution, which read as follows:

**#5** *The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects* against unreasonable searches, seizures, and invasions of privacy shall not be violated; and no warrants shall issue but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, particularly describing the place to be searched and the persons or things to be seized or the communications sought to be intercepted.

**#15** 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 conclude my testimony I reiterate:

1. I agree with all other points raised in testimony opposing SB3196.

2. **I strongly oppose SB3196 ...PERIOD!**

Sincerely,

Cynthia Van Kleef

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 4:23:57 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michael Tokunaga	Testifying for S. Tokunaga Store Inc.	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB-3196 !! We cannot have our second ammendment rights taken away from law abiding citizens in the State of Hawaii. I can go on and on about this subject matter but just wanted to make myself clear about the opposition to SB3196. Mahalo.

Respectfully, Michael Tokunaga



**ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:**  
SB3196, RELATING TO FIREARMS.

**BEFORE THE:**  
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

**DATE:** Friday, February 23, 2024

**TIME:** 9:30 AM

**LOCATION:** Conference Room 016

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Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee

I write to you today on behalf of myself, Hawaii Firearms Coalition, and its members in strong opposition to SB3196 a bill that seeks to impose stringent restrictions on semi-automatic rifles, firearm accessories, and magazines over 10 rounds. While I share the deep concerns over gun violence that have motivated this legislation, I believe that the measures proposed in SB3196 will not effectively address the root causes of violence in our communities. Instead, they will unduly infringe upon the rights of law-abiding citizens in Hawaii.

Hawaii is known for having some of the most stringent gun laws in the United States. Our state mandates comprehensive background checks, the use of the Rap Back system to continuously monitor the criminal activities of gun owners, and mental health checks. Banning these law-abiding citizens from owning firearms that are in common use for lawful purposes serves no purpose in what you hope to achieve.

According to the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program, rifles of any kind—let alone (as defined) assault weapons"—are used in a fraction of homicides nationwide. The data available shows that rifles are used in approximately 2.6% of homicides, significantly fewer than those committed with handguns, knives, or even hands, fists, and feet. This statistic illustrates that the focus on semi-automatic rifles and their accessories does not align with the actual instruments most frequently used in violent crimes.

Furthermore, there are millions of semi-automatic rifles in circulation in the United States, yet the number of homicides committed with these firearms remains disproportionately low. The restrictions proposed in SB3196 are likely to impact responsible gun owners while failing to deter those intent on committing crimes.

Moreover, the definition of "assault weapons" is a legal construct rather than a technical one, describing firearms not by their operational capability but by certain cosmetic features that do not inherently make them more lethal than other semi-automatic firearms. What these features do, however, is make the firearm safer to use and more accurate. Below are the defined characteristics and how they make firearms safer.

**Rifles shorter than 30 inches:** there are a number of firearms that are shorter than 30 inches. Many of these are bullpup configurations whose shorter lengths make them safer for use in home defense.

**Adjustable stocks:** These stocks allow for adjustment in how a firearm is fitted to an individual allowing for a person to transfer a firearm for use between family members. A 6-foot-tall man needs a different length of stock than a 5-foot-tall woman. Using an incorrectly fitted firearm is dangerous and can result in death.

**Pistol Grip:** A grip that protrudes beneath the action of the rifle, allowing the shooter to hold the firearm in a more ergonomic position. This grip provides better control and stability, which enhances accuracy,

**Threaded Barrel:** Allows for the attachment of muzzle devices such as compensators and muzzle breaks. These reduce recoil on a firearm allowing a person to keep a better sight picture and more effective aim.

**Barrel Shroud:** Rifles are designed to be fired with two hands, the barrel shroud allows a person to use their support hand to hold the rifle accurately. Firing a rifle without doing so is dangerous and will result in injury or death.

**Protruding Grip:** A grip forward of the trigger allows for a shooter to consistently place their hand in a supporting location and provide a better grip. This makes a firearm more accurate and safer to shoot.

**Flash Suppressor:** A device attached to the muzzle of the rifle that disperses the burning gases emitted from the barrel when the firearm is discharged, this feature can help preserve the shooter's night vision, which means that a person is more likely to be

able to accurately identify and hit their target at night.

Additionally, we object to the redefining of assault pistols in the law, this would make MANY compliant firearms that have been owned for decades with no criminal use illegal. Many shooting clubs and teams use firearms that have some of these features to promote speed and accuracy in competition. There is also a current lawsuit that is ongoing in the state *National Association for Gun Rights v. Lopez*

And finally, magazine capacity restrictions, which disproportionately impact law-abiding citizens, particularly those relying on firearms for self-defense. The assumption that limiting magazine capacity will reduce gun violence overlooks the realities of criminal behavior and the critical needs of individuals in high-stress situations. In scenarios where accuracy diminishes under pressure, or multiple assailants are involved, having more than ten rounds can be crucial for self-defense. Moreover, criminals do not adhere to magazine capacity laws, acquiring higher-capacity magazines through illegal means, thus undermining the effectiveness of such restrictions.

Currently, there are likely hundreds of thousands, if not millions of these magazines in Hawaii, and very rarely do we hear of them being used in crimes (as rifles in general are not used in crimes) As such, a ban on them is going to have little overall effect on safety in Hawaii. Additionally, Hawaii currently has two lawsuits with regard to Large capacity magazines for pistols, *Abbott V. Lopez* and *National Association for Gun Rights v. Lopez*, and we should not be passing additional laws regarding the matter until such time as these lawsuits are settled.

In conclusion, while the intent behind SB3196 is commendable in its goal to reduce gun violence, the measures it proposes will not effectively achieve this aim. They will instead serve to place undue burdens on law-abiding citizens who responsibly exercise their Second Amendment rights.

I urge the legislature to consider alternative approaches that focus on addressing the root causes of violence, improving mental health support, and enhancing community safety programs. These measures, rather than broad restrictions on firearms, will more effectively promote the safety and well-being of Hawaii's residents.

Andrew Namiki Roberts  
Director Hawaii Firearms Coalition.



**SB3196**

**IN SUPPORT**

The term “shall not be infringed” in the Second Amendment to the US Constitution does not provide an unrestricted right. As the US Supreme Court has stated:

“Like most rights, the Second Amendment is not unlimited. *It is not a right to keep and carry any weapon whatsoever in any manner whatsoever and for whatever purpose*” [District of Columbia v. Heller (2008) (emphasis added)]

Further, with regard to the Hawaii Constitution, Article I, Section 17, the Hawaii Supreme Court recently stated in Hawaii v Wilson that “Hawaii’s historical tradition excludes an individual right to possess weapons.” (p. 50) and “There is no individual right to keep and bear arms under article I, section 17.” (p. 51)

With regard to the position that banning assault weapons will only disadvantage law-abiding citizens since criminals will ignore the law: criminals already ignore the law; this is what makes them criminals. Should we stop making laws because criminals ignore them? Complying with any law when criminals do not can be seen as an unfair disadvantage to law-abiding citizens. For example, you work for your possessions while criminals just take them; this is unfair. Does this mean we should stop making theft a crime and everyone should just take what they want?

There is a concern that the police can’t protect everyone. With regard to protecting people, arming citizens with assault weapons and making them unofficial deputies is not the solution. Having gun safety training helps to prevent accidental injuries, but it does not train civilians to be law-enforcement officers or SWAT commandos, regardless of any wishful thinking. With regard to protecting property, it is illegal to use deadly force in the protection of property. Hawaii traditionally has a low incidence of gun violence and a high rate of theft. Giving everyone assault weapons to protect against theft raises the level of gun violence, and makes every theft a potential death sentence. People may be tired of the same people getting arrested over and over again for theft but this does not entitle anyone to kill them.

It has been argued that the best defense against a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun. However, civilian good guys with guns are not trained in one-on-one intervention with an active shooter. Groups of civilians with guns are not trained in SWAT tactics to apprehend a bad guy without shooting innocent bystanders and each other. The idea that carrying a gun makes people safer is a fantasy. The idea that people are safer if they carry augmented firearms mimicking military weaponry ratchets up that fantasy. Anyone wanting to carry military weaponry should join the military. Anyone wanting to be a SWAT commando should join the police and get the SWAT training. This is not an arena for amateurs.

Finally, it has been argued that Hawaii traditionally has low incidence of gun violence, so we don't need further restrictions. This is misleading. Hawaii has low gun violence precisely because it has always had strict gun laws [see Hawaii Supreme Court opinion [Hawaii v. Wilson](#) (2024) for historic analysis]. What we do not want to do is wait for a mass shooting in Hawaii to wake up and try to prevent one. Assault weapons are the firearms of choice for mass shooters. **The time to prevent mass shooting is in advance – that time is today.**



*Submitted via web portal*

**RE: SB 3196 (Wakai): Relating to Firearms - SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Honorable Members of the Committee:

**Everytown for Gun Safety, and the Hawai'i Chapters of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, and Students Demand Action for Gun Sense in America are writing in support of SB 3196.**

Everytown is the largest gun violence prevention organization in the country with nearly 10 million supporters including parents, mayors, survivors, educators, gun owners, and everyday Americans who are fighting for common sense gun safety. At the core of Everytown are Mayors Against Illegal Guns, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, Students Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, and the Everytown Survivor Network.

Moms Demand Action is the nation's largest grassroots volunteer network working to end gun violence. Moms Demand Action campaigns for new and stronger solutions to lax gun laws and loopholes that jeopardize the safety of our families, educates policymakers and parents about the importance of secure firearm storage, and works to create a culture of gun safety through partnerships with businesses, community organizations, and influencers. Since its inception after the tragedy at Sandy Hook School, Moms Demand Action has established a chapter in every state of the country, including Hawai'i.

Students Demand Action is a national movement of high school and college-aged volunteers working to end gun violence. Students Demand Action volunteers organize within their schools and communities to educate their peers, register voters, and demand commonsense solutions to this national crisis. Students Demand Action has active volunteers in every state and more than 500 groups across the country.

SB 3196 would strengthen Hawai'i law by prohibiting assault weapons that are rifles and shotguns. Hawai'i has long prohibited one category of assault weapons, prohibiting the possession, transfer, and manufacture of assault pistols in the state. **However, Hawai'i does not prohibit assault weapons that are rifles and shotguns, including the AR-15 and other semiautomatic rifles that are frequently used in mass shootings**

**and other gun crimes.** Many semiautomatic rifles fire high-velocity ammunition that inflicts greater damage to the human body than a round from a typical handgun and are capable of firing rounds much faster than manually operated rifles, allowing shooters to fire a large number of rounds over a short period of time.

**SB 3196 would close this dangerous gap in Hawai'i law**, prohibiting semiautomatic rifles and shotguns with military features, with limited exceptions for people who already possess them, as well as members of law enforcement and the armed services. Research shows that prohibiting assault weapons can prevent mass shooting fatalities and active shooter events. The nine other states that regulate assault weapons include rifles and shotguns with military features in their prohibitions. Hawai'i, a state with some of the strongest gun laws in the country, should address this deficiency in its gun laws and prohibit all assault weapons.

For these reasons listed above, Everytown for Gun Safety, Moms Demand Action, and Students Demand Action strongly support SB 3196.

Sincerely,

Krystal LoPilato  
Senior Policy Counsel  
Everytown for Gun Safety, Moms Demand Action & Students Demand Action  
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klopilato@everytown.org

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Crissa Hiranaga  
Kihei, 96753

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Diane Brandon  
Waianae, 96792

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:39:18 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chris Redeker	Testifying for Maui Ammo & Gun Supply	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Chris Redeker and I am representing Maui Ammo & Gun Supply in writing today that we strongly oppose SB3196.

As a business manager and shooting enthusiast I find several issues with this bill.

1st the bill creates a category called "Assault Rifles" and dumps basically all semi automatic rifles/shotguns into it, this includes rimfire rifles, classic/antique firearms and commonly used hunting rifles, for example the Ruger 10-22 is a rimfire rifle that has been available to the public for over 5 decades with several million in circulation within the USA. This rifle has been many people's 1st rifle and is widely used for sporting events across the nation in addition to youth firearm safety training. Under SB3196 pretty much every variation of the 10-22 would become an "assault rifle". The 10-22 also has a bigger brother the Ruger Ranch Rifle later called the mini-14 its been available since 1982 and continues to be a popular Maui up country farmer tool used for Axis deer and boars, it would also become an "assault rifle". Numerous other common rifles and shotguns would be labeled "assault weapons" due to how broad this made up category is.

2nd most families mine included pass firearms down to our younger generations as they come of age and prove themselves capable. Those firearms passed down often consist of semi auto's that would now fall under this category of "assault weapons" which means they could no longer be transferred within the State of Hawai'i. You would literally deny the younger generations the right to inherit mementos from their parents and grandparents, firearms that in many cases are rare collectables and antiques often from previous wars.

3rd you are not actually doing anything to address gun violence in Hawai'i, based on Everytown for Gun Safety (2020 Fact Sheet) in an average year Hawai'i suffers 52 gun related deaths, of those 67% are deaths to suicide. That number also includes 2-4 "police action" related deaths on average every year, excluding 2017 and 2018 they had significantly higher body counts those years due to police action. The remainder of gun related deaths homicides and accidents from what the numerous news articles show had all been carried out by semi automatic handguns, revolver, bolt action rifles and pump shotguns. I could not find any recent or older cases of AR-15's or other potential "assault firearms" being used in Hawai'i to kill someone. I did notice a trend of prohibited individuals having mostly unregistered "ghost guns" or stolen firearms but no "assault weapon" category firearms. What is the point of passing a ban that wouldn't even

change our states gun violence issues? It seems to us that new laws should be focusing on curbing "ghost guns" within the state and putting more funds towards creating resources for those suffering suicidal thoughts.

The firearms community is always open to enacting laws that would benefit the community but we don't believe this is one.

We respectfully ask that you scrap SB3196 and remember that the Hawai'i firearms community is always open to working with you on crafting laws that would make the community safer while also respecting our rights, you only need ask.

Mahalo.

Chris Redeker

Maui Ammo & Gun Supply

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 3:54:05 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Stephen Van Kleef	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

February 21, 2024

To: the men and women of the Hawaii State Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs as well as the Senate Committee on Judiciary

From: a man, Stephen, who lives on the island of Maui

I am mystified that SB3196 is moving forward when, according to my sources, more people of Hawaii testified and opposed it than supported it! Therefore, it is unconscionable that this bill is moving forward!!!

**I strongly oppose SB3196!** I agree wholeheartedly with all of the points expounded upon by the other men and women of Hawaii who oppose this bill!

As a man or woman who, in your Oath of Office, swore and/or affirmed [first] *to support and defend the CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES,* and [second] *the CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII...*you are now sworn to do everything possible to protect every man and woman's right to 'bear arms'.

You, therefore, must oppose SB3196 because it infringes on our 2nd amendment rights under the US Constitution and the following rights in our State of Hawaii Constitution, which read as follows:

**#5** *The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects* against unreasonable searches, seizures, and invasions of privacy shall not be violated; and no warrants shall issue but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, particularly describing the place to be searched and the persons or things to be seized or the communications sought to be intercepted.

**#15** 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 conclude my testimony I reiterate:

1. I agree with all other points raised in testimony opposing SB3196.

2. **I strongly oppose SB3196 ...PERIOD!**

Sincerely,

Stephen Van Kleef

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 4:00:16 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
brett charles Jr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

No, this isnt right. violation of the second amendment.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 4:04:38 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

everyone of you should be voting NO on this bill. I'm really surprised that you that introduced this bill, would stomp on our constitutional rights. It is our right to protect our own household, as well as hunting for food. calling a rifle, and an Ar, an assault weapon is actually incorrect, especially for Hawai'i people, we need to have more bullets to hunt pigs, n deer, etc.. imposing on Hawai'i families food supply, goes against our culture. I believe labeling them as assault weapons are just the start for the Government to go after all weapons, especially, when there is no consequences for lawlessness that is going on in Hawaii, and around our country.

Mahalo for hearing the people's voices.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 4:04:51 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am opposed to this measure! I am a US citizen and can see that this measure is unconstitutional. We have rights to bear arms. We have these freedoms and they should Not be infringed upon!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 4:04:56 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Hawaii already has some of the strictest gun laws in the country. I don't see this bill as trying to solve any problem that we have. I intend to vote against its supporters and encourage others to do the same. I disagree with the political grandstanding that people who already pass background checks and own fancy guns cause some kind of problem that politicians might solve instead of addressing any of the real problems that our politicians have been largely responsible for like the societal conditions that contribute to poverty, desperation, and crime. Or the mental health resources that have been defunded and left for the criminal justice system to solve

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 4:06:16 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I feel that this bill infringes on my right as a american citizen and makes it unfair,unlawful, and impossible for me to protect me and my family

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 4:09:12 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

OPPOSE!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 4:12:43 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

NO, STOP!!!!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 4:16:09 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jordan Cardenas	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I wholly oppose this Bill as its a clear violation of the 2nd Amendment of the Constitution of the United States Of America which 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***"

The State of Hawai‘i also adopted this same Amendment in our own state Constitution, Where Section 17 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. [Ren Const Con 1978 and election Nov 7, 1978]***"

So this bill would violate ***BOTH*** Constitutions at the same time. Both Constiutions that, when you are elected in to office, you swore to support and defend when taking the "Oath of Office" , which states " ***I,....., do solemnly swear and declare, on oath that if elected to office I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America, and the Constitution and laws of the State of Hawai‘i, and will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that if elected I will faithfully discharge my duties as.....(name of office).....to the best of my ability; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; So help me God.***"

This bill is a clear vioalton of your oath to the both the peole of the United States and to the people of Hawai‘i.

The only people that will suffer from this bill are the law abiding citizens of this amazing state.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 4:18:44 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I am a law-abiding citizen with no criminal record whatsoever, and I strongly oppose this bill. This bill is a direct attack on the rights of all American people as guaranteed to us by the second amendment. I deserve the right to defend my family as best as possible against those who would seek to do us harm. This is even more important in this time of global turmoil when threats may be domestic or come from foreign lands.

The only individuals this bill will affect are law-abiding citizens such as myself. SB3196 will only put us at more of a disadvantage to criminals who have absolutely no regard or respect for the laws of the land, let alone for the lives of others. The definitions in this bill are extremely broad and will undoubtedly lead to the penalization of many citizens with only good intentions, while not deterring any criminals who would obtain banned weapons through illegal means anyway.

It is my belief that these extreme bans will only force citizens to turn to the black market instead. This, in turn, will only create even more problems for law enforcement and citizens alike, due to the inability to regulate these items.

Please do the right thing and oppose this bill.

Mahalo

Aloha

I'm testifying in strong opposition of this bill. As it would lead the state to another lawsuit. As the United States Supreme court Heller decision and Bruen reaffirmed that commonly use firearms can not be band.

There are other states that have done this and are in long and expensive lawsuits trying to defend it. One is in the 9<sup>th</sup> circuit (Hawaii falls under the 9<sup>th</sup>) as well two cases in the 4<sup>th</sup> circuit and the Supreme Court is currently reviewing cert of these cases. It would make more sense to see what the courts decide on this matter before sending Hawaii into another lawsuit for constitutional violation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment. (see Heller v.s. D.C. And Bruen V.S. New York.).

As the state was made to allow tasers since the supreme court said that they were commonly used and there were a few 100 thousand in use there is roughly estimated 100+million of these types of rifles in this bill in common use. It is the most popular rifle sold in the history of modern rifles. So again it is not uncommon or unusual.

Also, for people that hunt with this type of rifle were too go hunt on the mainland. They could not bring back their legally own rifle that they used for their hunt.

Changing assault pistol from two characteristics to one. Many pistols for sport and self-defense treaded barrels that allow a device compensator. that helps shooter control recoil to be safer shooter when trying to hit their targets. So by banning this you would be making firearms less safe.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 4:21:09 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha to members of the Judiciary Committee.

My name is Glennon Gingo from the Island of Hawaii.

I have been active in hunting and shooting sports throughout the islands. I'm a firearms safety instructor as well as a longtime hunter (started at age 12).

This Bill does very little to curtail gun violence or shootings. The real issue is keeping firearms of any kind out of the possession of felons and those with mental health issues. Hawaii does a good job in screening any applicants to own a firearm. What this bill will do is continue to effect the law abiding citizens in their desire to take part in shooting sports, recreational shooting and very much so, hunting.

The restrictions being proposed go way beyond any reasonable restrictions and will make most firearms that are in use including those for marksmanship, recreation and education, completely illegal.

This is not a reasonable approach to making our communities safe but rather an arbitrary series of restrictions on firearm use by law abiding citizens.

Again, I encourage you to vote to oppose this Bill in its entirety.

Aloha and Aloha Ke Akua,

Glennon Gingo



**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 4:29:33 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 4:37:11 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Blaine Hook	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am commenting here simply as a husband, father, and a free American citizen of the United States of America with familial roots and blood of this 'aina. I am a graduate of the Kamehameha Schools. I have a bachelor's degree in Justice Administration and I like my father have been a hunter and shooting sports enthusiast since i could legally participate at the age of 12. I have never felt so strongly as to participate first hand in our governmental processes as I have now because i have honestly always felt... "my vote doesn't count and who am I to raise the issue?" I have always viewed these proceedings as matters "above my paygrade and not of my world" but due to the recent shift in global, national, and local events, I believe I am neglecting my responsibility to my family and my community. I am not proclaiming myself to be "holier than thou" as I am a simple country boy contemporary kanaka if you will, but to use the law to which we are bound to follow, to remove tools of defense for private LAW ABIDING CITIZENS to protect and defend their families is incoherently WRONG! "Bad Guys" don't follow the laws and as such any further restrictions added onto our gun laws which are some of the strictest in the nation already, is totally ineffective towards lowering crime especially violent crime. There are so many "puka" and loopholes in our justice system which if correctly filled would combat violent crime and repeat offenders much more effectively and in doing so would help regain the trust of the people in our elected government and its representatives of whom we supposedly chose to act in our best interest. My sole purpose in life is to provide for, protect, and prepare my family for the world as best as i can and be contributing, decent members of society. However I find it difficult nay maybe even impossible to help them do that within the confines of laws that punish those who abide them and protect those who break them. I, much like many of you have friends and family in law enforcement. I, much like most of you, i hope, feel an overwhelming responsibility to protect what is mine. I spent 2 months as an employee of HPD's communications division and I was astounded then how few and far between our police officers are, and how over-worked, underappreciated, and from their own mouths "gun-shy" no pun intended to take the required actions necessary to protect and serve themselves let alone the community because of head hunting social media and anti-establishment rhetoric being sensationalized and spun to fit bigger social agendas. Being "handcuffed" again no pun intended by enforcing laws that allow guilty parties to go free and walk the free streets before the police reports are even completely written and filed. Now when I and or my family need help I HOPE and PRAY that those who come will do their best and will get there in time... But as the old adage goes... "you can hope in one hand and poop in the other and see which one fills first." I cannot leave the safety and health of my family to hopes and prayers... those are reserved for popular stories of tragedy sent out by apathetic followers with well wishes. Stop punishing the good people and forcing them to be victims. You all have the power

to crack down on those who make the wrong choices and damage our community with stricter laws against criminal activity and harsher sentencing for those who continue to make our Hawaii a paradise with caveats. As you are representatives of me and my community I will say thank you for your time but it is with hopes you all remember the oaths you took and the responsibility you are charged with to do what is best for our community in this ever changing world.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 4:40:22 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am a responsible, law abiding firearm owner and feel the proposal discriminates against all law abiding firearm owners. Why should I be restricted due to the actions of people who disregard laws. I liken the proposal as discriminating against certain races or religious beliefs because of the actions of certain individuals

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 4:43:09 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Matthew E Sutton	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha JDC Chairman and community members. I oppose this bill which makes it illegal to own and operate semiautomatic firearms in Hawaii. I have owned both semiautomatic and single shot rifles since a teenager in the 1970's. Our family had the opportunity to access a public rifle and pistol range to teach my three brothers and I the fundamentals of safe ownership of firearms at an early age. During that time, surplus military equipment was abundant and affordable. We participated in organized marksmanship activities and hunting. This experience prepared me for my my 30-years of active duty with the U.S. Marine Corps. I served as a basic infantry rifleman, small arms repairman, weapons repair officer, and retired the senior Ordnance Officer in the corps in 2012. Today, I enjoy visiting the Koko Head Shooting Complex, when it's open, to maintain my marksmanship skills with a semiautomatic AR-15. I comply with the ten round limitation of detachable magazine capacity and all the other safety rules, regulations, and laws that already exist. I agree with proficiency training, full background checks and screening as well as investing in safe and secure storage. I fully support the mandatory L.I.F.E. certification course for those who wish to legally purchase a firearm.

Bottom line is that a ban of the firearms list in this bill is unnecessary and an overreaction to the conditions we enjoy here in Hawaii.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony to not pass this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 4:46:32 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

As a Citizen of the United States and a Hawaiian, I am writing in opposition of SB 3196.

Beyond SB3196 being legislation that has been copy-and-pasted around the country since the start of this legislative session, this is a direct violation of the 2nd amendment of the US constitution and an attack on our "inalienable rights'.

Hawaii's State legislature needs to focus on the problems at hand, like Lahaina, Homelessness, housing, the cost of living, oh and lets not forget crime and criminals. Instead our legislature would like to criminalize honest hard working law abiding people because of the kind of firearm they have, the accessory , length and weight. It appears to me that if the legislatures spent as much time on on the more pressing issues Hawai might be a in a better spot.

Contrary to the narrative, the 2nd amendment wasn't created for the purposes of hunting but rather for the defense of the home from, wait for it, enemies foreign and domestic. It's purposes was to ensure that if the tyranny prevailed the common citizen would have the means to defend themselves. It's also what guarantees everything our constitution recognizes or allows us. with out the ability to defend these inalienable rights the constitution is nothing.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 4:47:22 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

OPPOSE

Aloha Senators,

First, this bill will have a massive negative economic impact upon the people of Hawaii. It will put most local firearms shops out of business due to the problems of not being able to sell 90% of all manufactured rifles.

Based upon the descriptions given in the revised definitions and by the naming of specific firearms, this bill would effectively ban almost every semi-automatic rifle within the state. These firearms are the most popular firearm in America and used by hunters, sport shooters and everyday Americans to protect their loved ones.

By banning pistols with only one feature, you would be eliminating firearms which are used by Olympic athletes, such as the Benelli MP 95E and Hammerli 280, as they have magazines outside of the grip. Threaded barrels are used for items such as compensators to help in the control of the firearm. Compensators, which thread onto the muzzle of a barrel, do not alter the sound, but control the muzzle blast and directing energy (muzzle flip) to keep the firearm on the target, thus making it actually safer to use. You would be banning many popular firearms over the 12" length, such as long slide 45 caliber 1911's, target pistols, etc. And the catch all which would ban all Glock type pistols, as the G18 is an automatic version of the Glock 17; and the Beretta Model 92 has the Selene Special as an automatic version.

Banning "assault weapon attachments" will prohibit firearm owners from making any repairs or changes in their firearms for safe operation. This would include any item you could install on a firearm. What would happen if a Hawaii citizen was injured or worse killed because they couldn't repair their firearm due to this law? Could you live with yourself knowing you could have prevented it.

Regarding magazine capacity, this bill would continue to punish law abiding citizens of the State of Hawaii and infringe upon their right to defend themselves in a manner which they deem acceptable. Magazines that have capacities larger than 10 rounds were designed that way by the manufacturer for an explicit reason; to give the user the ability to defend oneself against bad actors with equality. To deviate from that would be redesigning the firearm from its initial and desired design. There have been numerous incidents where the defender has had to use more than

10 rounds to defend themselves. This includes Law Enforcement ([https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/public-safety/montgomery-county-sheriffs-deputy-involved-in-a-shooting-county-police-say/2021/02/06/8290dce0-6893-11eb-8c64-9595888caa15\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/public-safety/montgomery-county-sheriffs-deputy-involved-in-a-shooting-county-police-say/2021/02/06/8290dce0-6893-11eb-8c64-9595888caa15_story.html) ). What would have happen in this situation had this happened in Hawaii where one of our kupuna had to defend themselves against this type of attack? The private citizen should have the same capabilities to defend themselves as LEO as law enforcement is not readily available when victims need their assistance. There are also several lawsuits pending in the court system, including Hawaii, regarding magazine capacity.

As a whole. this legislation would have direct cooling impact on the 2nd Amendment of the US Constitution and as Art. I Section 17 of the Hawaii State Constitution both state “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.”. And as has been shown time and time again, restricting the rights of the citizens does nothing to curb crime or violence. It just creates criminals of the law abiding, and an underground Black Market for the product. Case in point is our New Years fireworks displays (<https://youtu.be/p7qaWjDKMZk>)

Mahalo for your kokua

Austin White

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 4:47:25 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<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 law abiding citizen, registered voter, taxpayer and hobbyist owner of firearms. I am absolutely opposed to this proposed bill, SB 3196.

It is unconstitutional and is clearly in defiance of the second amendment “ 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.” It is thus a frivolous bill, not unlike a frivolous lawsuit which are frowned upon by our courts and costly to taxpayers. There will most certainly be constitutional legal challenges by second amendment advocates and thus this bill will end up being a wasteful exercise. It is thus irresponsible.

It does not make us safer. Law abiding citizens who are gun owners such as myself, do not break laws and attack people with our guns. We are gun owners who are hobbyists and hunters. A hobbyist or hunter who owns guns is like an owner of a high performance automobile, a possession that is arguably much more lethal than a gun if mishandled or irresponsibly driven. Like the car enthusiast we enjoy the craftsmanship and history of a firearm and enjoy using them safely for sport and for hunting. What this law will do is make it more difficult for law abiding citizens to own guns, eliminate responsible businesses who support them and propagate instead criminal ownership of guns and black market sources of illegal firearms.

I have observed the timing and clearly deceitful and underhanded methodology in proposing these anti gun bills. It is an act of legislative bullying. The opportunity for those who oppose these bills to thoughtfully react is always 11th hour and disruptive. As it is, I opposed this bill initially when waiting at the hospital for my wife to get out of surgery in order to meet the deadline. Now, to meet this latest deadline I have to find time as I care for her at home. It is an onerous burden to defend my constitutional rights that has been purposely perpetrated by those who carry an anti gun agenda and actually have no regard of the goodwill of those of us they are supposed to represent! Why aren't we spending time and resources working on ways to curtail crime by addressing drugs, homelessness, unemployment and other social ills. It isn't the guns that are the danger it is the sickness that is prevalent in our society that result in violence. Take away our second amendment rights and desperate individuals will still find weapons and harm others. Others who might have had a way to protect themselves and their families but who's right "to keep and bear arms" will have been taken away by the passage of bills like SB 3196.

Please vote no on SB 3196.

Sincerely,

Sam Cavitt

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 4:49:42 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Bill SB3198 is a frightening example of a nation turning on itself.....

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 4:50:23 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

To whom it may concern:

I vehemently opposed this bill as it is in infringement on our second amendment rights

Sincerely

Justin Young

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 4:51:43 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

To the Honorable Members of the Committee,

In regards to Bill SB3196, I understand your intentions. But I respectfully disagree with your solution to the problem of gun violence here in Hawai'i. By putting a prohibition on certain firearms, history has shown that only law abiding citizens will be affected. Criminals do not adhere to laws and will acquire firearms outside of legal means. Thus creating an increased black market for firearms.

You put a ban on fireworks and the use of fireworks has only increased since the ban. The black market acquisition of fireworks has exploded (no pun intended). I have seen firsthand the prices of illegal fireworks increase exponentially over recent years. And I'm sure you've seen yourself that the demand for these fireworks since the ban, has increased 10 fold.

In closing I'd like to ask you to please oppose this bill and uphold our 2nd amendment rights! Rather than banning certain firearms because of certain cosmetic features, use our hard earned tax dollars to consider alternative measures in addressing the underlying factors contributing to gun violence.

Thank you and Aloha!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 4:52:43 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Scotland Ray Smith	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill as I believe it impedes on my rights , & my ability to properly defend and protect my family & communities.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 5:02:24 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose bill SB3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 5:04:36 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to any proposed stricter gun laws that may infringe upon our Second Amendment rights as American citizens. As a proud supporter of the Constitution and an advocate for responsible gun ownership, I firmly believe that any attempt to restrict access to firearms would undermine our fundamental freedoms and fail to address the root causes of gun violence in our society.

The Second Amendment of the United States Constitution guarantees the right of the people to keep and bear arms. This fundamental right was enshrined by our Founding Fathers as a crucial safeguard against tyranny and a means for individuals to defend themselves, their families, and their communities. Any legislative measures that seek to curtail this right would be a direct affront to the principles upon which our nation was founded.

It is important to recognize that the vast majority of gun owners are law-abiding citizens who use their firearms responsibly for self-defense, hunting, and sport shooting. Punishing law-abiding gun owners with stricter regulations will not effectively address the underlying issues of crime and violence in our society. Instead, we should focus on addressing mental health concerns, improving access to education and economic opportunities, and strengthening law enforcement efforts to target criminals who misuse firearms.

Furthermore, history has shown that strict gun control measures do not necessarily lead to reduced rates of violent crime. In fact, many jurisdictions with stringent gun laws continue to experience high levels of violence, while areas with more permissive gun policies often have lower crime rates. This demonstrates that the problem of violence is multifaceted and cannot be solved through simplistic measures that restrict the rights of law-abiding citizens.

In conclusion, I urge you to uphold the principles of the Second Amendment and reject any proposals for stricter gun laws. Instead, let us focus on comprehensive solutions that address the

root causes of violence in our society while respecting the rights of responsible gun owners.  
Thank you for considering my perspective on this important issue.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 5:06:09 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

To the Honorable Members of the Legislature,

I am writing to voice my opposition bringing to light that Bill 204H.B. NO. 3196-76A is unconstitutional. While I understand the intention behind the bill to address concerns related to the use of firearms in criminal activities, I believe that certain aspects of the bill violate fundamental principles of the United States Constitution.

First and foremost, the bill's imposition of mandatory imprisonment terms for individuals convicted of felonies involving firearms raises significant constitutional concerns. Mandatory sentencing removes judicial discretion and can result in punishments that are disproportionate to the offense committed. This undermines the principle of proportionality, which is a cornerstone of the Eighth Amendment's prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment.

Furthermore, the bill's failure to consider the individual circumstances of each case violates the guarantee of due process enshrined in the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments. Due process requires that individuals receive fair treatment under the law and have the opportunity to present mitigating factors that may affect their sentence. By imposing mandatory sentences without regard to individual circumstances, the bill denies defendants their constitutional right to due process.

Additionally, the bill's broad definition of felony offenses involving firearms may infringe upon the Second Amendment right to bear arms. While the Second Amendment is not an unlimited right and can be subject to reasonable regulation, the bill's provisions may disproportionately restrict the rights of law-abiding citizens to possess firearms for self-defense purposes.

In conclusion, while I share the concern about addressing gun-related crimes, I believe that Bill NO. 3196 violates several provisions of the United States Constitution. Instead of pursuing unconstitutional measures, I urge the legislature to explore alternative approaches that respect constitutional principles while effectively addressing the issue of gun violence.

Thank you for considering my perspective on this important matter.

Sincerely, Robert Jeremiah



**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 5:12:24 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Gun control does not keep firearms out of criminal hands, it leaves citizens helpless against the street criminals and political criminals that support legislation like this opala!!!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 5:20:10 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

Again, I am opposing this bill as it is a direct infringement on our 2nd amendment right! This bill will have no effect on criminals who do not follow the laws to begin with. This will only weaken law abiding citizens and strengthen criminals. Criminals do not go through the legal process to own/purchase firearms as they have disqualified themselves for committing criminal acts. Again, criminals do not follow laws!

Mahalo

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 5:23:27 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196 because it's unconstitutional, but you already know that and are being smothered in testimony stating the same; so I would like to use my testimony to redirect your attention to where it should be focussed.

If the state honestly believes these weapons should be banned then they ought to lead by example and surrender such weapons themselves; but you won't because you understand the importance of providing for security. The government does not possess the resources to provide constant and unfailing security for its citizens, and therefore must accept that it can not dictate how its citizens choose to provide for their own security.

If this state is so discomforted by the idea of citizens possessing the means to defend themselves; then it ought to focus its attention on creating a state where citizens are not driven to prey on each other to survive.

Get the cost of living under control. Instead of giving 64% raises and 6 figure salaries to your city council members, help bring in jobs that will keep people off the street. Make child care more accessible and invest in youth programs so these kids stop falling through the cracks. Help our young folks get the skills they need to go into good paying jobs instead of going to debt.

When you look and see the people of this state struggling, don't use your position to squeeze us harder. Do your jobs and address the socio-economic problems that will actually reduce crime and allow us to prosper; because we are not a weak people but we can only do so much with a government that only seems to want to hold us back.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 5:23:39 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kaioluhia Miguel-Hamakua	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This proposed bill is a knee jerk reaction, built on fear tactics. Firearms are absolutely to be respected and understood to what they can do, when given to the wrong individual. I'm hoping that at this point, we all understand that for majority of the 'heinous' crimes in which guns were involved many are unregistered and/or to people who should not be in possession of them. The loss of this right to both qualified and law abiding citizens affects everyone on a few different avenues and is unconstitutional.

Owning these firearms and the ability to purchase, transfer and upkeep them are crucial to our ability to feed our families. We have a good population of people who rely on hunting to provide for our families. Along side the price of housing, the price and availability of food is becoming unreasonable. This is where hunting with these guns come in, it allows us to feed our families and communities at a very low to no cost.

Second, removing the ability to obtain and possess firearms in general, removes my ability to protect my family from threats on all fronts. And that includes the government as the 2nd ammendment states. They people committing these crimes, are not using their own legal registered firearms. They are using stolen weapons or guns brought in to the state under the radar through unknown channels. Before we remove the constitutional rights from everyone, maybe we look in to how to keep our borders tight.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 5:38:42 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. It is a violation of Second Amendment rights. The passing of this bill will affect the local economy. The local gun shops that sell these products also sell important items, like self-defense, ammunition, clothing, etc. The type of firearm does not matter in the hands of law abiding citizens. The citizens register their firearms legally. What we need to control instead is the unregistered firearms. This is why I oppose this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 5:51:54 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This bill is overly broad and will cause a waste of taxpayer dollars in litigation that would almost certainly fail under existing Supreme Court precedents if passed.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 5:59:52 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose to this as it is going against my right to bear arms! Taking away our right to purchase/ have these "ASSAULT WEAPONS" isn't gonna stop the criminals from ILLEGALLY purchasing them! Going through with this you will not only cripple the citizens of Hawaii but empower the Criminals. I will do all in my power to FIGHT, PROVIDE & most importantly PROTECT my Ohana and our Keiki!!!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 6:03:32 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jerry C Ilo Jr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Very Strongly Oppose! Do not turn lawful firearms used in sporting events, hunting and target shooting in to illegal firearms. Every year legal law abiding firearms owners face ever mounting hurdles and mazes because of CRIMINALS. When was the last time a law that punished criminal behaviour made tougher or more severe? How about passing legislation that makes comitting a crime with a firearm an automatic 20 year sentence? Stop punishing law abiding citizens taking part in a Constitutional Right. Law abiding citizens are NOT what we need to worry about

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 6:05:34 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Do not stifle our 2nd amendment right. I oppose this bill

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 6:06:35 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kani Victor	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This testimony is to oppose bill 3196... if if lawmakers refuse our constitutional rights or disregard them it sets a precedence we too should disregard your laws..

. We pay our taxes give us our rights .....this law only hurts taxpayers law abiding citizens.. terrorists don't care about gun control criminals don't care about gun control...the this bill is written banning shrouds to protect us burning our hands so let's get this straight law makers want us to burn our hands.....how dare you this is a safety feature so are the other safety features... you dont want us to use 2 hands on a gun how will we make safe and ethical shots with 1 hand... this animal cruelty if your are hunting and the state will be responsible how can we protect ourselves with 1 police per 8000 people and 1,hand to shoot .. police cant protect us they are a 10 minute phone call and a 15 minute drive away... aloha spirit wont save us... congrats you making all of us into victims..this bill is rubbish... you banned fire works, I hear fireworks almost every day... fire works are a billion dollar industry in which hawaii gets no taxes from go figure.. we are losing money... what will fill the void of no more tax revenue from fire arms... more taxes we the 2nd most tax burdened state in the union... so far....let me guess car registration will go higher more taxes upon taxes.. no thanks

Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety.. Ben Franklin

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 6:08:02 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Don Juan Kuponon Pasion	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Banning most commonly owned firearms will have no impact on safety and security. In places like New York, Detroit and California, as a few examples of stricter firearm "Safety" regulations, it has not stopped or reduced gun violence in the communities, but has increased because criminals DO NOT RESPECT OR FOLLOW RULES.

Passing this unconstitutional law will not reduce crime, as has shown in the past decades.

I believe that if you want to make Hawaii safer you should actually speak to gun owning, law abiding citizens and professionals.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 6:15:59 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am a resident of Maui and am opposed to adding restrictions to magazine capacities for semi automatic weapons! Rather than adding additional restrictions on law abiding citizens, how about we enforce existing laws and actually penalize criminals!

Sincerely,

Robert Manning

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 6:17:37 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jeffrey F Mizuno	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 6:18:02 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

Greetings. I oppose SB 3196. Please protect the rights of Americans and the 2nd amendment. I don't know if our testimonies will be read or even taken into consideration but, I'm hoping by writing and reaching out that the right thing will be done. Again, please protect our freedom, our rights and the 2nd amendment.

Thank you for your time.

To Our Hawaii State legislators, Wakai, Chang, Keohokalole, Kidani, Shimabukuro, and Moriwaki concerning SB3196:

My name is Rachel Fronte. I am 23 years old and I live in the Puna District of the County of Hawaii. I am a law-abiding gun owner who has taken multiple gun safety courses and has been through all the red tape to become one.

I **strongly oppose** SB3196 and I wish this bill to be voided completely because it violates my Constitutional right to own firearms. If this bill passes, it will anger and criminalize **tens of thousands** of legal gun owners in Hawaii who already own semi-auto handguns with magazines over a 10-round capacity, shotguns, and semi-automatic rifles. Many of them use these types of firearms for recreational purposes such as hunting and speed shooting events. Are we going to shut down these activities and have a state-wide gun seizure inflicted on us? I certainly hope not.

I also want to point out that many of the “prohibited” accessories mentioned in the bill such as flash hiders, compensators, and muzzle brakes do not enhance the power of the cartridge in a firearm. Their purpose to re-directing the

gasses released from the muzzle reducing the recoil which in turn enhances accuracy for the shooter. It's ridiculous and pointless to make these devices illegal for the citizen to use.

If this bill passes it will only disarm law-abiding citizens and make them vulnerable to criminals who don't follow the laws and have no respect for human life.

Another negative effect this bill will create is a tremendous strain on our already overwhelmed court system by lawsuits challenging it which will waste the courts' time and taxpayer dollars in the end.

As lawmakers, your duty is to protect and empower our Constitutional rights, not eradicate them, especially the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment, which as a woman, is the most empowering right I have. Criminalizing the right to defend yourself violates basic human rights. **Criminalizing the right empowers the wrong.**

I have personally experienced stalking, sexual harassment, and threats of violence over the past several years against me by a convicted felon who had a 10-year sentence for possessing

illegal drugs with intent to distribute, and he was let out by our broken justice system in 2 years on the premise of “good behavior” (whatever the hell that means). Now I feel like I am being victimized by both felons and your proposed anti-gun laws which do not keep me or anyone safe from robbers, murders, and sex offenders. The fact that this bill can possibly have me disarmed and ending up being another statistic is very traumatizing for me to think about. No law should criminalize an individual for wanting the right to protect himself and his loved ones **by any means necessary** from a spontaneous, life-threatening situation.

Burn this bill!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 6:33:20 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This Bill is an absolute breach of our rights and the constitution. I strongly oppose this Bill. This bill does not look out for the betterment or safety to civilians. This Bill is a complete waste of time and resources. The way Hawaii's gun laws are now are some of the strictest in the nation. Leave our 2nd amendment alone and let law abiding citizens act on their rights. This bill will not help protect us anymore than we are now. In fact it will just give criminals and foreign threats more power to attack or enter your home. Again I strongly oppose this horrible bill

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 6:34:33 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196,

This bill only affects law abiding tax paying citizens.

California, Chicago and New York have similar laws, and those state have murders daily.

We already have the strick guns laws in Hawaii.

This law will only further disarm your citizens and limit how we can defend ourselves.

Please focus on criminals who brake the law. Not the law abiding.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 6:38:09 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

The constitution is easy to understand. And in the Declaration of Independence, it specifically reminds all of us that we're endowed by our Creator with certain inalienable rights, which means God given. Among these, life, liberty and pursuit of happiness and the governments were instituted among men specifically to secure our God given rights. And it says when government becomes destructive to these ends, meaning when they go above and beyond trying to secure our liberties and trying to take them, it's the right of the people to alter or abolish that government either by voting or ultimately, God forbid, to use our Second Amendment rights to protect ourselves from tyranny. When the government passes laws that infringes on its citizens' rights and freedoms, those laws are unconstitutional and are thus not valid, they're void. I am pretty certain that Hawaii is a state of the United States of America, that means that the US Constitution is the supreme law of the land. Do you know what else is in the US Constitution? The 2nd Amendment, it says that the right "shall not be infringed". The 2nd ammendment is telling the government, that is you, the Hawaii State and Federal Government that you shall not infringe the citizens' God Given Right to OWN and BEAR arms. Gun laws do not reduce crime, even my 8 year old knows that, because any person with a functioning brain knows and understand that criminals do no follow laws. We have seen in history time and time again that evil people, tyrants, organizations and governments who disarm the population, do it because they intend to do evil things that the people will use those weapons to defend themselves with. And that is why our American founding fathers wrote the US Constitution so that WE, the American Citizens can defend our God Given Rights and Freedoms from Foreign and DOMESTIC TYRANTS.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 6:42:31 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha, I write this in OPPOSITION to SB3196.

SB3196 is an ASSAULT on our 2a and 14a rights. The second amendment extends to all instruments of bearable arms, including newer makes and models that have been created since the time of the founding. 14A is important for self defense. SB3196 would violate and infringe on our rights as law abiding citizens.

There are those who use their guns as a sport or hobby. Law abiding citizens practice gun safety and know to never aim at another person unless in self defense, in a life or death matter.

It is statistically proven that the state of Hawaii has the LOWEST gun violence. Reports reflect Hawai'i gun death rate as 3.4 per 100,000 people. For the government to infringe on the protected rights of private, law abiding citizens is simply unconstitutional and you must use your voice as a public servant and vote NO on SB3196.

PS-

1941, Pear Harbor.

It's not unlikely Hawaii would be targeted again. Keep the law abiding citizens armed.

Mahalo for voting NO to SB3196.

-Bev

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 6:49:31 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jeannette Kojane	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear members of the Judiciary committee,

**I am writing today in strong support of SB 3196.** This assault weapon ban is crucial for the safety of all in Hawaii.

Hawaii is the only state in the nation with an assault weapons ban that FAILS to ban assault rifles and large capacity magazines for those weapons. SB 3196 will finally close crucial holes in Hawaii's Assault Weapons Ban.

Why do we need assault weapons? They are a military weapon and designed to inflict great harm on a large number of people quickly. Why would these be needed in our community?. Hawaii does not need assault rifles and large capacity magazines.

In my conversations with people, it is clear that most people are shocked that assault weapons are available in Hawaii for a non-military purpose. There is no widespread support for assault weapons and support for this legislation.

Our nation already has a huge number of mass shootings as we see every day. Please help keep Hawaii safe from this senseless violence.

Thank you for your consideration and for helping to keep Hawaii safe.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 6:51:35 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kerry Guillermo-Birchfield	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please oppose this Bill. These proposed bans would handicap law-abiding citizens in a world where criminals do not obey the law.

Thank you.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 6:52:06 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

As a teacher and avid hunter I oppose to the above bill!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 6:56:57 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. It violates the 2nd ammendment which is the only point that needs to be made. However I am also a father and a hunter. When we don't teach respect and safety to the younger generations we loose the comprehension that guns are a very useful tool that can provide a sustainable way of life. If we keep on the path on banning and restricting rather then educating and training we are failing our youth no matter what the subject at hand.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 7:06:25 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I vehemently oppose this bill as a resident and citizen. This is taking away my right to my life liberty and freedom. Please do not pass this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 7:09:06 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill and the bill connected to it SB2845. We deserve to have the right to bear arms according to the constitution. Do not take this away from us and the future generations that want to learn how to safely use/own guns and hunt in the lands our ancestors once hunted.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 7:11:28 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 7:12:59 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tyson Shimabukuro	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Hawai'i State Legislature,

My name is Tyson Shimabukuro. As a law-abiding citizen deeply concerned about the preservation of our constitutional rights and the safety of our communities, I urge you to carefully consider the implications of any proposed legislation aimed at banning semi-automatic rifles in Hawaii. The Second Amendment guarantees the right of individuals to bear arms, and any infringement upon this fundamental liberty demands thoughtful scrutiny and consideration of its consequences.

The Second Amendment stands as a cornerstone of our nation's principles, affirming the right of law-abiding citizens to bear arms for self-defense and protection of one's property. Semi-automatic rifles are a commonly chosen tool for these lawful purposes, whether it be for hunting, sport shooting, or safeguarding one's home and family. Law enforcement resources are finite and should be directed towards addressing actual threats to public safety. Responsible gun owners who utilize semi-automatic rifles for lawful purposes contribute positively to community safety, and diverting resources towards enforcing a ban on these firearms would only strain law enforcement efforts without addressing the root causes of crime.

Banning semi-automatic rifles is unlikely to significantly reduce gun violence, as criminals often obtain firearms through illegal means regardless of legal restrictions. Rather than enacting measures that restrict the rights of law-abiding citizens, efforts should be focused on implementing comprehensive solutions that address the root causes of violence in our communities. A blanket ban on semi-automatic rifles unfairly penalizes law-abiding citizens who use these firearms responsibly. Such a measure would not effectively address the underlying issues contributing to gun violence and would disproportionately impact those who rely on semi-automatic rifles for legitimate purposes, such as hunting or competitive shooting. Looking at historical examples, it becomes clear that blanket bans on firearms have not always yielded the desired outcomes. It is essential to examine the effectiveness of similar measures in other jurisdictions and consider whether they have succeeded in reducing crime rates or preventing mass shootings.

For many individuals, semi-automatic rifles serve as important tools for lawful activities such as hunting, sport shooting, and self-defense. These firearms hold sentimental value and are integral to cherished traditions and recreational pursuits. Personal anecdotes illustrate the real-world impact of proposed legislation on law-abiding citizens and their ability to exercise their rights responsibly. We must explore alternative solutions that address the complex factors contributing to gun violence. This includes investing in mental health services, addressing socio-economic disparities, and ensuring the effective enforcement of existing laws. By taking a holistic approach, we can work towards meaningful and lasting solutions that promote community safety without infringing upon individual rights.

In conclusion, I urge policymakers to carefully consider the implications of any proposed ban on semi-automatic rifles. Upholding the rights guaranteed by the Second Amendment is essential, while simultaneously addressing the root causes of gun violence through comprehensive and effective measures. Let us work together to promote community safety without infringing upon the liberties of law-abiding citizens.

Mahalo for your attention to this matter,

Tyson Shimabukuro.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 7:13:48 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I don't agree with this ban infringing on my second amendment right and the rights of my children in the future.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 7:17:04 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am a newly gun owner who want the freedom to exercise my constitutional rights. I took all the classes required to be that law abiding gun owner. Please do not infringe on my constitutional rights.

Mahalo!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 7:19:38 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill because, IT IS A VIOLATION OF MY 2ND AMENDMENT RIGHT !!!!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 7:20:15 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196, as it violates my second amendment rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 7:20:18 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Against our 2A rights. Laws that only affect us law abiding citizens and not the criminals. We have some of the strictest gun laws in the country, how much more right do you need to take away from us? A lot of us enjoy firearms as a hobby. Building firearms and shooting them are enjoyed across the state. Instead of trying to get rid of them create public programs about firearm safety, give us more than 1 public range for the people to enjoy. Banning firearms wont solve anything look how well banning firewroks went. Drugs are banned but very easily obtainable. Work with the people instead of just enforcing your feelings against the public.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 7:22:38 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE SB3196. This proposal unreasonably and adversely affects citizens from all backgrounds and professions who are law-abiding and NOT criminals. The long list of so-called assault firearms includes many that are used for legitimate sporting purposes (e.g., hunting, marksmanship competition). Many of the prohibited features such as pistol grip, shroud, to prevent burns, magazines loaded in other than the grip doesn't make a firearm more dangerous. Just because someone thinks a feature looks dangerous doesn't make it dangerous. Instead of picking on legitimate gun owners, how about placing more focus on strengthening laws for longer incarceration, less parole, and permanent committal of mentally-ill, violent criminals from returning to society.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 7:22:49 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Noela von Wiegandt	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I OPPOSE Bill 3196 very, very strongly!

Leave Our 2nd Amendment alone!

Do you honestly think that this will stop gun violence?

You took an Oath to PROTECT THE CITIZENS of The United States Of America under the Constitution of the United States!

This Bill will let ALL the bad guys out there know that they can go anywhere they want, to home invade, carjack, stalk,rape, kidnap, the list is endless.

Because trust me the bad guys are not gonna follow any laws.

Disarming LawAbiding Citizens is not a solution in any way shape or form.

Majority of Armed Citizens follow all the rules and regulations regarding the importance of maintaining their relationship with all rules in place and should any Citizen find themselves in a bad situation, they can Protect themselves and anyone else around them in that hour of need, without threat of retaliation from the Law Enforcement Community, if fact, if ya think about it, Law Abiding Armed Citizens could-and would help the Law Enforcement officers, especially if some awful situation is taking place.

I'm very saddened by our Hawai'i Supreme Court flipping the bird at the SUPREME COURT DECISION which allows Conceal/Carry.

Now this Bill 3196 you continue to push is par for the course of you Dangerous Legislatures.

I'm worried about our State and I'm worried about what you legislators do in secret, without any public input, the methodology used is " inform them at the 11th hour".

This Bill strips away just about every firearm that exists and basically allows the Citizens to carry water pistols.

Be ashamed of yourself for expecting The Citizens to live their life as a "sitting duck".

Thank you very much.

Noela von Wiegandt

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 7:22:49 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Greetings,

My name Michael Trusso and I strongly oppose this bill SB3196.

I currently serve in the Hawaii National Guard and have completed almost 19 years of faithful military service to the State to include deployments overseas and work in hostile and dangerous locations.

After reviewing crime statistics available on the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Honolulu Police Department websites, the State of Hawaii has had less than 40 deaths by Murder/non-negligent Homicide per year from 2017 to current, and of those, less than one-third on average were firearms related. Most of the firearms related crimes were done with un-registered firearms; which the state already has a permitting and registration process for.

There are more than double to triple the amount fatalities caused by motor vehicle collisions than murder (92 in 2023, 112 in 2022), yet I have not seen any bills introduced to limit the horsepower of cars to prevent speeding or to limit alcoholic beverages above a specified percentage to curb drunk driving.

This bill will only punish law abiding citizens like myself further. I have received firearms training with the military, and regularly engage in updated training through the years. This bill would effectively ban firearms that are legal to own by all non-disqualified United States citizens. The state in 2023 receiving an A-minus rating from the Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence does not justify the extreme nature of this bill, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives does not currently define any of the firearms listed as Assault weapons.

The State cannot arbitrarily assign a new definition to the firearms listed in this bill that are already defined by the United States Government. This bill would also impact all hunters that depend on their current firearms to put food on their tables. Many of the accessories or parts listed in this bill that provide safety features such as the barrel shroud are there to have more control over the firearm. Discriminating on the weight, caliber, or other small legal feature of a firearm is also baseless and irrelevant to address gun violence.

This bill is also in clear violation of the 2nd Amendment of the United States Constitution.

Again, I strongly oppose this bill,

Thank you for your time.

Michael Trusso

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 7:25:27 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

My name is Hollinger Abbey law abiding U.S. citizen and native Hawaiian. I am a proud Christian who fully believes in GOD OHANA & COUNTRY! My Brother is retired Air Force PARARESCUE ( PJ) , my three nephews are U S NAVY SEALS , my proud OHANA did more of its share to protect our GREAT USA & HAWAII. It is my right under the second amendment to legally bare arms to protect myself and my OHANA if you take my legal rights away the criminals and DRUG dealers and users will still be armed and committing horrific crimes. Crime is out of control in HAWAII, I fully support HPD and have a lot of family in HPD. I am a responsible firearms owner who always did the right thing my whole life, I never drank alcohol, never tried drugs, happily married, father, son, grandfather, brother,cousin & friend living a great life. PLEASE OPOSSE THIS BILL, GOD BLESS & LIVE ALOHA 🙏🙏

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 7:25:37 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

What is an Assault weapon? A Firearm isn't evil, a Car isn't evil, a Knife isn't evil, these are simply inanimate objects and when they fall into the hands of evil people they can be used to commit violent crimes.

Criminals, by definition, do not obey the law.

SB3196 and other bills/laws similar to it only affect law-abiding people who go through legal avenues to obtain firearms. Please take a few moments to ask yourselves, would SB3196 actually impact violent crimes involving firearms? How? Cities with some of the most stringent gun laws, like New York and Chicago, suffer from some of the highest violent crime rates. California another state that already imposes a magazine capacity ban, tragically saw a rise in mass shootings.

What is the thought process here? Why are we attempting to implement a proven losing strategy, and expecting to get a different outcome? When We The People see this, it makes us questions your motives. Is the Goal to impact violent crimes or is it to disarm the Law abiding citizens?

Lastly I find it interesting and somewhat comical that the legislators who support SB3196 believe that the strong gun safety laws that exist in Hawai'i led to an A-minus rating from the Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence. Along with the State being the third lowest number of gun deaths per capita in the nation in 2021. According to the CDC. Have we forgotten that this is the ALOHA State? The culture is unmatched in Hawai'i, violence involving firearms has always been a rare occurrence because the people of Hawai'i have a level of respect for each other that can't be matched anywhere else. Even when there is conflict and we disagree with each other, its always been hand to hand combat. After its all said a done, shake hands and its a clean slate!

I hope this was received with an open mind, at the end of the day my belief is that infringing on the rights of Law Abiding Citizens will never be the way. The real focus needs to be on putting evil people behind bars and keeping them there.

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.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 7:26:32 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Alvin Ainoa	Testifying for Combat veterans, law abiding citizens, native Hawaiians, huntahz & gathers of hawaii	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha ,Representatives and Law officials

I totally disagree with SB 3196 Bill It totally infringes upon my constitutional rights and against the 2nd Amendment in our Constitution. I thought we were One American "Land of the free and home of the Brave" our national anthem says it All.

Alittle background on myself I've served this country with 4 combat tours overseas with the Army, I'm a native Hawaiian, Born and raised in our Island's. I totally disagree with statements who oppose SB-3196 bill. Guns don't take lives for Fun, stupid people Do. Hawaii already has the strictest gun laws in the nation. This will only create Miss-Trusts between the people and government officials.

MY personal opinion on this bill is what if another country or country's decided to invade Hawaii, Who will protect Us the People. Will you the Government officials protect us??? These facts are very real and We the law-abiding citizens know that the government won't come to save us, We are stuck out in the middle of the pacific it will take days before another re-enforcing force will come. Some times we need to think outside the box instead of in. Hawaii runs deep with Corruption!!!!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 7:32:01 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michael Ignacio jr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I'm opposed to this bill as a hunter

we use semiautomatic guns for hunting

Please im oppressed to this bill

thanks

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 7:33:33 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose the banning of any firearms

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 7:37:37 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill due to infringing on people's right to bear arms! Legal gun owners and magazine capacity is not the problem! It's illegal guns and criminals are the problem. If this passes you should also ban everything that you own including cars, hammers, kitchen knives, otc drugs, clothing and so on. This bill is so far reaching it's ridiculous!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 7:42:01 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lyndel C Cabatu	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose bill sb3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 7:45:13 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196 because it goes directly against my second amendment rights.

This proposal bans the right to hunt, and allow for animal control on private property. Should someone need to defend themselves against wild dogs, boar, etc. they are without options according to this bill.

Additionally, this proposal removes the right to legally possess most all semi automatic rifles, which are used for home self defense and hunting. Without these resources, what can families expect to use to defend themselves during life threatening home invasions? Our emergency responders are overwhelmed while crime and hostile homeles are on the rise. Innocent deaths are on your hands should this go through.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 7:47:25 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

SB3196 clearly violates the Constitution.

State or local laws held to be preempted by federal law are void not because they contravene any provision of the Constitution, but rather because they conflict with a federal statute or treaty, and through operation of the Supremacy Clause. Article IV Clause II of the U.S. Constitution, as well as the 14th Amendment, make federal law the supreme law of the land.

in *Edgar v. MITE Corp.*, 457 U.S. 624 (1982), the Supreme Court ruled: "A state statute is void to the extent that it actually conflicts with a valid Federal statute".

Because of these reasons, SB3196 can not be allowed to pass. If it does, every legislator who voted to pass it, violates the same constitution they swore to uphold.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 7:47:57 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha JDC Chair Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair Mike Gabbard, and Members of the Committee,

I write in **strong support of SB 3196.**

I am a third-year law student at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa William S. Richardson School of Law. Nearly a dozen states have similar ban on assault weapons. SB 3196 is in line with the Constitution. The Constitution does not guarantee unfettered access to guns and automatic weapons. Rather, the courts have recognized that reasonable laws are in fact necessary to maintain public safety.

I also write today as a resident and concerned citizen. I was born and raised here in Hawai‘i. I grew up supported, protected, and loved by an entire island. Unfortunately, the world today is not the one that I grew up in. I did not grow up needing a bullet proof backpack or getting drilled on how to survive in a mass shooting. The gun violence epidemic we face today is one of the main reasons I am so hesitant to start a family. I believe bills such as this one are essential to ensuring the protection of our community.

Mahalo nui loa for your time and consideration of my testimony, Sophia Morgan

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 7:49:15 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I Seth Ramolete don't support this bill

- 1) this bill hinders my ability to protect myself and my family
- 2) the fire arms and fire arms Attachments this bill porpoises will not stop criminals from Obtaining and using them to commit crimes
- 3)criminals are not going to fallow this legislation any way which puts us law abiding citizens at a big disadvantage when it comes to defending ourselves
- 4)this bill only hurts law abiding citizens we already have strict laws to obtaining firearms maybe the legislators that proposed this bill should go through the process of getting a firearm or at least Consult with the 2nd Amendment Community before putting up Ridiculous bills like this

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 7:53:24 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Loke Mainaupo-Eugenio	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a Legal law abiding citizen I strongly oppose bill SB3196 !!

I believe it goes against our rights as citizens of the United States of America

The second amendment of the United States constitution protects the right to keep and bear arms.

The right of the people to keep and bear Arms, SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED!!

It was put in motion on December 15, 1791 the law was put in place for us to protect ourselves, our families and our liberty!

Law makers that are Infringing our Fundamental right is so wrong in MANY ways!

Law abiding citizens is not the problem! We are doing it the right way! Taking time off from work to do it! When we already are scraping by every pay check!

We choose to take off of work, so we can go down to the police station just to stand in line for HOURS! So we can have the peace of mind and comfort that we can protect ourself!

So why does the citizens that do it the Responsible and respectable way have no option to exercise our rights? (ALL OUR RIGHTS) not just the ones you law makers **oblige** see fit!

Bill SB3196 -Ban on Amends the prohibition on certain assault weapons to include assault rifles, assault shotguns, .50 caliber rifles, and assault weapon attachments. Modernizes the prohibition on assault pistols to include pistols with one or more prohibited feature. Expands the ban on pistols with a detachable magazine with over a ten round capacity to any firearm with a

detachable magazine with over a ten round capacity. Prohibits persons from bringing or causing to be brought into the State an assault rifle or assault shotgun. Prohibits the sale or transfer of an assault rifle or assault shotgun in the State, unless the assault rifle or assault shotgun is sold or transferred to an authorized individual. Creates exceptions for the acquisition and possession of prohibited firearms for members of law enforcement and the military.

We are middle class people that already don't make a lot of money so why Ban us from shopping online? Where it's cheaper for us? Just to have products that are essential to our right to exercise our Second amendment ? to better our firearms, to better ourselves to protect ourselves?

Why must the legislator(s) be the one to stop us and make it SO hard for us LAW ABIDING CITIZENS? WHY?

Why must we have to Voice our concerns just for us to be heard for our own rights? What has this world come to? JUST WHY!?

I am so furious at Legislator(s) that support this bill as to them driving home to their gated communities with little to none crime not understanding why they think that SB3196 is okay to be passed! I will not become a statistic of seriously bodily injury, being Murdered or raped!

How can you law makers that support this bill think it is okay for you to tell us how much Ammunition in our magazine is going to be enough to protect our family and our property?

Put yourself in legal law abiding citizens shoes! We live in the most dangerous neighborhoods with mobings, stabbings, acid attacks, so how do u exactly want us to protect ourselves? Being out with family on a beautiful evening having dinner, what are you to do when there's a bunch of mislead criminals running rampant throughout our streets? looking to harm you or your loved one(s) with envy and hatred in their eyes! You think saying "Hey this is not the Aloha Spirit" is going to stop them from doing what they want to do to you?.

With statistics showing Last year alone January 2023 - January 2024 Aggravated assault are already increasing in the wrong direction!

comes to show that more laws and striping of or Second amendment rights will not stop criminals being criminals !

it is not getting any safer in Hawai'i and unfortunate to say that the Aloha state is slowly LOSING the ALOHA SPIRIT!!!

CATEGORY	Jan 2024	Jan 2023	DIFF	% CHNG	2024(YTPM*)	2023(YTPM*)	DIFF	% CHNG
Aggravated Assault	97	80	17	21.3%	97	80	17	21.3%
Murder & Non-negligent Manslaughter	5	1	4	400.0%	5	1	4	400.0%
Robbery	47	46	1	2.2%	47	46	1	2.2%
Sex Offenses, Forcible	61	81	-20	-24.7%	61	81	-20	-24.7%

Cite source: The Honolulu Police Department Data Dashboard 2024)

Shopo president Robert Cavaco stated that Honolulu Police Department is Low staffed !

so that just proves my point that we, law abiding citizens can't get the help we need at the time we need it!.

It is our job to be our own first responders it is our inherit right to protect ourselves and pursue our liberties, our freedoms and pursuit our happiness!

I am concerned for those parents, those children, those elderly the women and men that have to go to work everyday and go home safely what are they do to if they get car jacked? Raped, murdered ? What is going to happen to them while they wait and call 911 ? this is why it is important to us Law abiding gun owners that you let us excercise our Second amendment without it being INFRINGED in any way shape or form!

**WE THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEMAND THAT YOU LAW MAKERS LET US PROTECT OURSELVES THE WAY WE SEE FIT!!**

Instead of making us to be the criminals why don't you push for STRICTER laws on criminals that do the crime?

Why alter and infringe our right as CITIZENS of the untied states?

SB3196 is INFRINGING our 2nd Amendment and I Strongly OPPOSE this bill and any other bill that goes against our Second amendment

Mahalo

- Loke Mainaupo-Eugenio

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 7:56:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Hello, I, Ethan Shiroma am writing in opposition on SB3196. I believe that this bill is unconstitutional as it infriges upon our second ammendment rights as United States citizens. Hawai'i has some of the most harsh firearm laws within the nation, these laws already prevent violence within the state. The majority of deaths from firearms are due to suicides, homicides make up 22%, 14% less than the rest of the nation according to everytownresearch.org. Hawai'i already having the 11th lowest homicide rate compared to the rest of the states, and an even lower rate of firearm related homicides, around 37% less than the national average acording to the Federal Bureau of Inteligence. Increasing regulations would not have any profound impact on these statistics. If we compare to California, who introduced similar regulations regarding magazine capacity in 2019, Samuel Stebbins, a writer for 24/7 Wall Street found that since 2019 there had been a 29% increase in firearm related homicides inside California. In addition this bill would also violate rights given to United States citizens by the second amendment. The ban that limited magazine capacities in California has been overturned before and has been found to be in violation of the peoples right to bear arms by U.S. District Judge Roger Benitez. Due to those varying reasons I stand in opposition of this bill, thank you for your time and consideration to my testmony.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:01:46 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I Strongly oppose this bill for many reasons. First, it's extremely unconstitutional because it limits and restricts our right to bear arms. The definition of infringement is "to limit or restrict in any way". You gave an oath to uphold the Constitution. The constitution is the supreme law of our land. The constitution is above everything, except God. This is the way our country functions. If you can't perform the duties of your job, QUIT. If you don't like the way our country functions, LEAVE! Simple as that... Second, we the people oppose this measure and we the people are your constituents. We the people tell you what to pass and what not to pass. That is how this works! Simple! At the end of our testimony, I don't want to hear any of you guys saying "I feel" or "I think". What you feel or think is irrelevant. We the people do the thinking! You do the doing! We the people do not pay you to think or feel. You're public servants serving we the people. We pay you to serve us. Do your job, quit or move to another country.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:04:58 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

The right to bear arms is a freedom that belongs to all legal US Citizens. Who legally abide by the law.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:07:54 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I appose SB3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:12:55 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha, My name is Dayne Kashiwagi. My son and I hunt and like building riffles. Guns that we take in the field after to provide food for the rest of the Ohana. I believe also in my second amendment rights. It's like saying alcohol kills in many ways by unreasonable drinkers don't know how to act!! Because of alcohol related deaths, are you going to punish the responsible drinkers and take away alcohol from them?? My son and I did it all the right ways. But we are going to be punished for being the responsible ones. Mahalo for your time. Please think about what you are deciding..

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:12:56 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Why should a few people decide what my constitutional rights are? As a law abiding citizen I have the right to bear arms in America. Hi is not apart from America

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:15:19 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
MITCHELL PELLAZAR	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**I Oppose SB 3196**

My Name is Mitchell Pellazar, **I am a Retired Police Officer of the County of Maui** and still reside on the island of Maui.

I oppose due to its broad wording description of assault weapons. As a sports shooter, hunter and outdoorsman, ***this Bill would make me a criminal for merely owning firearms that I have already owned for over 30 years.***

*This Bill, with it current wording, would make nearly every Retired Military and Law Enforcement Officer a criminal for owning any type of Semi-automatic firearm.*

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:17:01 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
John Pali Jr.	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is John K. Pali Jr. I am a law abiding citizen of the United States of America. I oppose this bill, and humbly ask that state legislatures do the same.

It is our second amendment right to bear arms, to protect ourselves, our families, our country. It would be unconstitutional to take those rights away from me and other law abiding citizens in Hawaii and other states as well.

I hope to have the right to protect myself, my loved ones, and my country with the same type of firearms the secret service has to protect the President, and other officials of the United States.

Our well being, safety and protection is just as valuable, are they not?

I have followed every law when it comes to firearms. I am very big on safety. My firearms are locked in a fire proof safe, ammunition locked in a separate fireproof safe. I have taken safety courses, passed and received certifications. We are even now required to take these courses again to acquire firearms in which the new courses implement, cover, and go over mental health and other trainings that were not covered in previous courses.

It is important for state legislatures to oppose and disagree with this measure to ban. For Those that came before us, that fought for our country, our rights, our freedom, and to our fore fathers whom laid these words in the Constitution. We the people shall have a say.

Thank you for your time, I hope you will oppose this ban, for our sake and the future of our children and their children and generations to come. God Bless America! God Bless Hawaii!  
Mahalo,

John K. Pali Jr.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:18:24 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

As a staunch defender of individual liberties and the Second Amendment, I strongly oppose the proposed gun control laws outlined. These measures not only infringe upon our constitutional rights but also demonstrate a severe misunderstanding of firearms and their role in society.

First and foremost, the blanket ban on all semiautomatic rifles with assault weapon features is a gross overreach of governmental authority. Such features, including barrel shrouds and foregrips, are common components of firearms used for lawful purposes such as self-defense and recreational shooting. Criminalizing these features unfairly targets law-abiding gun owners and does nothing to address the root causes of violence.

Furthermore, the prohibition of specific firearm models like AR, AK, SKS, and Tavor rifles, regardless of their features, is arbitrary and punitive. These firearms are widely owned and used by responsible citizens for legitimate purposes such as hunting and sport shooting. Banning them based solely on their design sets a dangerous precedent for further erosion of our rights.

The restrictions on pistol features, such as threaded barrels and magazine capacity, similarly impede law-abiding citizens from exercising their right to self-defense. These arbitrary criteria do not make pistols any more dangerous in the hands of responsible gun owners and serve only to criminalize lawful behavior.

Additionally, the ban on certain types of shotguns and accessories further illustrates the misguided nature of these proposed laws. Shotguns are commonly used for hunting and home defense, and their classification as assault weapons based on cosmetic features is illogical and unjust.

Moreover, the blanket ban on .50 caliber rifles and the prohibition of possessing assault weapons in public hunting areas are further examples of excessive government overreach. Responsible gun owners should not be penalized for exercising their rights in lawful activities such as hunting.

In conclusion, these proposed gun control laws represent a significant threat to our constitutional rights and fail to address the underlying issues of violence in our society. Instead of punishing law-abiding citizens, we should focus on evidence-based solutions that respect individual freedoms while promoting public safety. As a defender of liberty, I urge lawmakers to reject these draconian measures and uphold the principles upon which our nation was founded.

Sincerely,

William Ancheta

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:20:50 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Honorable Chair and Committee members,

As a nationally recognized Distinguished Rifleman, I completely oppose SB3196.

As well as you intend,your actions infringe on my right to self defense.While I greatly respect our Honolulu Police Department,and have many close friends who have or continue to serve,most agree with me.Responsible,trained and skilled citizens have earned the right to protect themselves and our families and friends.Neither is it appropriate for you to dictate the form of the firearm, as long as it is not fully automatic( do you understand what that really means?) .

Do you wish to empower criminals,who will totally disregard your proposed bans?

Respectfully, Eric Ako DVM

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:20:52 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:23:54 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose bill SB3196 due to the fact that strips our constitutional right as a United States citizen, specifically the second amendment. By telling us what gun we can and cannot own is wrong. Also I can't remember the last time there was an incident involving any AR or AK firearm platform in Hawaii. The people of Hawaii know how to use firearms due to the laws we currently have in place and the law abiding citizens that invest in them. Enforcing this bill will do more harm than good by restricting law abiding citizens from teaching our youth about firearms. This bill will restrict law abiding citizens from acquiring these firearms yet it does not stop criminals from acquiring them. I suggest we invest our precious taxpayer money into further education about firearms. Educating and encouraging our youth to be great law abiding human beings.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:24:10 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This bill is an infringement on our Constitutional rights. I oppose this bill because I value my right to protect myself and my family.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:27:06 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Vote no. Guns God Country. Rhoads you ate a butthead.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:31:16 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose S.B. 3196.

If passed, this bill will be a clear violation of my constitutional rights granted to me by the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America.

From what I gather from watching the nightly news, is that every gun crime recently committed in Hawaii has been committed by someone who is already prohibited from owning and/ or possessing a firearm by State or Federal Law. I wonder if any gun crimes in Hawaii have ever been committed by a lawful gun owner with a legal firearm.

In the fourteen years that I have in Hawaii, I have definitely noticed a significant increase in both violent and property crime. S.B. 3196 will do nothing to improve this situation. All this bill will accomplish is to further restrict the constitutional rights of law abiding citizens and create a new group of criminals out of them.

Please pursue meaningful legislation to to enforce the current laws and to keep repeat offenders in jail. S.B. will have no effect on gun possession by criminals. They will continue to obtain firearms illegally.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:31:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it is an infringement on everyone's second amendment rights. Don't waste more tax payers money on a lawsuit waiting to happen.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:33:18 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose bill SB3196! This is unconstitutional. I do not agree taking a firearm away from a responsible law abiding citizen is the solution. You are disarming the public. Criminals do not operate by the law so taking our home defense away and the right to bear arms makes absolutely no sense. Even if you ban ARs criminals will find a way to acquire an illegal firearm. A criminal with an illegal firearm can be stopped by a good guy with an AR / Shotgun. The right of the people to bear arms should not be infringed.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:34:52 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:38:10 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Im asking for you to vote NO to bill Sb3196. Aside from it conflicting with our second amendment, i simply ask you to set your opinion aside and do your job as an elected official to represent the people of Hawaii. There is a far greater number of people who oppose this bill rather than support as show in the amount of testimonies that the state has received. Please do us tax payers this favor and preserve this right, the litigation that will come is not worth our money, we have bigger problems to solve in Hawaii. On top of that we all know that it is no secret our jails are overflowing and this bill will only put law abiding citizens in jail, your neighbors, family, and friends will be considered criminals for something that is acceptable right now. Now we don't need to talk about hunting because that's not why our 2nd amendment was givin to us, "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." They used they're words very carefully here, like the words "shall not be infringed" specifically for instances like this Bill we are discussing, those words were used so no one could say "we are not taking your guns we are just limiting which ones you can have" hence infringement. You have to understand that this will not solve gun violence this law only hinders the law abiding citizens. Thank you.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:40:05 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill as it affects my constitutional rights please do not pass this bill as it will affect our Traditional gathering practices, and also affect our economy In a negative way. This will affect many local businesses in the state of Hawaii and affect our future generations. A'olé sb3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:40:35 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I support SB3196 as important legislation and a common sense measure. Hawaii is the only state in the nation with an assault weapons ban that FAILS to ban assault rifles and large capacity magazines for those weapons.

SB 3196 will finally close gaping holes in Hawaii's Assault Weapons Ban.

Assault weapons are modeled on military weapons, capable of inflicting the greatest harm on the greatest number of people in the shortest time. Hawaii does not need assault weapons and large capacity magazines.

The NRA and local gun clubs are vocal, but they are a minority and do not reflect the great majority in our community on this issue.

Our nation already has more mass shootings than there are days in the year. Please help keep Hawaii safe from this senseless violence.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:40:49 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This is by far the most radical gun control Bill in the Nation!

Each one of you like many other politicians are trying to make our lives "better" by taking things away and let me tell you that is NOT going to work. Every human beign has their own right to defend themselves in a dangerous situation especially when illegals are pouring in from different countries and coming to every one of our states, homeless individuals with drug addiction are becoming more radical including individuals with mental health issues. Every law-abiding citizen and resident has the right to defend themselves and their family from any danger and I urge you to not pass this Bill. REMEMBER YOU WORK FOR THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII, WE DONT WORK FOR YOU AND WE WONT BE CONTROLLED!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:41:43 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I appose this bill it goes against the first & second amendment's our constitutional rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:44:42 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose to this law

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:44:46 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Firearms have long been a part of recreational activities for many people, including hunting, target shooting, and sport shooting. Engaging in these activities can provide individuals with a sense of skill development, camaraderie, and a connection to nature. For many, the responsible and lawful use of firearms for recreational purposes is a cherished and meaningful pastime.

Many individuals also find that recreational firearm use provides a form of stress relief and an opportunity to develop discipline and focus. Whether it's through precision shooting, competitive sports shooting, or hunting, these activities can offer a means of relaxation and personal fulfillment.

The Second Amendment 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."

This bill is unconstitutional to our rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:45:35 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha Members of the Committee. I testifying in regards to SB 3196, relating to firearms. I stand in strong opposition against this bill. I believe that this is an unnecessary bill and that it will not improve the safety of the public and it will infringe on the rights of law abiding citizens.

I do not understand the reason in wanting to ban "assault weapons" when they do not exist. The bill claims to want to ban all semi automatic weapons, which is almost all weapons that exist. This bill would prevent citizens from buying weapons for self defense and hunting.

The legislature needs to focus on other aspects that cause violent crime in our community. Going after the tools will not solve anything.

Therefore I stand in opposition and I believe that this bill is a very bad idea and it should not pass.

Thank you.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:49:31 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:49:57 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:51:38 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha, I oppose SB 3196. This is a poorly written piece of legislation and fraught with issues. Why should something be banned because of a standard piece of safety equipment such as a shroud? Pistol grips are simply a matter of stock design, nothing more. All firearms with detachable magazine would in fact be banned as they can accept mags greater than 10 rounds—its simple mechanics. This includes popular sporting and hunting long guns. This Bill goes too far in search of a problem that does not exist.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:52:19 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Cyerra Aiona-Owings	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. With our borders wide open who knows what terrorist have already crossed over. The "Aloha Spirit" will not protect our homes from enemies foreign and domestic. Also note law enforcements lack of staffing, Americans should have the right to protect their homes using their second amendment rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:54:04 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I appose this bill because it infringes on my second amendment.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:54:21 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:54:25 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE SB3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:55:02 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196 as this infringes on my 2nd amendment right. The idiocracy of these rules and laws makes zero sense and doesn't make a safer community. What this Bill does is try to turn legal gun owners into criminals without getting at the real root of the problem, the actual criminals.

## **Testimony regarding SB 3196:**

Aloha Senators of the Judiciary Committee,

I am submitting my testimony in opposition of Senate Bill 3196, on the grounds that it penalizes law-abiding gun owners in the the State of Hawai'i. It seems as though it has become a knee-jerk reaction when gun violence is reported on the news, to call for a ban or an extension of gun control laws already on the books. Instead of going after the law-abiding citizen, existing gun control laws need to be enforced. Law-abiding gun owners are less likely to commit crimes, and use their gun(s) for either hunting, sport shooting, or self-defense.

Also, the role of law enforcement is to protect the community they serve in, and NOT individual protection. The police departments on all islands are already short-staffed. The law-abiding citizen feels the need to protect their lives of their loved ones, and their homes. Self-defense is the individual protection.

Banning legal guns will only get rid of the legal guns, and not get rid of all of the ILLEGAL guns on the streets and in the black market. Stricter laws that go after those who ILLEGALLY possess guns need to be enacted or enforced. The criminal element do not and never will obey the existing gun laws, nor will they obey any new law. All severe restrictions on firearms does, is make the law-abiding, innocent citizen sitting ducks and prey for the criminal element. Crime is going up in this beautiful state. With the rash of recent local shootings, it's probably a good chance that the guns used in those crimes were illegally obtained. Something must be done now in terms of stricter sentencing for those possessing an illegal firearm, or committing a crime with one. Whether it affects the local residents or tourists ... crime is crime.

A ban on firearms goes against the 2nd Amendment of the United States Constitution, to which you all swore protect and defend. If you support the ban, I ask that you reconsider, and shelve this bill.

Respectfully,

Ivan Nishimura

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:58:33 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This is a huge infringement of our 2nd Amendment rights. Criminals will not be hindered by this bill at all. It will however have a tremendous impact on law abiding citizens rights to protect ourself and our families. Please vote no on this bill

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:58:41 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose

## **Subject: Testimony in Opposition to SB3196**

Honorable Members of the Hawaii State Legislature,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to **Senate Bill 3196 (SB3196)**, which proposes significant expansions to the existing “assault weapons” ban in our state. While I appreciate the need for public safety, I believe this bill infringes upon fundamental rights and poses serious implications for law-abiding citizens.

### **1. Second Amendment Rights:**

- The Second Amendment of the United States Constitution guarantees the right of citizens to keep and bear arms. SB3196 threatens this constitutional right by imposing overly restrictive regulations on firearms ownership.
- Responsible gun owners should not be penalized for the actions of a few. Stricter regulations should not come at the expense of law-abiding citizens’ rights.

### **2. Property Rights and Family Heirlooms:**

- Firearms are often family heirlooms, passed down through generations. SB3196’s provisions could prevent lawful transfer of these cherished possessions.
- Families should have the right to preserve their heritage and pass down firearms to future generations without unnecessary restrictions.

### **3. Family Protection:**

- Firearms play a crucial role in protecting families. SB3196’s proposed ban on certain firearms and accessories could hinder our ability to defend ourselves and our loved ones.
- Responsible gun ownership promotes safety and self-reliance. We should not compromise our ability to protect our families.

### **4. “High-Capacity” (Standard-Capacity) Magazines:**

- While public safety is important, the proposed ban on “high-capacity” (standard-capacity) magazines may inadvertently affect responsible gun owners who use them for lawful purposes and reduces the ability for adequate self-defense if the need arises.
- A blanket ban fails to consider the legitimate reasons for owning such magazines, including sport shooting and self-defense.

### **5. Travel Restrictions:**

- SB3196 would make it unlawful to bring or transfer certain firearms into the state. This could impact residents who travel with their firearms.
- Responsible gun owners should not face undue burdens when traveling within or to Hawaii.

### **6. Broad Categorization Impact:**

- Reclassifying all semi-automatic firearms as “assault weapons” due to basic features (e.g., threaded barrel, pistol grips, barrel shroud systems, magazine capacity whether detachable or attached, etc.) oversimplifies their intended use to the detriment of law-abiding citizens.
- Semi-automatic firearms, that have been legally owned and in use for many years, will suddenly meet the updated SB3196 “single feature” reclassification definition and could/will result in law-abiding gun owners becoming unintentional criminals overnight.

**7. Focus on Behavior, Not Tools:**

- Rather than focusing on the type of firearm, and the types of firearm accessories/features, we should work to address criminal behavior and mental health issues.
- Responsible gun ownership and proper access to firearms training at all efficiency levels are more effective in preventing misuse.

In conclusion, I urge you to consider the broader implications of SB3196. Let us find a balanced approach that ensures public safety while respecting the rights of law-abiding citizens. I appreciate your attention to this matter and trust that you will make informed decisions that benefits civil rights of our community.

Thank you for your service and dedication to our great state.

Sincerely,

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**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:59:18 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Opposing this bill as it is not going to make Hawaii any safer. Our citizens have a right to own firearms and have a responsibility to learn to properly defend themselves. It won't prevent any gun crime, it's just a violation of our constitutional rights. This hurts the citizens who follow the rules it does nothing to stop crime.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:59:24 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:00:37 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Katie Nicole Palmer	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:01:05 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I support this bill because assault weapons are only useful for killing the maximum number of people in least amount of time. They are not necessary for hunting or target practice. Our state has one of the lowest incidences of gun violence in the US. As citizens of Hawaii we have the right to feel safe in our public spaces, places of worship, and schools. Anywhere we have large numbers of people like football games or concerts become venues where such weapons could wreak havoc. This is necessary for the safety of law enforcement and health care workers. Please keep the 50th state a place of Aloha

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:01:27 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I completely oppose this bill because it infringes on my second amendment rights that Shall Not Be Infringed!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:01:33 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Aaron Paul Picazo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Oppose.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:02:35 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose sb 3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:02:43 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill of SB 3196

I feel that the US Supreme Court passed a measure in favor of gun ownership and this bill puts so much limitations on owning and using guns that it neutralizes the Supreme Court measure that protect US citizens right to gun ownership.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:02:52 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:03:48 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Dear Committee,

I am strongly opposed to this bill.

This bill would not address crime but instead target lawful citizens. Guns commonly used in crimes are pistols. SB3196 would ban pistols for being heavy, long, having a threaded barrel or magazine outside of the pistol grip, all of which are less concealable characteristics and less likely to be used in a crime.

In the last committee hearing there was overwhelming opposition to this bill - over 1,000 citizens were opposed to this bill with only a couple hundred in support of this bill. It is clear that the majority have spoken against this bill.

Thank you,

Renny

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:04:47 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:05:04 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:05:39 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose sb3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:05:49 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:05:57 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

2a is our constitutional right, SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED!! I oppose SB3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:06:43 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:07:24 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:07:40 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Matthew Sunajo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha. My name is Matthew Sunajo. I oppose SB3196. Little about myself. I'm an avid hunter and attached to the Hawaii's ARMY national guard. In the guard I'm qualified in many different types of firearms. So pretty familiar with the actions, parts, and mechanisms with many various types of weapons. SB3196 has a lot of questionable definitions to what an "assault rifle" "assault pistol" and "assault shotgun" really defines as. The term "assault" defines as the act of physical attack. It is usually violent. "Assault" can be put before any type of weapon, wheather a knife, stick, or any foreign object. Therefore, "assault rifle" "assault pistol" and "assault shotgun" can only be defined when these firearms are used in a violent matter. "Assault rifle" has NO relation and maybe confused with the AR-15 or AR platform. "Assault rifle" strongly relates and defines as a fully automatic rifle capable of select fire. In the state of Hawaii it is illegal to own or possess a fully automatic weapon of any sort. Only semi automatic weapons are legal here. According to the bill the definition of these types of weapons describes almost every single weapon in these local gun shops. It describes almost every weapon we legal responsible gun owners already possess. SB3196 states that accessories be banned. Most of the accessories are designed and engineered to improve performance and accuracy for a responsible marksman. SB3196 extends the law in banning most if not all semi automatic firearms and accessories is unconstitutional and outrageous. SB3196 summarizes that our 2nd amendment right to keep and bare firearms will be taken away from us. Owning a firearm legally in the state of Hawaii already is a big responsibility because of Hawaii's strict gun laws. It would behoove you folks to become familiar with certain terms and definitions, more knowledge, of what has been put out by yourselves, everyone's testimonies here and testimonies submitted online. You need to go back to the drawing board on this SB3196 before putting into action. Aloha

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:07:59 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Please don't punish those who follow the law by taking away their right to bear arms.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:08:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose of this bill. Not only will this bill hurt hunters, but also law abiding citizens. Having this bill fall through will require many to turn in their guns without proper monetary compensation as well.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:11:15 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:11:31 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196 as it is an infringement on our 2nd Ammendment. We as citizens should be able to aquire & hold our firearms as it's our given right as U.S citizens. If this is a defense as the legislatures fear of criminals aquiring firearms & using them to bring harm onto others then that is deemed as a criminal act. "Criminal" is defined as one who has committed a crime. With these said crimes, no evidence or facts are stated in news reports, or police reports whether or not the firearm used in a crime is properly registered or the history of the user of that gun. Law abiding citizens have no intention of causing harm to others & use firearms as a sport, hobby, or recreational activity. For the legislature to ban let alone add harsher restrictions to firearms is only doing harm to Hawaii's gun owner community. Don't do this to just follow suit with what other states are doing. You are taking away a privelege that many firearm owners are grateful for, as a means to get some satisfaction or joy from our stressful day to day jobs and life. Whether if it's going to the range, building our own legal firearms with joy of seeing it fire for the first time. This bill takes away a lot of hunters ability to recreational hunting that some do it for a living to put food on their families table, as well asmoney in their pockets for those that run small businesses selling their game.

21 FEB 2024

Honorable Senators and any citizens who will care to hear this  
The Senate of the State of Hawaii  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania St.  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Honorable Senators,

This written testimony provides opposition to SB NO 3196 and any other legislation enacting the unconstitutional expansion of assault weapon, assault rifle, assault shotgun, assault pistol, or any other arbitrary gun control or prohibition leveled against the law-abiding citizens in this State. Like many others before you, you have taken a sworn oath to “faithfully support the Constitution and laws of the United States,” (“Oath of office”). Understandably, these modern firearms addressed by this bill appear scary, intimidating, and unnecessary to the average person who grew up in first-world comforts and to State politicians who have armed workplace security provided at tax-payer expense. However, our founding forefathers used specific immutable language to protect the individual against the State and federal governments even when those entities claim to act for some greater good.

First, this bill provides an unacceptable loss for law-abiding firearm owners, and the argument that we should be satisfied because this bill bans only certain firearms and instead of all firearms remains a violation of the Constitution. U.S. District Judge Roger Benitez of San Diego provides an argument against the idea that politicians may restrict some types of firearms if there is no complete ban on all firearms. Of course, Judge Benitez refers to the California assault weapons ban, but his arguments remain relevant here. Judge Benitez states:

“Falling back on an old, recycled justification, the State says that its ban should stand because a person can have as many other rifles, shotguns, and pistols as one wants. The problem is that the alternatives-remain argument has no limiting principle and would justify incremental firearm bans until there is only a single-shot derringer remaining for lawful self-defense. Heller demolished that argument. The same argument – that a handgun ban might be justified because government-approved alternatives are available – was rejected in Heller and it is rejected here. Heller said quite clearly that it is no constitutional answer for government to say that it is permissible to ban some guns so long as other guns are allowed. This is not the way American Constitutional rights work. It is not permissible for a state to ban some books simply because there are other books to read, or to close synagogues because churches and mosques are open. In their normal configurations, the so-called “assault weapons” banned in California are modern firearms commonly-owned by law-abiding citizens for lawful purposes across the nation.” (Miller v. Bonta, 10-11)

The scary features on assault weapons (flash hiders, pistol grips, vertical grips, adjustable buttstocks, etc.) are simply the incremental improvements made in firearms ergonomics allowing comfortable, more-effective use by a greater portion of the American population, not just government entities who have the time, funding, and logistics to workout, train, and shoot to operate around whatever shortcomings exist in their standard issue firearms. The reality is that tens of millions of Americans have already selected the AR-15 platform as their choice of firearm for good reason. The AR-15 and many other so-called assault weapons offer the best modern advantages to the firearm owner, and the argument that firearm owners should just give up these modern arms and settle for old, clunky, heavy, wooden, single-shot or bolt-action high caliber hunting or battle rifles to disadvantage themselves has no grounds within the Constitution.

Second, if these assault weapons are so great of an issue, then the U.S. would be seeing far more crimes involving these firearms. However, the AR-15 is in common use among firearm owners just as how the Tacoma and 4Runner are in common use by Hawaii drivers. Here's another argument from Judge Benitez, who states as follows:

“The State suggests that standard AR-15-type rifles might be commonly owned, but are not used for self-defense. The State says that there is no evidence that firearms equipped with the prohibited accessories or semiautomatic centerfire rifles of less than 30 inches in length are “commonly used” for self-defense. Once again, the burden is on the government to prove that remarkable claim. It does not take a Nobel laureate to figure out that if Americans own 400 million guns and 400 million gun crimes are not being committed, that Americans are using their guns for something other than crime. If Americans own 24.4 million AR-15s and 24.4 million gun crimes are not being committed with AR-15s, Americans must be using them for lawful purposes. Some people actively use AR-15s for hunting or sport or target practice. Probably the vast majority of Americans that own guns keep them and use them for self-defense the same way that a driver puts on a seat belt in the case of a collision. Though collisions rarely happen, the seat belt is used for protection and to be ready for the unexpected collision. A reserve canopy is being used on a parachute jump, although it is not deployed, in case the main parachute fails. A cell phone in one’s pocket is being used when waiting for a telephone call or when one might need to make a call. An AR-15 under one’s bed at night is being used for self-defense even when the night is quiet. A person may happily live a lifetime without having to fire their gun in self-defense. But that is not to say that such a person does not use their gun for self-defense when he or she keeps it under the bed with a hope and a prayer that it never has to be fired.” (Miller v. Bonta, 71-72)

Additionally, that AR-15 is simply one of the best firearms for self-defense with ergonomic controls and standard-capacity magazines, and I want Americans to have access the best tools to defend their lives and the lives of those around them.

The reality is that we are surrounded by dangerous things. Almost every car on the road can go well over the speed limit and contribute to the number of vehicle-related deaths, which exceed the number of firearm deaths, every year. The grocery stores sell alcohol despite domestic abuse and drunk driving being an ongoing problem. However, the knee-jerk reactions to ask the government to ban something that makes us feel uncomfortable is rarely the correct answer. Education and personal responsibility is often the answer we need instead of demanding the government throw money and regulation at an issue. Instead of asking what should we do about gun violence in Hawaii, maybe we should ask:

- How do we properly address bullying in schools?
- How do we reduce the poverty rate and help our communities raise the next generation to work hard, avoid drugs, avoid crime, and learn the value of human life?
- How do we break cycles of violence?
- How do we reduce the rate of broken homes in this country?
- How do we fix the education system so students feel like they matter instead of being another measurable statistic?

These questions only scratch the surface. There are countless other problem areas that deserve far more priority and hit closer to the root of our society's ills than some assault weapons ban ever will. I thank everyone for your time and I hope these words have provided you some food for thought. Remember, knowledge is free, so go get some. Have a great day.

Thank you,  
Chad Kon

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**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:12:44 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill as it is unconstitutional as it infringes my second ammendment rights to ownership of a firearms. It poses a greater threat to law biding citizens than it does criminals who do not abide by the law or any laws infact. If the same energy and effort were put forth in stopping criminals as those put forth in creating these unjust laws against law biding citizens who follow the laws than it would be more beneficial for all. The citizens have a right to protect themselves and loved ones against those who intend harm.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:13:14 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gregory Michael Shiwota	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196. "Assault" firearms are NOT available already to US citizens nationwide, without getting the proper licensing and paperwork done through the BATFE.

Simply naming a Firearm an Assault Firearm, doesn't make it so. Semi-Automatic Firearms are NOT Assault Firearms!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:14:03 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:14:51 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kapono Palama	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB 3196. I as a law abiding citizen should not have my rights taken away. We in Hawai'i already have far too many restrictions on firearms. This is just senseless regulation for the sake of regulation. When will the taking and over regulation by the government stop. We as native Hawaiians and citizens of Hawai'i should be able to defend our families with any firearm we deem necessary. A semi automatic rifle is by far the best option for my wife and I to defend our home. We should be able to choose which firearm works best for us. As we see crime continue to rise taking away a means for a family to effectively protect itself is not the answer. I live in a small town on the Big Island and the police force is spread thin. At a minimum it would take police 10-15 minutes to get to my home if I needed them. That is too much time. Meaning it is up to us to protect ourselves from anyone meaning us any harm. The gun itself is not the problem. Putting these restrictions on law abiding citizens will unfortunately not stop criminals from acquiring guns and committing crimes. We already have some of the strictest gun laws and yet crime continues to rise. We already have waiting periods, mandatory registration, and one of the strictest and longest procedures to acquire a firearm. The process is hard enough. We need to focus more time and money in education, cost of living, mental health and drug prevention. That's where we will see our greatest impact against crime in the future. I hunt to provide food for my family and yes I do use these types of guns to hunt. They may look like rifles used in war but they are excellent for hunting due to the ability to make a quick follow up shot to ensure as quick and humane a kill as possible. I have two sons. When they get older I will teach them how to hunt and respect and handle firearms properly. So they may one day provide for and protect their families. With the cost of living in Hawaii some people cannot afford multiple firearms for different purposes. Bolt action rifles don't not make good home defense guns, they do not make good guns to teach children on as the size of cartridge required to hunt carries too much recoil. A lot of the firearms this bill would ban are great for multi things. Learning, hunting, defense, recreation, etc. I am not opposed to all regulations nor am I implying anyone should be allowed to own anything. But I believe the system we have in place that as of this year got even stricter and harder to acquire permits is enough. Don't take away our rights. I am a commercial airline pilot. I am trusted with hundreds of lives every flight. I have never committed a crime. None of my guns have ever been used in a crime. Why should I be punished by a bill so broad it would considerably reduce what I and my children and future generations would be able to own. I oppose SB3196 and ask that for the people of Hawaii whom you are elected to serve you do the same.

Mahalo

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:15:58 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196. This is a gross infringement on the 2nd Amendment.

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Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha I am a resident of the island of Lanai and I strongly oppose this bill as it seeks to take away my individual rights to own firearms that I use to hunt and provide food for my family. Living here on Lanai I rely on hunting with the firearms that this bill seeks to ban to provide food for my family. On an island where we need to be self reliant I use the firearms this bill seeks to ban to provide for my family healthy organic protein. Food is so expensive here on Lanai that hunting is part of our lifestyle here to provide food for ourselves. I am teaching my children responsible firearm use and safety with the firearms this bill seeks to ban as they are adjustable and fit youth hunters/shooters so they can learn the sport of shooting and safe hunting techniques so they may be able to provide for themselves through hunting. I also rely on the firearms that this bill seeks to ban for self protection and protection of my family which is my individual right. I also worry for the future of my children's ability to be able to protect themselves in the future if these firearms are banned. As a law abiding community member I see this bill as one that will impact those like me who are legal gun owners who use and store their firearms responsibly and have not committed any crimes. Those who seek to do evil and commit crimes with firearms do so regardless of the laws we have in place. As an Eagle Scout I know the value of teaching our youth the importance of firearm safety and responsibility and I want to ensure that I can teach my children these same skills and values with the firearms that this bill seeks to ban and that my children will be able to hunt here on Lanai and provide for themselves. Please think of the responsible firearm owners here in Hawaii who legally use the firearms that this bill seeks to ban and the impact this will have on thier ability to hunt, have personal protection, and their personal freedom.

**SB-3196**

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Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose. This is unconstitutional.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:20:25 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

i oppose

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:23:04 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
JOSEPH DECAMBRA	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To whom it concerns,

My name is Joseph DeCambra. I am a U.S. Army veteran(8years), husband for 18 years, father of 3, and a NRA member and instructor.

I feel that you guys are continuously penalizing every citizen that does his/her best to follow the laws, by making it harder for us to do what we love, with those we love. For most of us, it's a hobby to build, create, and customize, our firearms. We do it with our kids, spouses, groups, clubs, and friends. I understand that you feel by restricting certain things and making it more difficult, that you are making the community safer, but the fact is you are NOT.

I feel that it would make more sense, that for those who have already proven, through already strenuous background checks and laws, that they can LEGALLY own a firearm, they should be able to own which one they want to own. Do you think a criminal will look at a black market gun and say, "that is an assault rifle, we aren't supposed to have those here." Or, "that has a removable magazine and is capable of more than 10 rounds in it, those aren't allowed." The answer is NO! Why do law abiding citizens keep getting slapped with more rules and limitations. I don't get it. I respect and understand what you are trying to accomplish but I feel that the wrong people will be greatly affected by these changes.

Regards,

Joseph DeCambra Jr.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:23:18 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Joshua L Black	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The very existence of your ability to sit in Legislation was built off of free men to be able to decide what is best for the free will of each man. I oppose the bill. I oppose the false written narrative within this proposal. The very language does not match the reality of the nomenclature in which a weapon is discussed. The idealistic nature of peace is based off of free will not thoughtless scribes writing from a weak position and lack of intellectual understanding on how we arrived at this point in time. Your elders are watching your mistakes and unintelligent approach to understanding the framework of society. "Hard times create strong men, strong men create good times, good times create weak men, and weak men create hard times." M. Hopf. You are what the author refers to as weak. Congratulations for showing your feeble nature and weak mind. Bravo for a Hawaiian Shakespeare now has the opportunity to create a the narrative to be told again through time as the weak human makes emotions and feelings the blood that circulates society. You will be held accountable in the book of historical facts as the crack in the foundation of society. I challenge the mental cognition of each member that votes in support of weak feeble emotional thoughts to justify nonsense. All of you should resign in disgrace and learn how to survive without a grocery store, a vehicle, shelter, and technology.

**SB-3196**

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196. I am a responsible gun owner and shouldn't be compared to a criminal or someone who isn't responsible of handling these type of tools. It's discrimination to label responsible gun owners as criminals who clearly will not follow any law, to include the implementing of banning guns, hence why they are labeled criminals. Implementing this only hurts the law abiding citizens of Hawaii, the responsible gun owners. The implementation of SB3196 will only aid the criminals knowing that all law abiding citizens should no longer have the necessary tools to protect themselves in a life or death situation when the local constabularies ain't around. I strongly ask that you hear us responsible gun owners out and understand that the tool is not the problem but instead the individual who carelessly misuses it. Aloha.

**SB-3196**

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

Comments:

I am in opposition of Senate Bill 3196.

Responsible gun owners should not be penalized for the actions of a few. Restricting assault rifles impedes my ability to adequately protect myself and my family. These firearms provide a sense of security and a means of defending against potential threats in situations where standard firearms may not be as effective. In certain scenarios, such as home defense, the capabilities of assault rifles are seen as essential for ensuring the safety of loved ones.

Limiting access to these firearms can place law-abiding citizens at a disadvantage in the face of increasingly sophisticated and dangerous criminal elements. By embracing responsible gun ownership and focusing on individual choice, we can better safeguard our families and communities without unduly impeding our fundamental rights.

Thank you for your time. Aloha!

## Strong Opposition to Proposed SB3196

I am writing to express my vehement opposition to the proposed rules outlined in the above bill concerning firearms, specifically targeting assault rifles, assault shotguns, assault pistols, .50 caliber rifles, and firearm attachments. I firmly believe that these proposed changes are misguided and will negatively impact law-abiding citizens without achieving the intended goals of enhanced public safety. I also believe this is a misuse of the public's time and resources due to the fact that these types of laws have already been challenged in other states and were ultimately struck down by the United States Supreme Court deeming them Unconstitutional (NYSRPA v. Bruen). Other states have already tried this and not only did it negatively impact the safety and well being of the public, but drained valuable tax payer money and time to litigate an issue that will not prevail when scrutinized by the highest court in the land.

Most recently, despite after hours of public testimony, written testimony, pleading in opposition of Hawaii's state and county's rules for "Sensitive Places" to carry firearms, this too was struck down resulting in wasted tax payer time, money, and even more importantly, a huge loss in Trust in our Elected Officials to carry out the will of the people and to ensure you conduct your due diligence before attempting to remove an established right of the people. Please look at your most recent cases, cases around the country, and notice these types of proposed laws are not prevailing in court and are continually deemed as Unconstitutional.

While I understand the importance of addressing concerns related to firearms, the proposed bill fails to strike a balance between public safety and the fundamental rights of responsible gun owners.

The following points are the primary reasons for my strong opposition to the bill:

### Overreach of Restrictions:

The bill appears to overreach by categorizing a broad range of firearms as "assault weapons" without considering their legitimate uses in self-defense, sporting activities, and other lawful purposes. The bill does not have a reasonable definition of what an "assault weapon." This overbroad classification neglects the distinctions between firearms and unfairly stigmatizes law-abiding gun owners.

### Impact on Law-Abiding Citizens:

The proposed restrictions disproportionately affect responsible gun owners who use firearms for lawful purposes, including self-defense and recreational activities. By limiting access to certain firearms and accessories, the bill imposes unnecessary burdens on individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to safety and adherence to existing regulations. In addition, in a life threatening situation, you only have seconds to defend you and your Ohana when HPD is 5 - 10 minutes away.

### Failure to Address Root Causes.

Rather than addressing the root causes of violence, the bill focuses on access to specific firearms. Comprehensive solutions should involve addressing mental health issues, improving law enforcement strategies, and implementing educational programs to promote responsible firearm ownership. Removing or deterring access to commonly used firearms only impacts the Law Abiding Citizen and does Absolutely nothing to deter the criminal. The criminal will commit crimes regardless of what type of law you try to implement.

#### Inadequate Consideration of Individual Rights:

The proposed bill raises concerns about infringing upon the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens. It is crucial to respect and uphold the constitutional rights of individuals while pursuing measures that genuinely enhance public safety. Removing or deterring access to commonly used firearms only impacts the Law Abiding Citizen and does Absolutely nothing to deter the criminal. The criminal will commit crimes regardless of what type of law you try to implement.

#### Potential Impact on Local Economy:

The prohibition on the sale or transfer of certain firearms within the state may have adverse effects on local businesses and the economy, particularly those involved in the firearms industry. This could lead to job losses and economic downturns in affected sectors. In addition, as crime is on the rise across our state, criminals will be even more emboldened to continue their crime sprees on communities and businesses when they realize they will be the only ones carrying firearms. The criminals only need to worry about the cops which are already short staffed and stretched thin. This will impact business across the state. We see this happening in other states where Walmart and Target can no longer absorb the loss and have decided to close down high crime locations. We see this trend happening right here in downtown China Town.

In conclusion, I urge you to reconsider the proposed amendments and explore alternative measures that prioritize both public safety and individual rights. Collaborative efforts involving all stakeholders, including gun owners, can lead to more effective and fair solutions to address concerns related to firearms. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I trust that you will carefully consider the implications of the proposed bill on the rights and freedoms of law-abiding citizens, as well as minimizing the waste of taxpayer money and time in litigation when it should not have been introduced.

Sincerely,

David Vea

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Alexander Ora-a	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill it is my constitutional right to own firearms. This is you the state over stepping your bounds I am a law abiding citizen that works hard and if I choose to own a AR -15 as long as I'm doing so within the law it is my choice to do so.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:28:43 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ronald Fernandez De Los Santos	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose

**SB-3196**

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

Comments:

Dear Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB3196, the proposed gun ban in Hawai'i. As a law-abiding citizen and a firm believer in the Second Amendment, I believe that this legislation poses a serious threat to our constitutional rights and the safety of law-abiding citizens.

The Second Amendment guarantees the right of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms, and any legislation that seeks to restrict this fundamental right infringes upon the liberties that our Founding Fathers deemed essential. SB3196 appears to disregard the rights of responsible gun owners and imposes unnecessary burdens on those who have shown a commitment to safety and compliance with existing laws.

Furthermore, it's worth noting that Hawai'i has experienced challenges in enforcing a ban on fireworks, similar to the difficulties in controlling illegal drugs and paraphernalia. Despite the state's efforts to regulate and prohibit these items, citizens have continued to access and use fireworks and illegal substances.

This serves as a stark example of how banning items does not necessarily eliminate their availability but rather drives the market underground. Similarly, a gun ban is unlikely to prevent criminals from accessing firearms. Instead, it risks creating a parallel market where individuals with criminal intent can continue to arm themselves while law-abiding citizens face restrictions. This legislation, in essence, may exacerbate the existing challenges in law enforcement's ability to control the distribution and use of certain items.

Moreover, criminals, by definition, do not follow the law. They obtain weapons through illegal means, just as they acquire drugs and other illegal paraphernalia. A gun ban will only create a black market where these individuals can continue to arm themselves while law-abiding citizens are left defenseless. This legislation does little to address the root causes of crime and, instead, places restrictions on those who pose no threat to public safety.

Rather than focusing on restricting the rights of law-abiding citizens, I urge the committee to consider alternative solutions that address the underlying issues contributing to gun violence. This may include improving mental health services, enhancing background check procedures, and investing in community-based programs aimed at crime prevention.

In conclusion, I respectfully request that you reconsider the implications of SB3196 and its potential infringement on our Second Amendment rights. I urge you to explore alternative measures that prioritize the safety and rights of law-abiding citizens without sacrificing our constitutional freedoms.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Braden Betz

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

Comments:

While I already find the current gun regulations of this state to be very strict, the proposed changes within this bill are extremely unnecessary. In order to own a firearm in this state, you have to undergo comprehensive mental health checks in order to own something that is fairly standard in the mainland. This solves absolutely nothing, since gun crimes are usually done with handguns. If people are able to smuggle in thousands of fireworks every year into this state, it would be understandable that there would be the same for "assault-style firearms" and standard capacity magazines.

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

Comments:

I oppose

**SB-3196**

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

Comments:

Aloha I am a resident of the island of Lanai and I strongly oppose this bill as it seeks to take away my individual rights to own firearms that I use to hunt and provide food for my family along with my husband. Living here on Lanai we rely on hunting with the firearms that this bill seeks to ban to provide food for my family as we don't run to the nearest Costco for food living on rural Lanai. On an island where we need to be self reliant I use the firearms this bill seeks to ban to provide for my family healthy organic protein. Food is so expensive here on Lanai that hunting is part of our lifestyle here to provide food for ourselves. I am grateful that my husband has taught me safe firearm handling and is teaching my children responsible firearm use and safety with the firearms this bill seeks to ban. These firearms are well suited for female shooters such as myself as they are adjustable and fit me properly and also fit my children so we can learn the sport of shooting and safe hunting techniques so we may be able to provide for ourselves through hunting. As a family we enjoy going to the range as a family and shooting firearms this bill seeks to ban for recreation and practicing our marksmanship skills so we can provide food for our family and also for my self protection as a woman and protection of my family which is my individual right. I also worry for my future in being able to protect myself and the future of my children's ability to be able to protect themselves in the future if these firearms are banned. As a law abiding community member I see this bill as one that will impact those like me who are legal gun owners who use and store their firearms responsibly and have not committed any crimes. Those who seek to do evil and commit crimes with firearms do so regardless of the laws we have in place. As an church youth leader I know the value of teaching our youth the importance of firearm safety and responsibility and I want to ensure that we can continue to use these firearms that this bill seeks to ban so we can continue to teach the youth of our island these same skills and values with safe and responsible firearm use that this bill seeks to ban and that these youth will be able to use to hunt here on Lanai and provide for themselves. As a female hunter and responsible gun owner and user of the firearms that this bill seeks to ban, please think of the impact this will have on my ability to hunt, have personal protection, and my personal freedom to protect myself and my family. Mahalo

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:30:58 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am writing in **OPPOSITION** of SB3196, along with thousands of others. We have protected rights under 2A and 14a.

It is noteworthy to acknowledge the almost 2,000 pages of **opposing** testimony that flooded in prior to the hearing on February 14 and a mere 200 in support. That stands for the PEOPLE's majority opinion is in **OPPOSITION**. The PEOPLE's voice matters and is who you represent. The people do not want their rights taken away.

The government is **BY** the people, **FOR** the people. Therefore you must vote **NO** on SB3196.

SB3196 is unconstitutional and an **ASSAULT** on our 2A as well as our 14a rights.

"The right of the people to **KEEP** and **BEAR ARMS**, **\*SHALL NOT\*** be infringed upon"

"Shall not" conveys a stronger sense of prohibition or obligation compared to "should not." In legal contexts, "shall not" is used to denote an absolute prohibition or requirement. So, in the context of the Second Amendment, "shall not be infringed" indeed means a **firm** prohibition against any infringement on the right to bear arms.

The Second Amendment extends to **ALL** instruments that constitute bearable arms, including those that were not in existence at the time of the founding. The Second Amendment right is fully applicable to all states, including Hawai'i.

The Fourteenth Amendment incorporates the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms for the purpose of self-defense.

With the current tensions across the world and almost **EIGHT MILLION** illegal immigrants entering our country, over two hundred on the **KNOWN** terrorist watch list, how long before they start coming to Hawai'i??? We are the most isolated landmass, **WHO** will come to our aid of another invasion? Hawai'i will not be able to defend herself. The crime rate in Hawaii is already on the uptick with car hijacking at knife point just the other day on Maui (Pukalani Longs 2/21/24). Home invasions and car jacking is becoming common. This is **NOT** the time for private citizens to have their constitutional rights of protection to be stripped away. We are on the brink of war and you're taking away many households only means for personal protection of terroristic invasions. This is just the tip of the iceberg of why I am in opposition of SB3196.

Please, please protect us with your vote, vote NO on SB3196. The right of the people SHALL NOT be infringed upon!

Voting YES would be UNCONSTITUTIONAL!  
**You must vote NO.**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:33:58 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196. This bill is unconstitutional and violates mine and others right to choose to own firearms.

I feel it is important to have laws and regulations in relation to firearms. But, it is my opinion that bans and restrictions like the ones proposed only affect individuals that are lawfully trying to navigate the already difficult paths to firearm ownership. They do nothing to stop criminals from illegally acquiring weapons to use in violent and threatening ways against law abiding citizens.

**SB-3196**

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

Comments:

I oppose.

**SB-3196**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Douglas McCormick	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Douglas McCormick and I oppose SB3196. I am a hunter/gatherer and I use various weapons I obtained by following Hawaii's laws and yet they are still trying to restrict it even more. Government is always trying to say or make a claim that this gun or that gun is an assault weapon, but yet our own government can't even define what a woman is. There are more studies out there that show knives kill more people than guns, but there is never any talk about that and everyone across the world has that in their kitchen. Having a gun is my right and I understand there shall be some rules, but this is just getting out of hand.

Drugs are illegal and you can still get them. Also Hawaii is a big popular place for aerial fireworks and you can still get them. Making this law won't stop people from getting them. The individuals should educate themselves with weapons and guns before they make rules like this. Just because city people don't like certain ways doesn't mean people in the country setting should abide by the same rules. So not everyone hunts or has weapons but don't punish law-abiding citizens even more. Hawaii has one of the worst gun laws and it's not getting any easier either. Enough is enough!

**SB-3196**

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

Comments:

Opposition Testimony to Hawaii Bill SB3196:

I wanted to testify to strongly oppose SB3196 Related to Firearms. Within the first section of this proposed bill, it contradicts itself. The fact is stated in the bill that Hawaii has the third lowest gun deaths per capita in 2021 in the nation WITHOUT having an assault rifle and assault shotgun ban. This would point to a data point that owning these types of firearms with legal gun owners in Hawaii not being the issue for gun violence within the State of Hawaii. While I fully support the efforts to increase public safety, I believe that this bill, if enacted, would unjustly infringe on the rights of the legal gun owners in Hawaii who have done nothing wrong and own these types of firearms for legal use.

If the type of firearm owned created a more violent person, then millions of gun owners across America who own these types of rifles would mean that by the numbers, there should be a lot more gun violence. But this is not the case as the root cause of gun violence is not related to gun ownership, but with the person who owns the firearms. Instead of targeting law-abiding gun owners, policymakers should aim to focus on comprehensive solutions that address mental health issues, socio-economic disparities, issues on how criminals are gaining access to illegal firearms, and how repeat violent offense criminals are treated within the state.

The proposed expansion of the definition of assault weapons and the imposition of new restrictions on firearm ownership represent a clear infringement on the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens. The right to keep and bear arms is a fundamental constitutional freedom that should be upheld and respected. This bill would disproportionately impact law-abiding citizens who use legal firearms for lawful activities such as hunting, self defense, and recreational shooting. Criminals are criminals because they do not pay heed to laws. The mass majority of law abiding citizens should not be punished to meet new laws due to the actions of criminals.

Gun bans do not work to reduce violent crimes as shown in places like the UK. Criminals continue to do violent acts with knives in the stead of guns. The main point to increase public safety should be to reform criminals by addressing mental health issues, socio-economic disparities, and making sure the violent criminals who cannot be reformed stay behind bars out of the public.

My co-worker's daughter was stabbed multiple times by someone who had mental issues. These types of firearms are widely used and owned legally by law-abiding citizens for the purpose of self-defense. To take away these types of firearms for no other reason than what the media is proposing as "assault weapons" when in actuality they are used and owned by a large portion of gun owners is not the data driven solution to this issue. As public policymakers, the focus should not be on punishing law-abiding citizens, but on fixing the criminals or keeping them behind bars for the safety of the public.

Hawaii Bill SB3196 represents an overly restrictive and misguided approach to firearm regulation that will disproportionately affect the constitutional rights of law-abiding citizens while failing to address the root cause of the public safety issue with violent criminals. I respectfully ask you to reject this bill and focus on creating more comprehensive solutions that do not punish the law-abiding citizens, or infringe on the rights of law-abiding citizens, for the trade off of not really addressing issues with violent criminals.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

**SB-3196**

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

Comments:

I oppose

**SB-3196**

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

Comments:

I oppose

**SB-3196**

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

Comments:

I oppose.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:42:44 PM

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

Comments:

Brah stop wasting your time it's time to arm the citizens all this crime and shootings is crazy taking away our guns isn't going to change anything

**SB-3196**

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Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:45:03 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kapono Nailiili	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it is just pure stupidity.

The word "Assult" is a verb. There is no such thing as an "assult weapon" only weapons or tools. it is the physical act of someone that determines how a tool or weapon may be used and the outcome. In police reports do we report that a knife was responsible for the assault on someone or do we say that the suspect assaulted or attacked someone using a knife? In fact you probably don't even hear that a person was assaulted with a firearm unless the suspect hit them with it, otherwise the report would just say they got shot or attempted to shoot.

The state has absolutly NO data or statistics to support a bill like this. Show us ( the public) where the data is on **lawfully abiding gun owning citizens** taking part in murder, assuts, and other crimes and show us that gun violence is from law abiding citizens. You will not be able to find this data because it doesnt exist.

While the state and city and county are making it hard for law abiding citizens to aquire firearms there is nothing being done about the criminals who have complete unfettered access to firearms.

I strongly oppose this bill.

**SB-3196**

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Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Patrick Leon Guerrero	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose

**SB-3196**

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

Comments:

As the facts here in Hawaii dictate there are no heavy or large increases in so called "Assult rifle" deaths nor does it seek to solve the problem but penalize the law abiding citizens who do legal own firearm that are classified in this way. This SB seeks to infringe on the constitution right under the federal government to bear arms and the right that these rights shall not be infringed. It forgets the history as well as the current situation where citizens in Ukraine were armed in order to defend the state against foreign and omestic threats. It would be irresponsible for lawmakers to approve of this law as it needs to address facts and validation within our state that these underlined items are in fact and determined in deed, a problem in Hawaii.

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

Comments:

I am writing to vehemently oppose any proposed legislation aimed at banning firearms and limiting magazine capacity in our state. Such a measure blatantly disregards the fundamental rights enshrined in the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution and threatens the very essence of liberty and self-preservation that our nation was founded upon.

The Second Amendment unequivocally states, "the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." This is not a mere suggestion or a guideline subject to the whims of passing political agendas; it is a fundamental pillar of our republic. Any attempt to curtail this right is not only unconstitutional but also an affront to the values of freedom and individual sovereignty upon which this great nation was built.

Furthermore, the right to bear arms is not a relic of the past but a crucial safeguard against tyranny and oppression, both foreign and domestic. History has shown time and again that disarming law-abiding citizens only emboldens criminals and tyrants, leaving the populace vulnerable and defenseless. Our Founding Fathers understood this truth when they enshrined the right to bear arms in the Constitution, and it is a lesson we ignore at our peril.

Moreover, it is essential to recognize that firearms are not inherently evil; they are tools that can be used for both good and ill. Countless responsible gun owners across our country use firearms for self-defense, hunting, sport shooting, and safeguarding their families and communities. Punishing law-abiding citizens for the actions of criminals is not only unjust but also ineffective in addressing the root causes of violence in our society.

As a proud gun owner, I cherish the firearms that have been passed down to me as heirlooms from my father. These priceless possessions represent not only our family's history but also our shared love for hunting, a tradition that has bonded generations of fathers and sons. From my hunting trips to Molokai, Kauai, Maui, and on Oahu, I have experienced firsthand the

camaraderie and respect for nature that hunting instills in families and in building relationships among friends. If you ban our firearms you rob us of our property and prevent us from passing our history and values on to our posterity. To do such a thing is wrong.

The Hawaii state legislature's relentless assault on our Second Amendment rights threatens to sever these cherished bonds and deny future generations the opportunity to experience the joys of hunting and responsible firearm ownership. Like the King of Great Britain who sought to fatigue colonial representatives into compliance with his measures, our elected officials in Hawaii are similarly fatiguing law-abiding citizens into submission with their relentless and continual attacks on our constitutional rights.

Every legislative session, we must endure the harassment of overzealous elected officials who seem to have an axe to grind against firearms and our American way of life. I am tired of their unwarranted intrusion into our lives and their jihad against what is a clearly defined human right. It is time for them to cease their crusade and focus on addressing meaningful issues facing our state, rather than scapegoating gun owners.

The recent history of Supreme Court decisions, including *District of Columbia v. Heller*, *McDonald v. City of Chicago*, and *Caetano v. Massachusetts*, underscores the folly of state legislators attempting to pass laws that are eventually struck down as unconstitutional. These cases serve as stark reminders that the rights of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms are not to be trifled with or eroded through overzealous legislation crafted by partisan who behave more like dictators than elected representatives.

Moreover, the costs of litigation resulting from these unconstitutional laws are ultimately foisted onto the taxpayers, draining valuable resources that could be better allocated to law enforcement or better yet, not spent at all. In the meantime, citizens are left in limbo, denied their rights, drained of their resources, and robbed of their time by being subject to harassment and infringement by the very government officials sworn to protect them.

There is a pervasive misconception that restricting access to firearms will somehow solve the problem of violence in our society. However, the reality is that violence is a complex issue with multifaceted causes that cannot be addressed through blanket bans and restrictions. In fact, firearms are often the solution to violence, providing law-abiding citizens with the means to defend themselves and their loved ones against criminals and aggressors.

Every decision in life carries risk, but denying citizens their constitutional rights in the name of safety is a dangerous ideology that threatens the very fabric of our society. Instead of scapegoating firearms and law-abiding gun owners, our focus should be on addressing the root causes of violence and promoting responsible firearm ownership through education and outreach programs.

In conclusion, I urge you to reject any proposal to ban firearms in our state. Upholding the Second Amendment is not just a matter of legal precedent; it is a moral imperative that we owe to ourselves, our children, and future generations. Let us stand firm in defense of our liberties and reject any attempts to undermine the freedoms that define us as Americans.

Sincerely,

Michael Botello

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

Comments:

I oppose.

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

Comments:

As a protected veteran and a resident of Hawai'i, I strongly oppose SB3196 as it is a blatant violation of the Second Amendment and directly ignores the official ruling of the United States Supreme Court NYSRPA v BRUIN and DC v HELLER. This bill would be moot in preventing gun violence as we as a state - according to Gifford Law Center - already have one of the lowest firearm injury and death rates even with firearms being legal and relatively unrestricted. Simply put, "concern for the whole" DOES NOT negate ANY right of the individual, which is exactly what this bill will do to thousands of lawful, peaceable firearm owners, hunters, and recreation shooters and those legally carrying and owning firearms for self-defense of self and others. This bill should not be passed any any measure to pass it directly acts against the interest of the taxpayers' and constituents' rights.

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

Comments:

This bill is infringing on our 2A, this bill will not make a difference in gun violence, most of the gun violence is from ghost guns

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

Comments:

I oppose.

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Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:52:52 PM

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

Comments:

Again why is this bill moving forward? What will it accomplish but infringe on the rights of law abiding citizens? How is it making Hawaii safe? How many crimes were committed using these so called assault weapons here in Hawaii? How do you think it will make Hawaii safe by effectively taking away a fundamental God given right that existed before the Constitution cemented it into the foundation of America. You will literally make the law abiding pay for the deeds of criminals. You are trying to take away our rights because of a few bad eggs. Do you think all the criminals jumped through all the hoops you placed on us law abiding citizens to get the firearms they use to commit crimes? Seriously think about it.

How can you ban something that is in common use? There are millions of these so called "assault weapons " owned legally in America. You are going after the law abiding by making bills like these. How can you swear an oath to protect the Constitution yet keep trying to pass these unconstitutional bills? Our Constitution is the Law of the land and the Hawaii Constitution literally states word for word "shall not be infringed ". If the Constitution means anything to you, you would strike down this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:54:19 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196. Disarming trained and responsible law abiding citizens renders our communities less safe. Widespread legal firearms ownership deters violent crime. Should violent crime still occur, it can be more effectively foiled by armed and trained citizens.

The bill is poorly written and if it passes it will be overturned in court. It violates the 2nd Amendment and recent verdicts overturning similar laws in California, New York and other tyrannical States. It's a waste of tax dollars and puts me and my loved ones at greater risk of violent crime. If SB3196 is approved, I would like to join the lawsuit to overturn it. Save me the trouble. Don't pass it. Vote no.

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Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:54:43 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sara Louise Fronte	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Addressed to the Hawaii State Legislature proposing **SB3196**:

**Additionally addressed to Sen. Joy San Buenaventura of the Puna District:**

My name is Sara Louise Fronte and I live in the Upper Puna District. I am writing to you to demand that you strike down this bill. As a tax-paying, law-abiding gun owner, I **STONGLY OPPOSE** this outlandish and unconstitutional bill. Should this bill pass, you will indeed lose my vote, as well as the votes of my many family members, in the next election.

This bill will not affect the criminal element in the slightest, and they already unapologetically disregard the law as a whole – ergo, why they are called criminals. Instead, this bill purposefully targets **LAW-ABIDING** citizens and turns us into criminals.

This bill especially targets the local communities who use their 2nd Amendment right for various reasons and purposes, like taking care of the wild pig populations that act as a huge pest problem, providing their families with fresh meat and self-sustaining themselves due to the high cost of food and high taxes, and having the ability to protect themselves and their families from any and all threats.

You have no right to strip me, as well as every other gun owner, of our 2nd Amendment right to keep and bear arms, and the basic human right to defend ourselves from any and all threats.

More laws are not the answer. This bill is not the answer. More government overreach is not the answer. Stop this bill, oppose this bill.

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

Comments:

I oppose

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Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:56:41 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it restricts my right to bear arms per the 2nd Amendment of the United Stated Constitution. With this bill, it prohibits me to protect my ohana from any dangerous acts or harm.

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

Comments:

I never saw an AK or AR jump out of a car and shoot someone. Can't keep blaming objects for killing when in reality it's humans. What you guys going ban next? Knives,cars,idiots,vaccines? The only way to stop bad people with guns is good people with guns. You guys are hindering good people who are willing to sacrifice their life to protecting loved ones.. don't be idiots

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

Comments:

I am writing this testimony in opposition to SB3196 as someone who was opposed to guns. After many years and proper training, I am now a responsible gun owner. Thankful that I've only had to use it for target practice and I pray that that is all I'll ever have to use it for. My home was broken into over 20 years ago when no one was at home. The violation and fear took a long while to get over. Fast forward to a few years back (I was with my mom inside the house) when someone was trying to break into my home and those of my neighbors. When the Police arrived and they were speaking to the would be burglar the officer informed them that I am a gun owner, that they weren't wanted here and that they would get shot. That warning in itself was appropriate for them and myself to hear and something I believe helps to deter break in's.

Firearms, when respected and handled properly, are safe instruments that serve various legitimate purposes, including personal protection, hunting, and sporting activities. The blanket prohibition of firearms, as proposed by SB3196, disregards the countless responsible gun owners who adhere to safety protocols and who have never posed a threat to public safety.

The Second Amendment to the United States Constitution clearly affirms the right of the people to keep and bear arms. This fundamental right is pivotal to our nation's principles, ensuring that individuals have the means to defend themselves and their liberties. A complete ban on firearms would not only infringe upon this constitutional right but also strip law-abiding citizens of their ability to protect themselves and their families.

The focus of legislative efforts should be on enhancing the control and regulation of firearms use, not on prohibiting them. This can be achieved through comprehensive background checks, rigorous training requirements, and strict enforcement of laws against illegal gun trafficking and possession by those who are a danger to society.

To summarize I believe that those of us who are respectful of life and handle firearms responsibly should not have our Second Amendments rights taken away because of those who aren't.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alison Wolford	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As an instructor, a recreational shooter and a womens shooting club member I have many concerns regarding this proposed bill.

Besides having the Constitutional Right to own firearms, law abiding citizens are already following the strict rules of Hawai'i and now will be deemed criminals under this proposal.

The features listed in this proposed bill do not make the firearm MORE lethal but have been designed for safety to use. Examples: *Adjustable stocks*: These stocks allow for adjustment in the fit of the firearm which allows proper fit of the firearm. For myself it helps me and my husband who is a foot taller than me share the firearm. *Pistol Grip* is a grip that would allow any shooter to have better control of the firearm. *Barrel Shroud*: Because rifles are meant to be fired with two hands a shroud protects the support hand of the shooter which provides better safety by providing better accuracy.

As a member of a womens shooting club women have shown more interest in firearms for personal/home defense. With that in mind maybe there would not be an increase of interest if the women felt safe. I feel our legislators should be focusing on the root of some of our community problems: funding and supporting mental health services, drugs, homelessness and illegal firearms. When looking for information regarding current crime in Hawaii I could not find information regarding crimes with firearms and if these were legally registered firearms.

The beginning of 2024 Hawaii brought more requirements to law abiding citizens to acquire firearms and/or to apply for a concealed carry license. As an instructor we have met some of our community's law abiding citizens in our classes who want to own firearms for many reasons so why would you want to punish those who are taking the time to learn all the laws and procedures required?

I STRONGLY OPPOSE every part of this bill and feel this should not be ANY part of a personal political agenda.

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Submitted on: 2/21/2024 9:58:07 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joshua Diring	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I vehemently opposed this piece of Legislation, and as public servants to this nation, it's citizens, and the Constitution, it is your legal obligation to oppose it as well.

This piece of Legislation violates the 2nd Amendment of the United States Constitution, as it goes directly against both the text of the amendment, and has no basis in history or tradition of legislation dating back to the laws of the United States in 1791 with regard to "gun control". The 2nd Amendment bears the "unqualified command"-shall not be infringed, as quoted by Supreme Court justices contained in the majority decision of the cases-NYSRPA v. Bruen, and by the sentiment of case D.C. v. Heller. Firearms AND their components are inherently protected by the 2nd Amendment. Furthermore, the components on this "ban list" are neither "dangerous" or "unusual"-as they are proven to be in common use among American citizens, for legal purposes. The very IDEA of a government infringing on a citizens rights to keep and bear arms-as well as the tangential rights/activities protected to be ABLE to exercise your 2nd Amendment rights, is EXACTLY the reason and intent behind the founding fathers' passage of the 2nd Amendment-to resist government overstep and tyranny.

The state of Hawaii also has no argument claiming anything about history or "Aloha Spirit" being a sufficient reason to pass such egregious legislation. Let this citizen and military veteran remind you of the "Splintered Paddle" Doctrine of Hawaiian King Kamehameha-in which the King himself asserted that EVERY citizen has the right to self-defense against any harm that may come to him or his family, and ESPECIALLY against a King or government forces' overstep. The history of Hawaii itself PROVES that all citizens have the inherent right to self defense, against the statistically and historically the entity most probable to harm the citizen-representatives/agents of the government itself. Furthermore, you would think a state like Hawaii-founded under colonialist violence, would want their citizens FREE AND ARMED so that no such oppression could ever occur again-from any enemy foreign or domestic. Lastly, outside of the un-constitutionality of this legislation, historically and statistically speaking, bans on firearms components for law abiding citizens, not only wastes the time of legislators and doesn't lower crime rates/keep citizens any safer. Instead states like Hawaii will take actions like allowing violent criminals out on bail, and allow homelessness and drug addiction to overtake the streets, without addressing issues prima facie, or the underlying issues themselves, NONE of which have anything to do with firearms.

I URGE you as public servants, as those paid by the tax dollars of citizens, to PROTECT citizens' rights, not oppress them and whittle their rights away. OPPOSE this legislation and fulfill your civil duties.



Senate Committee on Judiciary

Chair Karl Rhoads

2-23-2024 at 9:30am in Room 016

Opposition to SB3196 Firearms

I oppose SB3196.

It violates the 2008 SCOTUS opinion in DC vs Heller. The opinion made it perfectly clear that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment's "right to keep and bear Arms" protects modern firearms in "common use" from government prohibitions. Recently a Federal District judge has ruled unconstitutional California's assault weapons ban in Miller vs Bonta for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment reasons I explain below. The ruling is currently on hold in the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals.

The broad list of firearms/accessories and criteria being banned in SB3196 are in common use today for many purposes such as self-defense, protection of the State and Nation, hunting, and recreation. For example I estimate there are approximately 100,000 to 200,000 semi-auto rifles in Hawaii that meet the criteria in SB3196 which I think everyone can agree is considered common use. Heller further states in common use at the current time therefore modern semi-automatic rifles are protected under the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment.

Firearms cannot be banned just because people think it's dangerous. In fact SCOTUS's Heller opinion, reinforced by the NYSRPA v Bruen opinion, says interest balancing tests cannot be used, balancing an individual's rights vs the public's interest. Instead the constitutionality of a law is based on text, history, and tradition – if there were similar firearms laws generally in place at the time of the Nation's founding in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. This bill does not state how this criteria is met.

In 2023 Act 52/SB1230 Sensitive Places was passed. However a lawsuit was filed in Federal District Court and it quickly received a preliminary injunction for violating the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment. The preliminary injunction is still in effect at the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals. This is due to the Heller and Bruen opinions in which SB3196 violates.

Oppose SB3196. If you want to stop crime, be tough on criminals while supporting law abiding gun owners.

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### **What is the Washington DC vs Heller about?**

Prior to the decision, Washington DC strictly regulated handguns which were totally banned for citizens to own. The plaintiff Dick Heller attempted to register a handgun in Washington DC and was denied making him unable to possess the handgun. Heller filed a lawsuit which made it's way to the US Supreme Court in 2008, who in a 5 to 4 vote, reaffirmed that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment is an individual right and that governments cannot ban firearms in common use.

### **What is Common Use?**

In the DC v Heller opinion, firearms in common use today cannot be banned under the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment. Common use covers self-defense and privately owned weapons people would bring to and use as part of the militia. This was reinforced in the Caetano v Massachusetts SCOTUS ruling which legalized electric guns. SCOTUS had ruled electric guns were in common use today and need not have been present in the 18<sup>th</sup> century to be protected. Electric guns are owned in far far fewer numbers than semi-automatic rifles and are still considered to be in common use today.

### **Are semiautomatic rifles in common use in Hawaii?**

According to the National Shooting Sports Foundation report in 2022 there were 24 million Modern Sporting Rifles, AR15 and AK47 type rifles, circulating in the US. Applied to Hawaii's population of 1.44 million, this equates to over 100,000 of these rifles in Hawaii. Then consider all of the other semi-auto rifles with detachable magazines owned in Hawaii: surplus M1 carbines for pig hunting, Ruger 10/22 the most commonly sold rifle, Ruger Mini14 for ranchers, and many others. There are likely 200,000 or more semi-automatic rifles in Hawaii that meet the criteria of SB3196.

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## **Excerpts from the DC v Heller SCOTUS Opinion (2008)**

### **Modern arms in common use in the Heller opinion**

“Some have made the argument, bordering on the frivolous, that only those arms in existence in the 18th century are protected by the Second Amendment. We do not interpret constitutional rights that way. Just as the First Amendment protects modern forms of communications, *e.g.*, *Reno v. American Civil Liberties Union*, [521 U. S. 844](#), 849 (1997), and the Fourth Amendment applies to modern forms of search, *e.g.*, *Kyllo v. United States*, [533 U. S. 27](#), 35–36 (2001), the Second Amendment extends, *prima facie*, to all instruments that constitute bearable arms, even those that were not in existence at the time of the founding.”

### **Weapons in common use for the militia in the Heller opinion**

“We may as well consider at this point (for we will have to consider eventually) *what* types of weapons *Miller* permits. Read in isolation, *Miller*’s phrase “part of ordinary military equipment” could mean that only those weapons useful in warfare are protected. That would be a startling reading of the opinion, since it would mean that the National Firearms Act’s restrictions on machineguns (not challenged in *Miller*) might be unconstitutional, machineguns being useful in warfare in 1939. We think that *Miller*’s “ordinary military equipment” language must be read in tandem with what comes after: “[O]rdinarily when called for [militia] service [able-bodied] men were expected to appear bearing arms supplied by themselves and of the kind in common use at the time.” 307 U. S., at 179. The traditional militia was formed from a pool of men bringing arms “in common use at the time” for lawful purposes like self-defense. “In the colonial and revolutionary war era, [small-arms] weapons used by militiamen and weapons used in defense of person and home were one and the same.” *State v. Kessler*, 289 Ore. 359, 368, 614 P. 2d 94, 98 (1980) (citing G. Neumann, *Swords and Blades of the American Revolution* 6–15, 252–254 (1973)). Indeed, that is precisely the way in which the Second Amendment’s operative clause furthers the purpose announced in its preface. We therefore read *Miller* to say only that the Second Amendment does not protect those weapons not typically possessed by law-abiding citizens for lawful purposes, such as short-barreled shotguns. That accords with the historical understanding of the scope of the right, see Part III, *infra*.”

### **The meaning of “keep and bear Arms” in the Heller opinion**

“Finally, Justice Stevens suggests that “keep and bear Arms” was some sort of term of art, presumably akin to “hue and cry” or “cease and desist.” (This suggestion usefully evades the problem that there is no evidence whatsoever to support a military reading of “keep arms.”) Justice Stevens believes that the unitary meaning of “keep and bear Arms” is established by the Second Amendment’s calling it a “right” (singular) rather than “rights” (plural). See *post*, at 16. There is nothing to this. State constitutions of the founding period routinely grouped multiple (related) guarantees under a singular “right,” and the First Amendment protects the “right [singular] of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.” See, *e.g.*, Pa. Declaration of Rights §§IX, XII, XVI, in 5 Thorpe 3083–3084; Ohio Const., Arts. VIII, §§11, 19 (1802), in *id.*, at 2910–2911. [Footnote 14](#) And even if “keep and bear Arms” were a unitary phrase, we find no evidence that it bore a military meaning. Although the phrase was not at all common (which would be unusual for a term of art), we have found instances of its use with a clearly nonmilitary connotation. In a 1780 debate in the House of Lords, for example, Lord Richmond described an order to disarm private citizens (not militia members) as “a violation of the

constitutional right of Protestant subjects to keep and bear arms for their own defense.” 49 The London Magazine or Gentleman’s Monthly Intelligencer 467 (1780). In response, another member of Parliament referred to “the right of bearing arms for personal defence,” making clear that no special military meaning for “keep and bear arms” was intended in the discussion. *Id.*, at 467–468. [\[Footnote 15\]](#)”

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

Comments:

I oppose sb3196

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

Comments:

This bill infringes on our second amendment rights. It hinders our ability to protect our family and loved ones from people that intend to do us harm. Every citizen should have the opportunity to protect their ohana and this bill will only make that harder for people trying to do it legally but doesn't effect the people who don't care about our laws. People that abide by our laws shouldn't have more restrictions than the people who don't follow our laws plain and simple.

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196 because I believe it is our right to bear arms inorer to protect ourselves. Our 2nd ammendment rights shall not be infringe upon.

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

Comments:

Hi,

I strongly oppose SB3196 according to 2019 FBI statistics, 62 percent of homicides committed with firearms were committed by handguns, 3.5 percent of homicides were committed by rifles which include all long rifles, 1.9 percent of homicides were committed using shotguns, .0043 percent of homicides were committed with other types of firearms, and 31.98 percent of homicides were committed with other firearms not stated. According to FBI statistics, handguns are the firearms used most with homicides and not rifles. Please do not penalize law abiding citizens like myself and thousands of other law abiding citizens.

Thank you,

Ryan

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

Comments:

Aloha!

I strongly oppose to this bill. My wife feels a lot safer since we obtain a firearm to defend ourselves and to protect our child especially when I'm away at night to work. We both took safety classes and went through all necessary procedures to obtain legal firearms. Please also remember criminals don't follow and care about the law. What they want is to hurt and do damage to people.

We oppose to this bill. The right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.

Mahalo!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:07:00 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<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 SB 3196. It is extremely broad and would ban almost all of the most popular rifles in common use today, by law abiding citizens for lawful purposes. Hawaii already has some of the most restrictive gun laws anywhere in the USA, and this bill would make that even more restrictive for law abiding citizens. This bill will have no impact on crime or violence, most of which are statistically committed with standard handguns. It will only restrict law abiding citizens from owning the best firearms for self defense and lawful sporting purposes.

We do not need any more firearm bills passed. What the government should be focusing on is properly prosecuting criminals (especially repeat offenders) who break the current firearm laws.

This bill would ban very common features such as a threaded barrel, or a front handguard. It would also restrict any magazines at all over 10 rounds, as well as any semi automatic weapon with a fixed magazine over 10 round capacity. Many firearms come STANDARD with magazines over 10 round capacity.

As far as I can tell there isn't any grandfather clause included so this bill could have massive financial implications for many firearm owners.

This bill is similar to other "Assault Weapon Bans" from other states which are currently being challenged in courts. Using the guidance from the Bruen and Heller rulings by SCOTUS, nearly all of the aspects of this bill will be reversed and ruled unconstitutional in the future based on "common use" and the "historical tradition" factors.

The legislature and state attorney general were so worried recently about "possible" constitutionality issues with Brenton Awa's recent "Long Overdue" Bill. But the same government are pushing for this Bill SB 3196 despite its major flaws and the fact that the 2nd amendment of the US constitution is very clear. SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:07:41 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose to this bill because it is infringing my rights and is poorly written. It also has nothing to do with reducing crime.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:08:00 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196, if this bill purpose is to reduce gun crime, then we should look past the guns. We should focus on teaching our kids, compassion, respect and loving other people and be a law abiding. We should find ways/programs for single parents to make their livelihood better so that they can only work one job instead of two jobs so they can devote their time in raising their kids right not leave them with their ipads and smartphones, without guidance these kids will end up doing bad things. We should be tough on crime, prosecute them to the full extent of the law instead of letting them cut plea deals especially violent crimes and illegal gun possession. We should come hard on shutting down gamerooms/gambling places and meth dealers to reduce criminality. The more bad people off the streets the less crimes will happen to good people. We have the strictest gun laws in the country already and the legal gun owners is the only ones will suffer by passing this law not the criminals since they won't care what gets passed because they will never abide by it.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:10:39 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Matthew Bright III	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Matthew Bright and I oppose this bill. When all of you on this committee took office, you swore an oath to defend the Constitution of the United States of America as well as the Constitution of the State of Hawaii. Article 1 section 17 of the Hawaii State Constitution and the 2nd amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America are identical. When the Feds and the state governments are addressing the same issue, federal law controls. This is the supremacy clause. The Supreme Court of the United States of America says the people have a right to keep and bear arms and those rights cannot be infringed. SB3196 is in direct violation of the Supreme Courts ruling. This law also takes away my means to protect and defend my family and property. This law does nothing to keep criminals from getting guns. Instead, you will be telling law-abiding citizens that you will make it harder if not impossible to defend ourselves against violent criminals. And then, when a intruder breaks into my home I have to call 911 and wait. I have to depend on the government for my protection. That is unacceptable. Well at least you can say that a gun wasn't used in committing the crime and prop up your stats. **DO NOT** take away my son-in-law's right to defend my daughter and grandchildren. **DO NOT** take away the rights of law-abiding citizens to protect themselves from violent criminals. God forbid if something happens to my family, you lawmakers will bear that responsibility.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:11:25 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

We are the "Land of the Free ", but yet they want to take away our rights. This is unconstitutional!! You trying to incorporate "Aloha Spirit " into banning guns. Obviously, you all don't know the meaning of aloha Spirit.Guns are not the problem! It's the person handling the gun that is the problem.Regardless of this bill, criminals will still get the upper hand.You are punishing law abiding citizens who adhere the gun law!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:14:58 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Dear Senators,

## **I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB3196**

**SB3196 will not stop gun-related crimes because criminals do not follow the law, nor do they register their guns. By passing this useless bill you will not only empower criminals, but you will leave average citizens defenseless. It is written in the United States Consitution: "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." This means in layman's terms that the right to bear arms should not be violated or restricted by the government, which is exactly what this bill is doing. A federal judge already declared the California assault weapons ban UNCONSITUTIONAL. So let's be smart, throw this bill out the window, save the city some money, avoid further lawsuits, and stop infringing on our rights.**

**Mahalo Nui Loa,**

**Stanford Lee**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:17:01 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:17:08 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I do not consent to my 2 ND Amendment of the United States Constitution being violated. We are Americans stop Fucking around with the constitution your Communists and traitors. Govern yourselves accordingly. #NCSWIC

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:17:12 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:17:26 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:19:01 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
ikaika galves-alameda	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:19:08 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Distinguished members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary,

I'm writing in opposition of Bill SB3196. I understand that this bill and many like it is an attempt to curb violence. I also understand the thinking that taking away tools to commit violent acts such as firearms, firearm attachments, ammunition, knives, bats, bricks, pipes, fists, elbows, etc., may seem like a viable solution. However, removing the tools is not the answer. The problem is not the tools but the lack of integrity, character and the absence of values. I think we need to shift our focus and resources into establishing stronger families and value systems. As a father of three boys, I know that every day is a fight. It's a fight for territory in the hearts and minds of my children; to be the main influencer in their lives and not some character on TV or personality on YouTube. It is our responsibility to help our children grow into maturity, develop character, work through conflict, build good self-images, learn to seek wise perspective, etc.

I think that by focusing on families and value systems we would see violence of all kinds not just guns, but bullying, sexual assault, child abuse, verbal abuse, etc. be reduced.

Respectfully,

Grant Nagata

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:20:27 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lynn Mainaupo-Eugenio	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I am a 55 year old law abiding citizen, born and raised in Hawai'i.

I am very pissed off that you're trying to take away my Second Amendment Right, it is so bullshit!

I strongly feel we should be able protect our life our property, our liberty and have the ability to exercise our legal rights.

It was created in our United States Constitution for us all.

How can you even think about passing Bill SB3196?

That is total infringement on our second amendment rights! How are you going to tell law abiding citizens how to spend their own money?

We are the ones sweating all day every day! Just trying to survive! **WHO ARE YOU?**

To tell us we can't buy weapon attachment from other states that fits in our budget.

According to cite source: (Meric Google 2024) housing cost are the highest in Hawai'i out of all the U.S states and is a major contributor to Hawaii's high cost of living.

**EACH** and **EVERY** one of you legislator(s) that is for bill SB3196 are the ones that is making it very difficult for every legal firearm owner in Hawai'i.

In conclusion to my testimony, **I STRONGLY OPPOSE** this bullshit bill SB3196 !

Mahalo

-Lynn Mainaupo-Eugenio

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:21:31 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha Legislators and Committee Members,

My name is Ellison Shimokawa, I am a local resident of Hawaii Born and Raised and a proud citizen of the United States of America.

Please let it be know that I vehemently oppose Bill SB3196.

I implore you as a representative and official of our government to preserve and protect our liberty and freedom. However, not by enforcement but through empowering 'we the people' to have the freedom and sovereignty to do what we know is right for our protection, preservation, and flourishing of our community.

The answer to our success is not through more governing, legislation, and restrictions but through the preservation of the individual's sovereignty and freedom. Again to allow 'we the people' to conduct ourselves as you as the government representatives stands guard to protect those freedoms.

I appreciate your consideration and your service to our great nation.

Aloha,

Ellison Shimokawa

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:21:51 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I am opposed to SB3196 as it will negatively effect myself as a woman to protect my family in how I choose to defend them with the firearm of my choice. These firearms are the true equalizers that will allow me to best protect myself and my children. Thank you for your consideration.

Melanie Davis

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:22:16 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This gun control bill is ridiculous. Hawaii has some of the lowest gun violence rates in the nation and we also have some of the strictest gun laws in place already. These won't make a difference to crime or criminals in our state. These type of laws only affect law-abiding citizens. Let's stop blaming an inanimate object for our issues and address the real ones. We have a mental health/drug abuse problem along with social economic issues in Hawaii as well as the United States. Stop blaming guns for our problems and stop punishing good people for the actions of a few.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:24:21 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose. Criminals will find a way to be criminals. DO NOT leave law abiding citizens empty handed and unable to defend ourselves.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:24:36 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

My name is wesley ladera. Male, born n raised on kauai.have been a fisherman and hunter all my life and I oppose sb3196. Many bills introduced have no bearing on the outcome of the firearms listed. Most are just cosmetics like a new car or truck owner that does upgrades on their appearance like law abiding gun owners. AR stands for the Armalite rifle company and all percieve it to be Assault rifle. Any tool can be an assault weapon if used wrongly. I use a 50cal. Muzzleloader for hunting to provide for my Ohana. Will this bill ban me from using it? Many of gunowners rely on their firearms for providing food on the table, recreational shooting with family members which are taught gun safety and respect for these firearms. Proposing a ban on military, historic firearms. Many are collectors but I use my M1 for pig hunting. This proposals will take away my 2nd Amendment rights as a law abiding citizen that has never been arrested in my life at 70yrs old. More education and enforcement is needed on existing laws and also focus on illegal possession and sales. I also would like to transfer my firearms to my family member who I have taught them the safety of gun ownership and their responsibilities. Go after the bad guys and let us have the freedom us veterans fought for and our constitutional rights and not to have it taken away.

Thank you for your time.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:24:52 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose. i love sport shooting. its a hobby of mines and many other. Imagine someone saying you cant do what you love to do ?

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:26:49 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:26:50 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This law in all ways is completely unconstitutional. The banning of certain weapons, features, and accessories has shown to be ineffective in other states and there has been no rise in crime in hawaii as result of lawful gun ownership. I oppose this bill and all unconstitutional anti gun bills in the state of hawaii.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:27:28 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am writing to oppose SB3196. This bill is very dangerous and will harm my family immensely. I am appalled by the blatant ignorance of the many testimonies submitted and verbally expressed in the last hearing regarding this issue. Most all who support the bill are not aware of the terms used in the bill and clearly have zero understanding of firearms or safety regarding the topic. Many aspects to this bill will make law abiding citizens at risk for various safety issues when using their legal firearms. The idea that parts cannot be replaced or repaired is a huge red flag. This can easily lead to what is called a catastrophic failure. That is a when a firearm has a failure that can be explosive and can harm or kill those in a close vicinity. This bill is also destroying the rights of law abiding citizens while doing absolutely nothing to stop criminals who wish to harm others. This bill encourages breaking laws and discourages law abiding firearm owners from remaining just that. Grips, handguards, stocks and all of the accessories listed that would now define a firearm as an "assault" firearm are simply safety tools used by firearm owners to be accurate, safe and protected when using their legal firearms. There is absolutely ZERO data showing that accessories or magazine size leads to a safer society. I'd argue that this bill will only lead to harm for law abiding citizens and will empower and encourage the criminals in this state. You will be harming my husband who hunts to feed my family with this bill by making erroneous claims that his hunting rifles are not good for just that. You are woefully wrong as I sit here after cooking venison stew made from a deer he shot last week with said rifle. Those voting for this bill and supporting it along with their criminal friends are the problem in our nation and not my husband. Please stop stealing from my family and harming my families freedoms. This bill is unconstitutional and should not be allowed to be entertained any further.

Please do not support such an evil bill and vote NO on SB3196.

Hawaii State Legislature,

My name is Eric Taramasco and I am a resident of Kapolei and a law abiding citizen who contributes to the community however I can. I would have attended in person to voice my concerns, however, work requirements prevented me from attending in person. I am writing to you as a private citizen to state my **STERN OPPOSITION to Bill SB3196**. .

SB3196 is far too restrictive and will limit the ability of the common everyday law abiding citizen to be able to protect themselves. This bill will make the citizens vulnerable to criminals with no means to protect themselves.

Up until a couple of years ago I was not a gun owner. However, I have since learned that I need to be responsible for myself and my family's safety. SB3196 restricts one's ability of owning or possessing a firearm that could be used for self-protection.

The actual gun is not the problem or there would be incidents daily at gun stores and shooting ranges. Mental health in today's society is the problem and that is what needs to be addressed

The severe restrictions that this law will be imposing is unconstitutional. If passed it will be litigated for years. The amount of money that will cost to defend such a restrictive bill would be better spent providing mental health counseling.

I implore you to vote **NO** on this bill as it is too restrictive and will not solve the issue of gun violence.

Thank you very much

Eric Taramasco  
91-205 Oaniani Place  
Kapolei, HI 96707

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:31:07 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sally Lee	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE.

On June 23, Justice Clarence Thomas, the court’s most senior originalist, wrote a decision that both expanded gun rights and the role of history in refereeing gun control policies. His majority [opinion](#), in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen*, holds that the Second Amendment confers a right for law-abiding citizens to carry guns in public. Further, he said that when courts evaluate gun policies, they must consider only if the policy “regulation is consistent with this Nation’s historical tradition of firearm regulation.”

And never in the history of the U.S. have we banned ammunition, loading clips, magazines, accessories, etc.

I would also like to add that our founding fathers were all well aware of the innovative and evolutionary potential of firearms technology! The Continental Congress during our Revolutionary War sought to contract "repeating flintlock" muskets that was essentially the fully-automatic weapon of their time. This "repeating flintlock" was capable of firing as many as sixteen consecutive shots in as little as twenty seconds. The history of [Joseph Belton](#), an inventor and gunsmith from Philadelphia, and his correspondence with the Continental Congress proves this fact.

We can no longer tolerate legislators making laws that violate any one of our rights, especially when dealing with the Second Amendment! The separation of powers was written in the Constitution to prevent tyranny and oppression, of which, will be our demise if gun-control continues to pass legislation and the courts!

The founding fathers new about the repeating flintlock musket during our Revolutionary War which was the automatic rifle of its time. They knew firearms had the potential for improvement and to evolve into more complex weaponry, and yet they explicitly wrote the 2nd Amendment for We The People to have the inalienable right to keep and bear arms that shall not be infringed, such as you are doing now... this bill is unconstitutional and those who wrote it and support it should be tried for treason!

The Supremacy Clause of the Constitution of the United States (Article VI, Clause 2) establishes that: the Constitution, federal laws made pursuant to it (not in disregard to it such as the lower courts have done), and treaties made under its authority constitute the supreme law of the land. Judges and Justices must rule based on these basic truths!

To further clarify, Marbury vs. Madison, 1803, states that "All laws which are repugnant to the constitution are null and void." Furthermore, "Every law consistent with the Constitution will have been made in pursuance of the powers granted by it. Every usurpation or law repugnant to it cannot have been made in pursuance of its powers."

As you know, this means that the right of the people to keep and bear arms, **SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED!** Not in the local courts, not in the state courts, not in the court of appeals and certainly not in the Supreme Court of the United States! This God-given right that is not to be infringed upon rightfully includes the right to openly-carry firearms in public just as our founding fathers had intended!

Blessings,

Sally Lee

Aloha Chair Wakai and Senate Committee Members:

I strongly oppose SB3196.

I am neither a registered Democrat nor registered Republican, but a concerned citizen who has voted in every election since I became eligible to cast a vote. SB3196 is extremely disturbing because of the number of law-abiding citizens and businesses it will impact negatively forever.

I will vote and campaign against any senator who supports this bill.

Hawaii already has some of the strictest gun laws in the nation and the lowest rate of gun violence in all 50 states! The data reflects the fact that Hawaii gun owners have a proven track record of being responsible and law-abiding.

The Second Amendment guarantees citizens' the right to bear arms. SB3196 would ban nearly all semi-automatic rifles, shotguns, pistols, magazines, and the parts needed for them, which is just absurd.

This law violates the Heller and Bruen decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States and is far too broad as written. It would make criminals out of thousands of gun owners in Hawaii who currently own and enjoy using such firearms in a law-abiding manner.

Your emphasis should be on prosecuting individuals who break the law, not punishing law-abiding citizens exercising their constitutional rights. In case you haven't noticed, criminals and the mentally ill don't obey laws.

There are critical issues in Hawaii that need your attention, such as lowering the nation's second highest income taxes, creating truly affordable housing, building public works projects that work, and solving the homeless issue.

We are in the middle of the Pacific 2,400 miles from the mainland. We can't rely on the police or even our government to protect us in the case of unforeseen events – both foreign and domestic. We know firsthand how officials here handle emergencies, whether real, like the Lahaina fire, or imagined, like the false missile alert.

And here we are on the precipice of disarming the entire citizenry.

Senators, I ask you to refrain from the partisan politics that are tearing this country apart and further widening the chasm between left and right.

I ask you to vote no on SB3196.

Mahalo.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:32:09 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

i oppose. not fair for us law abiding citizens to be removing our 2nd amendment .

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:32:33 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am not in favor of this bill. It is limiting our 2a rights!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:34:29 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill! This is a blatant impingement on our constitutional rights and an overstep of government!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:36:59 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Please do not support this bill! If the ban on fireworks is an example. Then it just doesn't work. I can't imagine the amount guns that are already being smuggled into Hawaii, probably in the very same containers as these fireworks. I bet that number will triple should this bill pass. It won't just be criminals buying them. It will be the average person who only wishes to defend themselves, Yet the state has taken that right from them.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:38:54 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Crime is rising, but these bills do not stop crime. They embolden criminals. Knowing that the law abiding person is unarmed and defenseless leaves them with little to worry about.

HPD is so understaffed. it takes them months for them to send me my rifle registration. How can we trust them to respond to crime appropriately? The rise in crime rates has proven this statement true. Yet this bill will cause us to rely on HPD even more.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:40:11 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. I fear for the safety of myself and my family. I have zero faith in the HPD. I want to protect myself and not cower in fear while waiting for the slow response of the HPD. The weapons banned in this bill are already in the hands of criminals. Please do not take from the hands of lawful citizens!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:40:39 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha, I would like to communicate my opposition to SB3196. This bill will limit my personal ability to effectively protect my family and for my children to exercise their second amendment rights in the future. The firearms that will be banned or limited are in common use. I personally have over 20 years of training and experience utilizing the firearms that are effected by this bill. In my opinion, this bill will negatively impact legal firearm owners and will not effectively reduce crime or violence in the community.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:41:49 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mylin R. Smith	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

2nd Amendment is my constitutional right. Government Officials swore to abide by the constitution. Bad guys don't follow the law and if the government are trying to take away our right as law abiding citizens, who will protect us from those bad guys?

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:41:57 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:43:53 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Legislators, please oppose Senate Bill 3196. There is no sensible or logical reason to restrict law abiding citizens from firearms and any firearm parts to maintain their operational use. Types and categories of firearms and firearm parts and magazines listed for restriction in SB3196 should not be restricted to a law abiding citizen! This is the United States and a resounding fact of America is the permanence of the Constitution and within it, the Second Amendment. American citizens have an individual right to be armed and own firearms. It has been established that government cannot infringe on that right. There cannot be any mutation or alteration of definitions and categories of firearms, accessories or parts by legislative means and writing of further restrictive addendums. Once an individual has gone through a background check and is approved for firearm ownership, they should not have any further lengthy procedures or delays in obtaining their firearm. Many individuals have gone through an excess of two or more background checks (with a two week waiting period prescribed on Oahu) and logic should prevail that once an individual has been approved from any background check, there should be no subsequent delays in obtaining any additional firearms. The clear majority of the United States continues to allow gunshops to conduct the background check, which the State of Hawai'i should do as well. There should be trust and sensibility for firearms owners in Hawai'i, not a penalizing of law abiding firearm owning citizens when the bonafide criminals, wrongdoers and law offenders would never obey such overreaching proposals like Senate Bill 3196. Please oppose Senate Bill 3196.

Thank you, Daniel Oshima

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:44:28 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. The problem is not the law abiding gun owners and the guns they legally obtain and own; it is the criminals who illegitimately obtain these guns by any means, regardless of the already existing laws. Further restrictions are not going to stop a criminal.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:45:53 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Strongly disagree with new firearm laws being proposed.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:47:23 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Hello - I vehemently oppose SB3196 as it seeks to prohibit inanimate objects already declared legal to own for no true benefit to the public.

1. The bill does not even attempt to begin to address the real issues of why shootings happen - mental health, targets of opportunity, legitimate self defense, etc.
2. Items A, B, C, D, E, and H are in common use amongst all long guns across the nation and all Hawaii firearms owners, myself included, will be instantaneously declared a felon by this bill. These features do not make the weapon any more less lethal and displays either a lack of basic firearms understanding or willful ignorance at the legislative level.
3. 'Assault rifle' is already defined as a rifle that can fire more than one round per pull of the trigger. All legal firearms in the state of Hawaii cannot classify as an assault rifle as they are incapable of firing more than one round per pull of the trigger.

As already stated in the bill. Hawaii is 3rd lowest in the nation for per capita gun deaths. Congratulations. Now stop. So many other problems in the state - homelessness, kama'aina being 'priced out of paradise' just to name a few. No more firearms law are needed, period.

Thank you.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:48:42 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill because it is a gross violation of my Second Amendment rights guaranteed by the Constitution. Thank you.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:50:41 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196 because it would take away the best means for defending innocent life and liberty. There is no evidence that banning firearms reduces firearm related crime.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:51:26 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Hello,

Let me first say that I strongly oppose this bill. Its too indiscriminate, it will only penalize law abiding gun owners. Criminals that break the law with guns rarely go through proper channels and they certainly wont be abiding by your bill here.

More focus on mental health and violent criminals would be much more effective at keeping us safe.

This Bill is rooted in emotion, not logic. The semiauto rifles and shotguns, you propose banning for having one of so many arbitrary features. This shows whoever posed this bill is not an expert in guns or gun safety. Being able to effectively handle a weapon with precision and speed could be the difference between life and death. Hampering that ability is irresposible. This bill goes against the second amendment which is a federal and inalienable right.

Thanks,

Anthony Empting

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:51:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary,

I write in regard to SB3196: RELATING TO FIREARMS. This legislation contradicts a federal ruling and violates a citizen's Constitutional rights. I respectfully ask you to *oppose* SB3196.

In *District of Columbia v. Heller*, the United States Supreme Court ruled that firearms in common use for lawful purposes are protected under the United States Constitution. SB3196 would ban firearms that are in common use across the nation.

As SB3196 contradicts a ruling by our nation's highest court, I urge you to *oppose* SB 3196.

Mahalo!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:52:58 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this Bill as it goes against our constitution. Government has no place to put measures that directly go against the constitutional rights every American citizen has.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:53:46 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 10:53:48 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196. The proposals in this bill are an attempt to ban law abiding citizens from firearm ownership. The proposal to amend the definition of an “assault weapon”. The scope of which would essentially ban all semi automatic rifles that can accept a detachable magazine and restricts the ownership of parts for them as well. Along with being an infringement on 2nd amendment rights it prevents the ability to repair said firearms. The portion of this bill pertaining to expanding the definition of “high capacity” magazines as one that can hold more than 10 rounds of ammunition is also an infringement that is attempted on an annual basis. While the arguments made in favor of this bill often rely on emotional appeal, the basis often relies on putting additional restrictions on law abiding citizens rather than criminals.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:05:33 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:09:06 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Dear Committee Members,

I am a lifelong Hawaii resident, calling the Kaneohe district my home. I work in the financial industry and am a firearm safety instructor.

I have met and instructed many families, couples, and individuals on how to store and operate their firearm(s) safely.

The definitions used to ban firearms in SB3196 are too broad and would prohibit almost all firearms. There are many active lawsuits at the national level challenging laws such as this bill wishes to create. It is prudent to see the outcomes of those lawsuits to develop more effective laws in Hawaii. That will also save taxpayers money spent on defending or revising the law.

Also, this bill, if passed, would make it illegal for families to pass down firearms from one generation to the next. For example, a grandfather could not give his grandson his favorite hunting rifle or shotgun if this bill became law. This is a big concern for families that hunt together and use hunting to keep food costs down. We have many nuisance (pest) animals, such as axis deer, sheep, goats, and pigs, that hunting families and communities keep in check with their firearms.

I ask all my students why they wish to own a firearm, and a majority of them say a firearm is their primary means of protection (for family and self) due to a lack of effective law enforcement. They reference current events that demonstrate criminals assaulting innocents. The police often arrive too late to prevent the assault or murder from happening. Students feel helpless and know that the police can't protect them.

Funding more police officer positions would be a better solution to decrease crime. Having a visible and effective police presence is needed. According to the FBI's 2019 survey, cities of our size have 2.6 full-time officers for every 1,000 citizens. Hawaii has 1.8 as of March 2020 (per the Honolulu.org website).

I respectfully oppose SB 3196 for the reasons above.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:09:43 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose

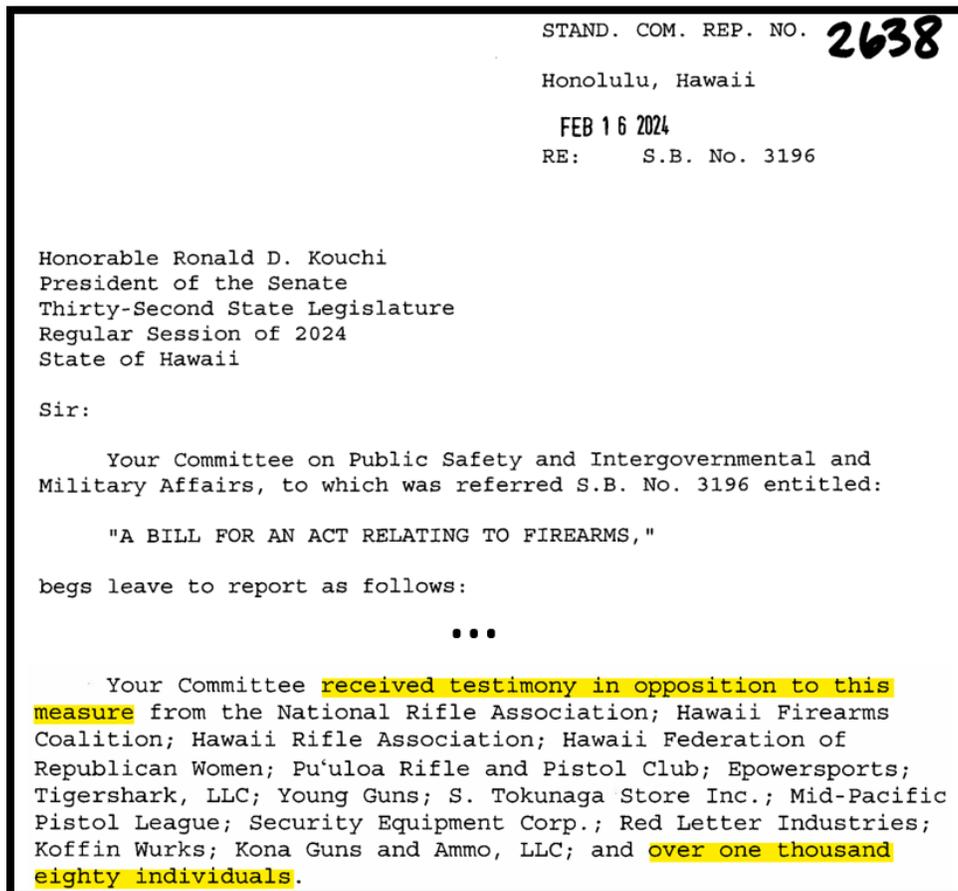
Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair  
Committee on Judiciary  
Hearing: Friday, February 23, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.  
Regarding: **SB3196 (Relating to Firearms)**  
**Voter Position: OPPOSITION**

Senators of the JDC Committee,

I express my continued **opposition** to **SB3196 (Relating to Firearms)**.

**Bill Introduction Disingenuity**

Section 1 of **SB3196** cites Giffords Law Center's grading system to describe Hawaii's artificial rating of gun safety. Such inclusion of data generated by a private-interest lobby organization reveals that **SB3196** is sponsored by a private special interest group that does not represent the entire scope of Hawaii's actual legislative constituency. When reviewing the **Standing Committee Report Number 2638** regarding **SB3196**, the fact remains that there is overwhelming opposition to the proposed measure. It is unreasonable to advance this measure based upon any belief that more constituents support **SB3196**. Without evidence of such constituents providing evidence of their support, such claim would be unsubstantiated.



## Inanimate Objects Cannot Assault Anyone

**SB3196** artificially adds onto a growing list of fictional firearms by suggesting that there are such things as assault pistols, assault shotguns, and even assault rifles.

The word “assault” is generally used as a noun that involves the interaction of human actors (not inanimate objects). “Assault” can also be used as a verb and generally involves an instance whereby one human actor expressly inflicts harm upon another human actor. Again, what is important to understand from this foundational definition is that inanimate objects cannot conduct the act of an assault on their own. Only human actors are involved in any instance of an assault. Accordingly, any legislative focus to counter acts of violence should focus on combatting the human actors that commit the act of an assault. In the interest of public safety, this is an important consideration since humans, specifically criminals with malignant intent, detrimentally affect public safety via unmitigated assault.

Merriam Webster’s definition in the dictionary hasn’t changed much over the years, however, it’s prudent to re-examine its definition closely in case there is a misunderstanding that its meaning changed recently:

**assault** 1 of 2 **noun**

as-sault ə-ˈsɔlt

[Synonyms of assault >](#)

**1 a** : a violent physical or verbal attack

**b** : a military attack usually involving direct combat with enemy forces  
| an *assault* on the enemy's air base

**c** : a concerted effort (as to reach a goal or defeat an adversary)  
| an *assault* on drug trafficking

**2 law**

**a** : a threat or attempt to inflict offensive physical contact or bodily harm on a person (as by lifting a fist in a threatening manner) that puts the person in immediate danger of or in apprehension (see [APPREHENSION sense 1](#)) of such harm or contact  
→ compare [BATTERY sense 1b](#)

**assault** 2 of 2 **verb**

**assaulted; assaulting; assaults**

*transitive verb*

**1** : to make an assault on : to attack violently  
| *assaulted* a police officer

Source: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/assault>

Regardless of its literary form, assault requires a human actor to commit harm upon another human. Examples used with the official dictionary definition of the word “assault” never include any examples of inanimate objects, such as rifles, conducting any acts of assault on their own. Inappropriately applying the term “assault” to an inanimate object such as a firearm is equally as irrational as it is illogical since the firearm cannot perform any activity on its own. The design of a firearm is irrelevant—a firearm can only fire a bullet if a human actor with an established intention to discharge the firearm actually goes through the process of loading a bullet into the firearm, placing the firearm into a condition ready to fire the bullet, and then manipulating the firing mechanism to allow the firearm to fire the bullet from a properly manufactured round cartridge. Law enforcement interaction is the only means to stop an individual intending to kill another individual using a firearm—a ban will not suddenly stop their activities since they will simply utilize an alternative means to inflict the same casualty upon their intended victims. Inappropriately labeling a constituents’ rifle as an assault weapon is inherently accusatory since constituents don’t go out of their way to commit the act of an assault. Only an individual with a criminal mindset would do such a thing and the fulfilment of a criminal’s desires do not even require acquisition of a firearm.

Admittedly, Merriam Webster attempts to define a so-called “assault rifle,” however, the definition fails to explain *how* an assault is carried out using such non-existent rifle. Instead, Merriam Webster only describes notional firearm configurations in its definition of an “assault rifle.” The so-called “assault rifle” definition fails to articulate *how* the *act* of an assault is carried out by such rifle. No clarity is presented. The definition unfortunately compels the reader to use their imagination instead of objective reason, which is probably why the term “assault rifle” has become so popular in legislatures worldwide.

For clarity, an “assault” rifle, “assault” shotgun, or “assault” pistol cannot even exist if a human actor is not present to conduct the act of an assault. Otherwise, the rifle, shotgun, or pistol would just be that: a rifle, shotgun, or pistol. No act of “assault” can be conducted in absence of human interaction. The only viable counteraction to an assault of any form would be control of the human actor committing the assault. In every news article, in every country, in every jurisdiction, in every language, and in every walk of life, it is apparent that all incidents of active shootings, stabbings, bombings, acid attacks, and any other act of violence ends when the human actor is either apprehended or otherwise incapacitated by law enforcement/normal bystander (i.e.-other human actors). There is no deviation from this established reality. Even if an active shooter takes their own life during a shooting, it is once again a human performing the action—the rifle does not discharge itself. Likewise, in every part of the globe, shootings, stabbings, bombings and other such acts of violence which pose a threat to health and public safety remain, even in jurisdictions where such acts are made illegal and mechanisms to conduct such atrocities are banned. This is not an argument against rule of law, but it must be made clear that notional inanimate object bans do not magically bring peace and prosperity to the world. Bans, particularly firearm bans, simply constrain the ability of non-criminal citizens to defend themselves and their families from armed criminals that will use whatever means necessary to enact their will. Law enforcement is still a vital dimension of combatting the scourge of violence, but they can only do so if they are fully staffed to combat such violence.

### **Legal Inconsistency**

Even from a legal standpoint, an inanimate object cannot be charged to commit the act of an assault, murder, or other act of violence. Only human actors are formally charged in court with the crime of committing an assault (otherwise known as *battery* in some jurisdictions). Just like how the Merriam Webster dictionary definition of “assault” didn’t magically change over the last year, it is important to note that Black’s Law Dictionary still attributes assault to human actors. When reviewing the definition, it is apparent that the best means of stopping an assault of any form would be to stop the human actor that seeks to commit a violent injury against another human.

## ASSAULT Definition & Legal Meaning

### Definition & Citations:

An unlawful attempt or offer, on the part of one man, with force or violence, to inflict a bodily hurt upon another. An attempt or offer to beat another, without touching him; as if one lifts up his cane or his fist in a threatening manner at another; or strikes at him, but misses him. 3 Bl. Comm. 120; 3 Steph. Comm. 469. Aggravated assault is one committed with the intention of committing some additional crime; or one attended with circumstances of peculiar outrage or atrocity. Simple assault is one committed with no intention to do any other injury. An assault is an [unlawful attempt, coupled with a present ability, to commit a violent injury on the person of another](#). Pen. Code Cal.

Source: <https://thelawdictionary.org/assault/>

When searching for fictitious things such as “assault” rifles, “assault” pistols, or “assault” shotguns, Black’s Law Dictionary produces no relevant results.

### Show Consistency with Federal Regulations

It is amusing that Section 1 of **SB3196** talks about legal consistency. The State has demonstrated legal inconsistency by permitting the use of marijuana for purported medical reasons in contradiction to federal statute via enactment of **HRS 329D**. The State of Hawaii’s “legalization” of marijuana, even for medical use, still violates **18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(3)** and **Section 102** of the **Controlled Substances Act**, as codified in **21 U.S.C. 802**.

The State of Hawaii unsurprisingly enforces all federal regulations concerning marijuana by imposing the full scope of federal firearm prohibitions concerning marijuana use against its residents. Such legal inconsistency is hypocritical. It’s prudent to consistently and fully adhere to *all* federal statutes rather than picking and choosing which federal regulations to uphold and which ones to disregard. Defiance is still defiance, and such inconsistency with enforcing federal statutes such as sets a bad example for constituents that are compelled to immediately comply with all laws passed by the Hawaii State Legislature. The 2024 Hawaii State Legislature’s advancement of **SB3335** with **Senate Draft 1** demonstrates continued state-sponsored defiance to established federal statutes.

As you know, Federal law, 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(3), prohibits [any person](#) who is an “[unlawful user](#) of or addicted to any controlled substance (as defined in section 102 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 802))” from shipping, transporting, receiving or possessing firearms or ammunition. [Marijuana is listed in the Controlled Substances Act as a Schedule I controlled substance, and there are no exceptions in Federal law for marijuana purportedly used for medicinal purposes, even if such use is sanctioned by State law.](#)

Source: <https://www.atf.gov/firearms/docs/open-letter/all-ffls-sept2011-open-letter-marijuana-medicinal-purposes/download>

## **Commit to Safety and Well Being Through Law Enforcement Support**

Section 1 of **SB3196** claims that the Legislature is “committed to protect the safety and well-being of its citizens.” This goal can be achieved via the Legislature’s coordination with the City and County of Honolulu to ensure full staffing of the Honolulu Police Department and allowing the department’s officers to deter criminal activity within understaffed patrol sectors. The Legislature can likewise contribute to public safety efforts by filling vacant state law enforcement department officer positions to expand the response capabilities with express focus on deterring criminal activities on state properties.

Pretentious bans of inanimate objects protect no one from the dangers of human hands. It is time to use actual logic instead of allowing private special interest lobby groups peddle “common sense” legislation that simply constrain longstanding human rights. As plainly demonstrated by the very first **SB3196** hearing, there was overwhelming opposition by actual constituents who aren’t funded by private special interest groups.

Thank you for taking the time to review this testimony.

Respectfully,

Ryan C. Tinajero

Constituent of **Senate District 23**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:10:35 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I am a parent, a practicing physician, a voter, and a gun owner. I use my firearms for recreational shooting and hunting. My son is also a competitive shooter. I am writing in strong opposition of this bill. Although it may be well-intentioned, SB 3196 will do little to nothing to increase public safety in our state. What it will do is punish the many law-abiding citizens who own firearms that will be swept up by the broad language of the proposed ban. Hawai'i already has effective firearms laws on the books. These proposed new restrictions are unnecessary and will only serve to punish those of us who safely own and use firearms for lawful purposes.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:14:39 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Hello Senators,

I am writing to express my vehement opposition to the proposed amendments outlined in the bill concerning firearms, specifically targeting assault rifles, assault shotguns, assault pistols, .50 caliber rifles, and firearm attachments. These proposed changes are overreaching, generalizing, misguided, and will negatively impact law-abiding citizens without achieving the intended goals of enhanced public safety. I understand the importance of addressing concerns related to firearms, the proposed bill fails to strike a balance between public safety and the fundamental rights of responsible gun owners.

The bill appears to overreach by categorizing a broad range of firearms as "assault weapons" without considering their legitimate uses in self-defense, sporting activities, and other lawful purposes. This overbroad classification neglects the distinctions between firearms, and unfairly stigmatizes law-abiding gun owners. By limiting access to certain firearms and accessories, the bill imposes unnecessary burdens on individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to safety and adherence to the existing regulations towards firearms.

Following the anti-firearms legislation from other states, pushing for these laws is not a solution because the root cause of crime or violent crime is not resolved. This bill focuses on restricting access to specific firearms and attachments. I understand that times are tough, and our legislature leaders would rather pass half measures that are aimed at fighting firearms-based violent crime in the name of public safety. This direction is not the solution because criminals do not follow laws. Comprehensive solutions should involve addressing mental health issues, improving law enforcement strategies, teaching respect towards one another, creating better laws that help the victim(s), a better legal system to process repeat offenders, and implementing educational programs to promote responsible firearm ownership.

The proposed bill raises concerns about infringing upon the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens. It is crucial to respect and uphold the constitutional rights of individuals while pursuing measures that genuinely enhance public safety. Because to some of us, in some of the legislation that has been coming out in recent times, we are left with, what is next that will take away from us? It is hard enough to obtain a firearm here as a law-abiding citizen. The prohibition on the sale or transfer of certain firearms within or to the state may have adverse effects on local businesses and the economy, particularly those involved in the firearms industry. This could lead to job losses and economic downturns in related sectors here and possibly on the mainland or

beyond. However, armed criminals who do not obey the laws may act emboldened in their actions against a disarmed populace.

In conclusion, I urge you to reconsider the proposed amendments and explore alternative measures that prioritize both public safety and individual rights. Collaborative efforts involving all sides, including gun owners, can lead to more effective and fair solutions to address concerns related to firearms.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I trust that you will carefully consider the implications of the proposed bill on the rights and freedoms of law-abiding citizens.

Sincerely,

Andrew Takai

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:19:13 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose sb3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:21:53 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:29:24 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:32:35 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:32:44 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
davin asato	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**To Whom It May Concern, I am submitting written testimony to ask for your support in OPPOSING SB3196. A similar bill came up a few years back and contained verbiage of "two or more features." SB3196 has far more extreme verbiage as it states, "one or more feature." With this verbiage, if it were to go in to affect, it would make illegal nearly every commonly owned semi-automatic rifle in the possession of law abiding citizens in Hawaii. SB3196, should it become law, would have deeply negative effects on the State. It would threaten to close local firearms stores as more than 50% of their inventories consist of these types of rifles. This would add to our State's unemployment rates and close these small and family owned and operated businesses. Additionally, it would have a negative impact on our visitor industry as Hawaii hosts shooting competitions that require the use of semi-automatic rifles. Airlines, car rentals, hotels, AirBNB, Turo, taxi's, Uber, Lyft and restruants would all feel the impacts. Being a resident of Maui, the fires on August 8 were like nothing we've seen before. While my church was doing relief work providing supplies, often survivors would ask if we had firearms. They felt that their safety was at risk and needed to be able to protect themselves and their supplies from others. While we never supplied any, the request of it was a regular occurrence. Being a part time pastor, protecting those that enter my church is of the utmost importance. Churches are now being targeted for violence regularly and the need for self protection becomes more apparent. While we as citizens do not have the luxury of being protected by metal detectors and armed guards as some of those that we vote for, we need to depend on ourselves, our abilities and each other. Not even our local police department can come to our aid fast enough should something happen. They already have over 100 openings and staffing is tight to say the least. Thank you for your time, and please do not allow SB3196 to pass in to law in our State. OPPOSE SB3196.**

**Davin Asato**

**Kahului, 96732**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:32:47 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. This is overstepping, you don't get to tell us what weapons for protection we are allowed to own. You don't want to lock up the criminals but you want to leave us unable to protect ourselves and our families. Again, whether you like it or not we are United States citizens and we have the right to bear arms.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:33:50 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose bill SB3196, this bill is not only unconstitutional but is a direct violation of our rights as a citizen of the USA! This bill is completely ridiculous banning these types of weapons and accessories will have no bearing on public safety at all. The people committing these crimes that are all over the media are not obtaining these weapons legally! Why should us as legal gun owners be penalized for the actions of these outlaws!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:38:28 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alex Forman	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose this bill for many reasons. Firearms have always been a great way to bond with your community, I've personally met many close friends through the love of firearms whether through target shooting, hunting, competitions or just through collecting historical firearms. This bill is taking away many aspects of our right to bear arms. Limiting the type of firearms we can legally acquire is frankly against the constitution. I've used an AR 15 for competition shooting with my fellow community members just as I've used it for hunting for food for my family. Banning one type of firearm for no logical reason then it's "scary" doesn't do any good. Limiting the legal owners of said AR15 or other such firearms to private property or a licensed gun range means I can't use my legally acquired firearm to put food on the table, that means I can't go target shooting on the island of Kauai with my friends and family because we have no official licensed firearm range. I believe that setting limits such as these will hurt the community and state more than the good that could come from it. Many family owned businesses including the one I do my business at will take a big hit not only financially but with customers not wanting to shop anymore because of the laws you are trying to implement. With this law, you are trying to turn, current, right now everyday law abiding citizens into criminals, whether through the grey complicated interpretations to confuse the definition of what's legal or through entrapment with laws to catch legal owners and persecute them. Making it virtually illegal to buy the parts to repair a firearm when it breaks is entrapment. What is the law abiding citizen supposed to do with their property in that situation, what about their hobby, their food, their right to find peace and happiness? This bill will only hurt and divide the community. It will take legal firearm owners and potentially turn them into felons. It will hurt the mom and pop firearm stores that will have to turn away customers or not be able to sell the stock they already put their money into. It will hurt the relationships between hunters, sport shooters, competitors and collectors who have a bond through this amazing hobby. I oppose this bill for me, my friends, my family and my community

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Mahalo for your time

A. Forman

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:42:26 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this obvious VIOLATION of my constitutional rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:44:27 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:45:03 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This bill will not protect law-abiding citizens from gun violence. The only things this law will achieve are trampling our 2nd amendment rights, disarming law-abiding citizens, and giving criminals an advantage when attacking the innocent. Criminals do not follow the law so this law will not affect them. Criminals will still be able to obtain these types of firearms. All the evidence you need to see that this law will not help is to look at how aerial fireworks are illegal yet thousands of illegal aerial fireworks go off every New Years and 4th of July. Also, none of the features of the firearms that will be banned make them more dangerous, it just makes them more convenient to use. These features that offer more convenience allow minorities and disadvantaged groups like women, the elderly, and the disabled to protect themselves more easily.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:45:15 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Eric Tash and Renee Iijima	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**We strongly support SB 3196** which bans rifles and other assault long guns, in addition to large capacity magazines (over 10 rounds), for those assault weapons. Assault weapons are weapons of war. They are specifically designed to inflict the greatest harm in the shortest amount of time.

Hawaii is the only state in America with an assault weapons ban that **does not** include a ban on assault rifles and large capacity magazines for assault weapons. Assault weapons pose a clear and present danger to the health and safety of Hawaii's people. Research shows that prohibiting all assault weapons can prevent mass shootings and active shooter events.

Recently, there has been an increase in the use of guns to commit violence and inflict death in Hawaii. It is only a matter of time before someone chooses to use an assault weapon, and the consequences will be severe. This bill is a common sense action to protect the health and safety of Hawaii's people by banning assault long guns that are designed for war and used in mass shootings.

We respectfully urge you to pass SB 3196.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Eric Tash and Renee Iijima

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:46:55 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose senate bill 3196 as it infringes on my 2nd amendment right.

It would be better if all this time and effort trying to target citizens that follow the law be used on topics that would be more beneficial to the state of Hawaii, e.g., housing for local residents, the upkeep of the roadway infrastructure, and the homeless epidemic.

Thank you for your time.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:47:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:49:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Strongly oppose. Prevents responsible law abiding citizens from protecting themselves and excersizing their 2nd amendment rights. Criminals will still possess firearms and create an upper hand in any violent situation. This leaves current gun owners vulenerable and criminals with the knowledge of so.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:53:25 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am born and raised on the island of Oahu. I served my time in the U.S. Army. I'm part Hawaiian and a military Veteran.

That being said, this bill would limit myself, my family, and thousands of other law abiding citizens from being able to own these Tools of protection. I strongly oppose this bill and ask that you put a stop to all these bills/policies/laws/mandates attempting to slowly and severely wither away the rights of the People of Hawaii.

Mahalo.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:54:18 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I, Segundo Sarce, a resident of Hawai'i for 42 years. I'm a retired Union tradesman Local 675. I'm a licensed CCW and also a member of USCCA. I strongly support the 2nd rights amendment. As an American citizen, it is my duty to protect myself and my family from any threat or harm of Life. I oppose the proposed banning of certain firearms described in the submittal.

The restrictions or banning will not disable the unqualified or criminals from owning any firearm. They will continue to carry no matter what but it's the Law abiding citizens will be affected. Most of the shooting incidents that has happened lately came from unqualified individuals. Please consider not pursuing the proposed banning.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:56:47 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this legislation that infringes on a constitutional right.

The problem is criminals don't obey these type of laws, and only punish law abiding citizens.

Please analyze the problem more carefully to determine better solutions.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:57:41 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ryan Hopf	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**I strongly oppose SB3196** because of the following points.

1. It is very **poorly written**. In its current form, it will label Airsoft/BB guns as "Assault Weapons." This alone calls for a re-evaluation of the bill.
2. It is a huge **infringement** of our constitutional rights. Any law restricting what type of gun/attachment/weapon citizens can access violates the 2nd amendment.
3. It is very **misleading**. SB3196 is presented as a law that makes an effort to reduce crime, however, it does no such thing. All it does is restrict law-abiding citizens' access to their 2nd Amendment while leaving criminals unchecked. This creates an imbalance.
4. It is **misguided**. It proposes that many commonly owned weapons are "weapons of war". It also suggests that many attachments/parts (that serve cosmetic purposes) make a weapon more "dangerous". This is false.
5. SB3196 is a clear attempt to **outright ban** as many *commonly owned* firearms as possible and criminalizes law-abiding citizens.

In the end, no matter how many restrictions you put on guns, there is always the possibility of them falling into the **wrong hands**. Restricting the people like me, who follow the law, only hurts us.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:59:28 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196. This bill takes away the rights of law abiding citizens who legally purchase and register their Modern Sporting Rifles and shotguns.

I believe we all want the same thing. We want the people of Hawai'i to prosper and be safe. This is not the way to come about it. If we truly want Hawai'i to be safe, we need to live up to Ua Mau ke Ea o ka 'Āina i ka Pono (The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness) and do what our kupuna did for us by teaching and instilling in the young people of Hawai'i the preciousness, sanctity and value of life.

Just about anything can be used to hurt people, it is our kuleana to demonstrate and teach that life is valuable to young people.

Thank you for your time,

Isaiah

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:59:53 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony opposing this bill.

Testimony from the 2/14/2024 hearing is overwhelmingly in opposition of this bill but no mention of this fact was noted in Standing Committee Report No. 2638 in citing passage for second reading.

SB3196 is unconstitutional and does not reflect the 2/14/24 public testimonies.

SB3196 should be withdrawn.

Once again, thank you for allowing me to submit testimony opposing this bill.

Chester Lum

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 12:03:05 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Evelyn Aczon Hao	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Mass shootings have no place in the US, most especially in Hawaii. This bill will close gaps in existing law. This will ban assault rifles and large capacity magazines.

We must protect the lives of our children and adults from the hell and destruction by the use of military weapons of war. Thank you

A former teacher, school principal.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 12:04:58 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha, I am here today to express my concerns regarding proposed legislation aimed at implementing tighter gun restrictions. As a responsible gun owner and a concerned citizen, I believe it is essential to uphold our constitutional rights while addressing issues related to public safety.

**Second Amendment Rights:**

The Second Amendment of the United States Constitution guarantees the right of the people to keep and bear arms. This fundamental right is integral to our democracy and serves as a safeguard against government overreach and tyranny. Any attempt to infringe upon this right must be approached with caution and careful consideration of its implications on individual liberties.

**Self-Defense:**

For millions of law-abiding citizens, firearms serve as a critical tool for self-defense and protection of loved ones. Restricting access to firearms would disproportionately impact vulnerable populations who rely on firearms as a means of defense, particularly in areas where law enforcement response times may be delayed.

**Focus on Criminals, not Guns:**

Rather than imposing burdensome restrictions on law-abiding citizens, we must direct our efforts towards addressing the root causes of gun violence. This includes investing in mental health services, strengthening community policing initiatives, and implementing effective crime prevention strategies targeted at reducing criminal activity.

**Government Overreach:**

The proposed legislation represents a dangerous precedent of government overreach into the personal lives of law-abiding citizens. It undermines the principles of individual freedom and personal responsibility upon which our nation was founded. We must reject any measures that erode our constitutional rights in the name of misguided attempts to enhance public safety.

**Historical Precedent:**

History has shown us that strict gun control measures often fail to achieve their intended goals and can have unintended consequences. Examples from around the world demonstrate that disarming law-abiding citizens only emboldens criminals and leaves innocent individuals defenseless against violence and oppression.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, I urge you to carefully consider the implications of the proposed legislation on our constitutional rights and the safety of our communities. Instead of resorting to restrictive measures that infringe upon individual freedoms, let us work together to implement comprehensive solutions that address the underlying factors contributing to gun violence while preserving the rights of law-abiding citizens.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

J. Reyes

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 12:05:05 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose sb3196, i am a law abiding voting citizen , i am in the shooting sport since 1988., i only agree on raising firearm owning age.

thank you , dennis m

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 12:12:31 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing in opposition to bill SB3196 for various reasons.

First, I am new to the firearms community but I have always believed that it is our constitutional right to keep and bear arms and that it should not be infringed on. I have taken the necessary classes, background check, and doctors approval required by our state to acquire my firearms legally.

Second, I like to go hunting and would like to also take my kids hunting when they are old enough not only in the Hawaii but in other states as well for different game and learn to be self sustaining and to use a firearm properly/safely. If this bill is passed that option would be taken away from me and many others.

Third, shooting is an olympic sport. Passing this bill takes away from potential scholarships and olympic opportunity. This also helps to teach how to use a firearm properly/safely.

Lastly, this bill will take our ability to protect ourselves and our families. This bill doesn't disarm criminals who obtain their firearms illegally, this bill only disarms law abiding citizens instead. People with bad intentions will always find a way to carry out those intentions.

This bill not only affects me. This bill affects my peers. This bill affects our future generation. This bill shuts down small businesses. This bill takes away opportunity. This bill takes away our constitutional right. This bill is not for the people.

Thank you,

Max

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 12:16:04 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am a law abiding citizen and oppose bill SB3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 12:18:28 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

From: Christopher Caldwell

Submitted on February 21, 2024

Testimony in opposition of HB3196.

Aloha, I am Christopher Caldwell, life-long resident of the state of Hawaii and registered voter. I'm here to write you in strong opposition of SB3196, which proposes significant infringements to our constitutional rights, both federal and state. While I fully support efforts to promote public safety, I believe that this bill, if enacted, would unjustly infringe upon said the rights of law-abiding citizens and yet fail to effectively address the underlying issues related to gun violence. The following are just a few concerns.

Most importantly, is the further violation of Second Amendment Rights, with the proposed expansion of the definition of "assault weapon" and the imposition of new restrictions on firearm ownership representing a clear infringement on the rights of law-abiding citizens, especially considering both Heller and Bruen. The right to keep and bear arms is a fundamental constitutional freedom that should be upheld and respected. A freedom so important, one can argue it serves to protect all others.

The apparent failure to address any Root Causes of Violence. While the bill aims to enhance public safety, it fails to address any root causes of gun violence within our communities. Instead of targeting law-abiding gun owners, policymakers should focus on comprehensive solutions that address socio-economic disparities, access to illegal firearms by criminals, and most importantly, mental health issues.

Furthermore, the proposed restrictions on firearm possession, sale, and transfer would disproportionately impact responsible gun owners and small business who use and sell firearms for lawful purposes such as hunting, recreational shooting, and most importantly, self-defense. The many should not be penalized for the actions of a few.

Lastly, there is insufficient evidence to support the efficacy of the proposed measures in reducing gun violence. Instead of relying on knee-jerk reactions and political rhetoric, policymakers

should prioritize evidence-based solutions that are proven to effectively address the underlying issues contributing to firearm-related crimes. legitimate studies need be referenced or done on the effectiveness of magazine or “assault weapon” bans. Experts consulted, and outreach made, if real and rational legislation is indeed the goal.

The state of Hawaii has maintained an A grade and current 6th ranking nationally with the Giffords Law Center, for over the last several years. With that said, one struggles to see a reason to enact yet even more constitutionally questionable bans and or laws. Moreover, I must admit my disappointment to the numerous misinformative, and disingenuous instances of anti-gun propaganda espoused throughout the submissions in support of passing this egregious bill. Included by some of our very own honorable council members. I digress only to point out how hard it is to come to effective decisions when such tactics are utilized.

In conclusion, Hawaii Bill SB3196 represents a misguided and overreaching approach to the constitutional rights of law-abiding citizens while failing to address the root causes of gun violence. I urge you to reject this bill and instead focus on implementing comprehensive, evidence-based solutions that promote public safety without the further erosion of the people’s God given constitutional rights, stripping from me the best most effective means to protect me and mine where, and when, you and yours cannot. I strongly oppose SB3196.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 12:18:47 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

As an NRA and USCCA certified firearms instructor I strongly oppose SB3196. This would make tens of thousands of legal and law abiding firearm owners into criminals overnight. I promote firearm safety to all my students and do not see how this provides any additional safety or security to the population and voters in Hawaii. There are already many laws in place to legally acquire and possess firearms in this state. Please don't pass SB3196 making a large demographic into criminals for simply exercising and enjoying a right this country offers. Instead, focus on the bigger and real issues that affect our state with our high cost of living, houseless population, rampant theft, and illegal drug use. Thank you for your time and I look forward to seeing you listen to myself and majority of others who are against SB3196.

Mahalo, Tyler Robb

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 12:20:15 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 12:25:37 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Please oppose this bill

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 12:25:48 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. As a local resident of Hawaiian ancestry, I deeply understand the culture of Hawaii. Furthermore, as an American patriot serving in a Special Army Unit, I am committed to empowering individuals oppressed by their governments or foreign invaders. Our mission is to provide average citizens with the same weapons you seek to ban, training them to reclaim their lands through force, enabling them to live in peace, free from oppression and fear.

I urge supporters of this bill to consider the broader implications. Reflect on the emerging threats to our west and our geographic isolation in terms of receiving external support. This bill is flawed on multiple levels; it will neither deter those with malicious intent from harming innocent people nor reduce crime, regardless of its intentions. It merely handicaps responsible citizens, preventing them from protecting themselves and their families effectively. Malicious individuals will always find ways to circumvent bans.

I'm afraid I cannot stick around much longer if I continue to observe the State I love dearly turn into another California that pays criminals to not commit crime.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 12:26:43 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 12:27:18 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 12:28:20 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this Bill! It takes away people right to defend themselves. Especially nowadays the state AG don't prosecutes real crime just catch and release. And targeting law abiding citizens 2A right to defend themselves.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 12:30:44 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 12:31:06 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB 3196. This bill is unconstitutional and will not stand up in court. This bill will provide 0 benefit to public safety and will only hurt honest law-abiding citizens. It will leave good people disarmed so that the only people with the firearms in question are criminal actors who have no regard for others.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 12:31:09 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose proposed bill SB3196 due to several observations as an ordinary law-abiding citizen. First and foremost, the intention behind this bill infringes of our second amendment on the US Bill of Rights: an individual’s right to carry and use arms for defensive purposes, foreign and domestic. The second observation that concerns me is how passing this bill would put law abiding citizens at a disadvantage, while those who chose to do wrong per definition of our given laws would find loopholes to gain access to the arms that meet the criteria of “assault weapons”. There are many responsible civilian gun owners, including former military and LE who do have training. The issue is these citizens will abide by the law and remain defensively neutered against domestic terrorists. There have been observed flaws in terms of self-defense and relying on law enforcement for protection, especially with response time and what many have given the term “catch and release” system. Capable people present in the event of danger would realistically be the actual first responders. Some gun owners may have the training to take action when danger appears, especially when these events may last mere seconds to minutes. Also, the state of Hawaii is a strategically desirable location, so our chances of foreign invasion are potentially higher than other states. Trained civilians, with their personal firearms would be able to defend against a potential attack within Hawaiian borders. That being said, firearms are tools and the ban of what are described as “assault weapons” prohibit law-abiding citizens from effectively defending themselves. This ban would also hurt those who tend to appreciate the complexity, history, and engineering of various firearms through a private collection safely locked away. One more thing, if this ban is passed, do you actually believe intentional wrongdoers would refrain from getting their hands on these efficient firearms?

**SB-3196**

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Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill! It's a violation of my 2nd amendment right as a United States Citizen.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 12:47:10 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 12:56:02 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Santos salinas	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs,

As a resident of the beautiful State of Hawaii I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB3196. As a constituent and a concerned citizen, I believe that this bill represents a significant infringement on our Second Amendment rights.

I served proudly in the United States Army for 8 years, including deployment in Iraq. My service was driven by a deep sense of patriotism and a commitment to upholding the values and principles upon which our great nation was founded. One of these fundamental principles is the right of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms.

While I understand the importance of addressing gun violence and ensuring public safety, especially recently having a dear family member pass away due to gun violence. I do not believe that punishing responsible gun owners is the solution. Banning "Assault Rifles", "Assault Shotguns", "Assault Pistols", and accessories that would magically make them an "Assault Weapon" would unfairly penalize law-abiding citizens like myself; one who exercises their Second Amendment rights responsibly.

In my opinion, this is basically MASS PUNISHMENT, something we've done away with in the Army. A question I would like you all to ask yourselves is if the Army has done away with mass punishment due to its ineffectiveness and its conflict with fairness and justice; why is it being done in our Legislative Branch and regarding a Constitutional Right? I would like to remind the committee that they have sworn an Oath to uphold the Constitution and it is your duty to do so.

If the opinions of your constituents is not enough, I hope facts will help you guide your decisions. The CDC reported that from 2018 to their last data collection in 2021 there has been 78 homicides involving a firearm. That is 1.4 per 100,000. While motor vehicle deaths using the same data parameters was reported at 419 deaths or 7.4 per 100,000. Using the same logic in SB3196 shouldn't more restriction be placed upon law-abiding drivers? If your answer is no then it should be the same for SB3196. One thing I would like to note is that the CDC doesn't report how the firearm was obtained, if it was conducted by a legal firearm owner, or if it was a legal firearm. These are things I strongly encourage you to deep dive in so that a more robust bill that targets the problem may be published.

Furthermore, it is crucial to recognize that restricting access to firearms will not address the root causes of violence in our communities. Instead, we should focus on comprehensive solutions that address mental health issues, improve access to education and economic opportunities, imposing stricter laws, and strengthening law enforcement efforts to combat illegal firearms trafficking.

I urge you to consider the implications of Bill SB3196 carefully and to VOTE AGAINST IT. Protecting our constitutional rights is essential to preserving the freedoms and values that make America the beacon of democracy and liberty around the world.

Additional, for many including myself, owning a firearm is the primary means of self-defense against violent criminals. Not only can I protect myself but possibly loved ones and those who are in severe danger. In situations where law enforcement response time maybe delayed, having unfettered access to a firearm can serve as a crucial initial deterrent and defense measure until authorities arrive to provide further assistance.

Lastly, this bill only is only tailored to the public. With the growing divide between the government and citizens around our nation and in our beautiful state; citizens may view this as a "rule for thee and not for me" mentality. Such bill will only exacerbate mistrust and undermines the principles of fairness and accountability in governance.

Thank you for your attention to this controversial matter, and I trust that you will represent the interests of your constituents faithfully and our view that it is unjust to punish those not directly involved in the misconduct of the very few. VOTE NO!

Very Respectfully,

Santos M. Salinas

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 1:00:37 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose! This bill is unconstitutional and goes against the 2nd Ammendment.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 1:02:45 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I support the permanent ban of private citizen ownership or possession of automatic or semi-automatic guns ("assault weapons") and large capacity magazines. With the exception of law enforcement, there is no legitimate reason for their presence, and they make our state a more dangerous place to live.

Mahalo,

Andrew Keith

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 1:05:43 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Good morning, my name is Jeffrey Wilkinson. I'd like to be clear up front that I strongly oppose SB3196 in the strongest terms possible. Not only is this bill a clear and present violation of a Constitutionally protected right, it is outright dangerous to the law abiding citizens of our state. As it has been proven time and again, you cannot legislate your way out of the citizen's need and right to defend themselves. The adage of "when seconds matter, help is just minutes away" is directly applicable. This bill will strip the law abiding citizen of their ability to effectively defend themselves and their families, destroy a number of local businesses, violate the Second Amendment, all while not having an effect on violent crime in our state. This bill cannot be allowed to move forward under any circumstances. Please uphold the Constitution of our great nation and halt the progress of SB3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 1:06:09 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I, Justin Silva, an everyday common citizen like everyone else, am among those who ***strongly oppose*** bill SB3196. It contains a list of firearms that are referred to as so-called "*assault weapons*," that are found throughout the entire nation, and which banning all makes it practically impossible to exercise the 2nd Amendment right that is protected by the US Constitution.

The majority of the firearms listed are not even used in horrific tragedies such as gun violence. The **.50 cal rifles** and **bullpups** have not been used in the hands of criminals in any tragedy to cause pain and death. There are no statistics for those firearms used in such tragedies.

**Bullpup** firearms have the entire action (the firing mechanism), which is located behind the trigger and pistol grip, which shortens the firearm's overall length to a more compact size. As long as the firearm has an overall length of at least 26 inches, and does not have a rifle barrel less than 16 inches or a shotgun barrel less than 18 inches, **bullpups** are still recognized as non-NFA long guns. They are no more or less dangerous than firearms that are not **bullpups**.

The list also expands the definition of "*assault pistols*", which the very definition is not constitutional anyway. The change from two features to one makes it virtually *impossible* to legally own a handgun that does not fit the definition. Not only does this bill ban AR and AK-style pistols, but it also bans every single handgun that is considered common within our nation. Why deny the most commonly used weapons from innocent people who want to employ them for lawful purposes such as self-defense?

The definition of "*assault*" would be leading if you used the word within "*Assault Rifle*" or "*Assault Weapons*." The current firearms civilians have access to are not those terms. To define an "*Assault Rifle*", the firearm must be capable of Fully-Automatic and/or Burst Fire mode in its select-fire, plus only chambered for intermediate cartridges, and have detachable magazines.

**Fully-Automatic:** One trigger pull = Firearm will fire continuously. Will stop when all ammo is spent in the magazine or if the user releases the trigger.

**Burst Fire:** One trigger pull = One burst or volley of fire. (Usually 3 rounds within the burst but may vary.)

**Semi-Automatic:** One trigger pull = One round fired only. Cannot fired continuously when the trigger is held down by the user's finger.

Firearms that are widely available to civilians do not have Fully-Automatic or Burst Fire fire modes as those are exclusively on firearms that are employed by the military. Those are actual assault rifles. Assaults rifles have been long banned by the Nation Firearms Act of 1934 and the Gun Control Act of 1968. It is virtually impossible to legally obtain them. Just because the civilian firearms look like the military's, does not mean it is an assault rifle or the so-called "assault weapon." The military will not accept a semi-automatic only firearm as their primary service weapon.

**Historical firearms** have not been used in horrific tragedies wrought by criminals. Why are they on the ban list of this bill? There is no reason why they should be banned. **Historical firearms** are no more or less dangerous than other firearms that are of reach to the common civilian. There is little to no evidence that a **historical firearm** has prolific use in tragedies wrought by criminals.

Features on a firearm do not make a firearm more or less dangerous. **Pistol grips** and **fore grips** provide a more comfortable and ergonomic grip to maintain control and accuracy of the firearm. **Grips** do not increase the lethality of the firearm in any way as the firearm must be controlled and manipulated by the user.

**Barrel shrouds** only protect the user's hand from getting burned and resist heat. It does not make a firearm more or less dangerous.

**Threaded barrels** do not make firearms more or less dangerous. **Muzzle devices** utilize **threaded barrels** to help reduce or vent recoil, and reduce muzzle flash when firing.

**Flash Hiders / Flash Suppressors:** Reduce muzzle flash when firing.

**Muzzle Brakes:** Vents the gases sideways to reduce recoil significantly, but increases noise volume due to gas ventilation - resulting in a concussive shockwave.

**Recoil Compensators:** Vents the gases upwards to counteract the recoil when firing.

**Blast Diverters / Blast Cans /Blast Diffusers / Blast Shields / Flash Cans:** Reduces recoil and redirects both muzzle blast and sound away from the shooter. Can sometimes be attached to another muzzle device that has adapters to accommodate them.

**Silencers / Suppressors:** Reduces recoil, flash, and sound. It is the only muzzle device that can reduce noise and not harm the ears from loudness.

All of these **muzzle devices** do not make the firearms more or less dangerous. Their attributes only benefit accuracy and nothing to lethality.

There is no statistical evidence that **assault weapons bans** and **magazine capacity restrictions** reduce or stop the rate of crime involving the use of a firearm. One study by Christopher S. Koper, Daniel J. Woods, and Jeffrey A. Roth of the Jerry Lee Center of Criminology at the University of Pennsylvania did not find any link to the **ban** and the **restriction** to reduce crime at all. 3 rounds is the average when a criminal shoots from a handgun which is far lower than the **arbitrary 10-round limit**. This does not reduce crime and only gives a disadvantage to law-abiding citizens in their ability to protect life and exercise their constitutional rights.

**Bayonets** are no more or less dangerous than knives conveniently found in your kitchen. Attaching them to a firearm does not make either of them more or less dangerous.

**ARs, AKs, shotguns, and any long gun** is rarely used in violent crime in comparison to **handguns** where not every news outlet is going to cover every single one of them. Banning the most widely available firearms in our nation is not going to stop criminals from getting them illegally. **ARs and AKs** especially are safer than most people think. a 2019 study covered homicides by rifles at 364 deaths. Rifles, not ARs, not AKs, not shotguns, rifles. This is a mixed pot of deaths so narrowing down the numbers will truly show how safe these firearms are. **ARs** are the most common firearms in America. Out of the 150 million firearms or more in America during 2019, 20 million of them were ARs according to the Washington Post, **ARs** make up **13.3% of rifle deaths**. That is **49 deaths during that year**. AR-style firearms are involved in fewer homicides than people die each year in America from:

Lawnmowers (by around 70 deaths), Bees (by 100 deaths), Ladder Falls (by 150 deaths), Auto-Erotic Asphyxiation (by 160 deaths), Deer attacks (between 130-200), Constipation (by 207 deaths in 2020), Hit by a Bus (by 264 deaths), Swimming Pools Drown (by around 380 deaths), Falling out of Bed (by 737 deaths), Struck by Vehicle while riding Bicycles (by 1000 deaths).

Firearms are not the leading cause of death as there are many other causes of death. Each year,

Strokes take more than 142,000 to 160,000 lives. Diabetes claims 73,000 to 80,000 lives yearly. Cancer takes 600,000 lives each year as well. Heart Disease takes the lives of 635,000 to 695,000 people too. Cancer and Heart Disease together claim over half of all deaths in America yearly. All of these cause more deaths way more than what firearms claim and even more than what the mainstream media covers.

**Denying the people who possess any firearm from public hunting areas** will harm people's livelihoods as well as the effort to maintain Hawai'i's wildlife management and only contribute to other environmental problems. Given that buying food from the markets is expensive enough already, some people resort to hunting to sustain themselves and their `ohana. Taking away the people's firearms will take that away. Hunters cannot humanely and ethically hunt and kill game without firearms. It is more quick and humane to hunt game with a firearm than it would be with a bow and arrow. Banning them is also not going to solve the poaching and illegal hunts as well as criminals will not be adversely affected by this bill. Law-abiding citizens will. Maui County suffers the worst from the overpopulated axis deer problem along with dry land due to overgrazing and the Lahaina wildfires. Banning firearms will make these problems persist.

***The US Constitution does not grant the people rights, it acknowledges them*** as preexisting rights. The 2nd amendment was not written for gun enthusiasts, hunters, or competition shooters. It was written so that people have the means to defend themselves from all threats foreign and domestic that threaten life, liberty, and property. Furthermore, the 2nd amendment was written to provide the people a means of protection from their own government, because democide is one of the leading causes of death wrought by the government.

Russia killed over 20 million Russians after disarmament in 1929.

China killed over 20 million Chinese after disarmament in 1935.

Germany killed over 6 million Jews after disarmament in 1938.

All of these nations were superpower nations during these times and two of them still are today. This is what Americans are trying to avoid which is why they do not want to give them up to the folly of tyrants.

This bill is beyond any reasonable doubt the most anti-life-motivated proposition that any legislation would make, to be blunt and respectful. If any of you legislators know what "***Aloha***" means, it is this. "***Alo***" means "*In the presence of*", and "***Ha***" means "*breath of life*". "*In the presence of life.*" This bill does not fit that definition. This bill fits the definition of "***Aloha'ole***". "***Ole***" is a shortened version of "***A`ole***", which means "*no*". ***The passing of this bill will bring the presence of no life.*** Aloha will not mean anything if you do not have the means to protect what breathes life.

Also, if there is anything that I learned living in Hawai`i and what my parents taught me when I was a keiki, it is ***to not take anything and anyone for granted.*** Looking back at myself working at the Nisei Veterans Memorial Center for school community service, along with going to different parties involving specific organizations or groups you would think of throughout the state. They taught and gave me an understanding that challenges have been endured and sacrifices have been made to get where we are now. Even if we have not asked for it, even if we do not understand it. People before us have done so much to provide us what we have now, and I would not want to throw it away along with all the hard work and effort to give it to us. Appreciate what we have, not throw it away. People before us had fought and died to ensure that we have these constitutional rights, including the 2nd amendment. ***Why willfully throw away these rights and lose everything that the people fought so hard for?***

When I talk to people, whether being family, friends, or everyday people; we tell each other to ***mālama each other.*** "***Mālama***" means to "***care and protect.***" But how can we when we do not have the right to defend ourselves and our loved ones? ***We no can mālama each other if we do not have the means to.*** Legislators. If you're motive to pass bills is to ***mālama*** Hawai`i's people, I implore you to not pass this bill.

Take the ***Aloha*** route, not the ***Aloha'ole*** route. Do not let our state and our nation become something it is not, which is a tyrannical repressing nation. This is not what the American people

fought for. If you legislators *swore the oath to support and defend the US Constitution*, we the people expect you to do so and not pass unconstitutional bills and laws such as this SB3196.

Mahalo for your time and patience in reading this testimony.

Aloha,

Justin Silva

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 1:11:49 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 1:12:23 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

A firearm with detachable magazine is a tool. This semiautomatic civilian tool does not have fully automatic firing capabilities and therefore completely different from other "military style" rifles in possession of law enforcement and the military.

In Hawaii we have a feral hog problem that exists that is also a major problem throughout much of the U.S. I have seen numerous circumstances where these rifles have saved the lives of individuals being rampaged by a pack of 200lb boars. The unique capabilities of AR-15 rifles made this possible in a way that shotguns or other bolt action rifles could not have. If the ranchers/hunters in these circumstances did not have AR-15's at hand during those circumstances they would certainly have faced great bodily injury or death. This is but one small example of the utility these rifles provide to everyday Americans.

As with any tool, it is not the tool that is deadly but rather how it is used. Law abiding citizens should be able to use such tools such as AR-15 style rifles to protect themselves and their families. Besides the aforementioned example and the day to day use of these rifles which many of Hawaii's residents rely on, our founding fathers intended for citizens to have the right to bear arms under the 2nd amendment. An "assault weapons" ban infringes on that right and takes us one step closer to a totalitarian government. This is entirely unamerican and a society I do not wish to have my children and future generations live in.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 1:15:49 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Soleil Roache	Testifying for Hawaii Firearms Coalition/Active Self Protection/DC Project/A Girl and a Gun	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Soleil Roache

Active Self Protection

Hawaii Firearms Coalition

The DC Project, Women for Gun Rights

A Girl and a Gun

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My name is Soleil Roache. I was born and raised here in Hawaii and have lived here all my life. I am a wife and a mother of 3. I work for Active Self Protection where we educate millions around the world on legal and moral self defense on a daily basis. I am an NRA certified firearms instructor, Chief Range Safety Officer, pepper spray instructor, and a deadly force instructor.

I strongly oppose SB3196.

I believe this bill completely misses the mark in addressing gun violence. The proposed restrictions will only impact law-abiding gun owners like me who only use firearms for lawful purposes such as self-defense, hunting, and recreational shooting. People like me are not who should be having their guns taken away.

This bill would ban a rifle that is very dear and sentimental to me. It's a rifle that belonged to my grandmother. It's more than 100 years old. It's a rifle that my grandmother used to hunt with. It's a rifle that she used to successfully defend herself and her 6 kids from a mountain lion on the mainland. It's a rifle that has been passed down over the years to other members of my family as an heirloom and token of remembrance for an incredible woman. It's a rifle that is very special to

my family and it has finally been placed in my care, but this bill would ban it.

This bill would also ban my personal home defense rifle and my home defense shotgun, both of which I have spent a lot of time and money on to purchase and train with in order to be proficient with them. I got them because they are both firearms that are great for smaller women like me to operate since they are so customizable and intuitive.

This bill would ban the rifles that my family has used for decades to hunt pigs to supplement our food budget.

This bill would also ban my kids' tiny, little rifle that they first learned to shoot on when they were small.

This bill would ban every single long gun that I own and would leave me less able to defend myself and my family against bad guys who will not comply with it.

Rather than banning any particular guns or gun parts, we need better solutions that will not compromise the rights of good, sane, sober, moral, prudent law-abiding citizens like me. The fundamental, constitutionally protected freedom to keep and bear arms should not only be upheld, but also fiercely enforced because making good people like me defenseless won't ever make bad people harmless. It will just make it easier for good people like me to be victimized.

Instead of more laws that punish law-abiding gun owners, we need to focus on comprehensive solutions that address mental health issues, socio-economic disparities, and cracking down on criminals who are obtaining and using firearms illegally. Enforce the laws that we already have in place.

Thank you,

Soleil Roache

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[Hawaii Firearms Coalition, HIFICO.ORG](http://HawaiiFirearmsCoalition.HIFICO.ORG)

[Women for Gun Rights – The DC Project](#)

[A Girl & A Gun ★ Gun Safety Training | Women's Club \(agirlandagun.org\)](#)

**SB-3196**

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Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Alexander Ibi	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Honorable Members of the Committee,

I appreciate the opportunity to testify today regarding Bill 3196, which proposes amendments to the prohibition on certain firearms. While I understand the intent behind this legislation, I strongly oppose its passage for several reasons.

First and foremost, the proposed bill threatens the fundamental rights guaranteed by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution. The right to bear arms is a cornerstone of our democracy, essential for self-defense, hunting, and safeguarding against tyranny. Any attempt to restrict law-abiding citizens' access to firearms undermines this constitutional right.

Furthermore, the definitions used in the bill to classify certain firearms as "assault weapons" are overly broad and lack clarity. This ambiguity could lead to the unintended consequences of penalizing responsible gun owners who use firearms for legitimate purposes such as sport shooting or hunting. Banning firearms based on cosmetic features or arbitrary criteria does little to enhance public safety and only serves to infringe upon the rights of law-abiding citizens.

Additionally, there are significant concerns regarding the efficacy of bans on specific types of firearms in reducing crime. History has shown us that such measures often fail to address the root causes of violence and disproportionately burden law-abiding citizens without deterring criminals who obtain firearms through illegal means.

Enforcing the proposed bans would pose significant challenges for law enforcement agencies and strain already limited resources. Prohibiting the sale or transfer of certain firearms would create a black market, driving lawful commerce underground and making it more difficult to track firearms in circulation.

Instead of pursuing restrictive measures that target law-abiding citizens, I urge policymakers to focus on evidence-based solutions to address the complex issue of gun violence. This includes strengthening mental health services, improving background check systems, and targeting illegal firearms trafficking through enhanced enforcement efforts.

In conclusion, I respectfully urge you to oppose Bill 3196 and consider alternative approaches that respect our constitutional rights while effectively addressing the underlying factors contributing to gun violence.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,

Alexander Y. Ibi

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 1:39:20 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Daniel Nakaza	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 1:42:20 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
James Loux	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a law abiding senior citizen of Hawaii who has spent most of my life living in Hawaii. I strongly oppose SB 3196 because it brings harm to the law abiding people of Hawaii even as it supports and helps the actions of criminals who prey upon the people of Hawaii.

There is no rational reason to ban this long list of firearms from Hawaii. These are not in any way highly dangerous firearms, and they are not even typically used in criminal activity. Rifles are large and hard to conceal, making them less attractive for most criminal activity.

However, semiautomatic rifles are the preferred firearm for home defense. Banning them will only help criminals and harm the law abiding people of Hawaii. Criminals obviously ignore laws, including gun ban laws, which means that all gun control laws, and especially gun bans, only harm law abiding citizens by preventing them from having their preferred and best defense.

Also, limiting the size of magazines in Hawaii again only harms the law abiding people of Hawaii. Such a limit puts the law abiding at a disadvantage if a criminal wants to do them harm, since criminals simply ignore all laws. There is no improvement in protection from harm that will come from limiting magazine size for the law abiding people of Hawaii. Magazine size limits only benefit criminals.

Banning established and popular firearms, including semiautomatic rifles, is clearly unconstitutional. As stated by the Supreme Court in their ruling in Heller and affirmed again by their ruling on stun guns in Caetano, no state can ban firearms, or arms of any type, that are “in common use for lawful purposes.” Hawaii learned this directly when their Butterfly Knife ban was overturned by the 9th Circuit in 2023.

Semiautomatic rifles, virtually all of which are listed in SB 3196, are the most popular rifles in the US, and tens of millions of them are owned and used lawfully everyday in the US and in Hawaii. Banning them is blatantly unconstitutional and will obviously be overturned in court. Passing SB 3196 and then fighting for it in court will be a complete waste of the Hawaii taxpayers’ money, bringing even more harm to the law abiding in Hawaii.

Therefore, I must strongly oppose this pro-criminal, anti Hawaii citizen bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 1:43:56 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lance Taniguchi	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

My name is Lance Taniguchi. I am a United States veteran and a peaceable, law-abiding citizen of the state of Hawai'i. I am submitting this testimony in opposition of the proposed SB3196 assault weapons ban bill. It is a bill that is a direct assault on the inalienable 2nd amendment rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution's Bill of Rights which will restrict and disarm lawful current and future gun owners from exercising their rights. We already have some of the most strict gun laws in the country and even though the state is doing its absolute best to destroy our rights to defend ourselves while they get tax-payer provided benefits of physical security and this will not help their constituents to be able to live a free life in what is supposed to be a free society able to pursue life, liberty and happiness without infringement from the government, yet here we are. The restrictions proposed are directly targeting gun owners from being able to protect themselves in an effective manner further even though any recent violent crime related to firearms were from criminals with no respect for the laws of our state, so to mass punish the rest of state's constituents sets a precedence of tyranny and knee-jerk reactions without addressing the real issues. The rights to protect oneself is not exclusive to any social class and should not be made into law, as that would be a form of segregation and that is the message you will be sending to the citizens of Hawai'i that if you are not law enforcement or military, you are

undeserving to have the capability of protecting yourself. I am a veteran and have paid my taxes and dues to society. I have trained and adhered to the laws of this state, even if I do not agree with them, but enough is enough and the state needs to do more research before arbitrarily proposing laws that violate the rights of its constituents or resign.

Lawmakers should have a requirement to attend firearms safety training to gain familiarization before writing up ignorant draconian laws that disarm lawful peaceable citizens and should not be afforded ARMED security with taxpayer dollars until they do so.

No gun laws have shown in any statistic to prevent gun violence in the past, and in this year alone there already have been multiple gun-related violence from criminals possessing illegal firearms. You lawmakers have no logical explanation as to how this relates to us peaceable gun owners and citizens that you owe your oath of sworn service to going into office.

The constitutional rights of the 2nd amendment reigns supreme as per the supremacy clause of the constitution **Article VI, Paragraph 2:** "This Constitution, and the Laws of the United States which shall be made in Pursuance thereof; and all Treaties made, or which shall be made, under the Authority of the United States, shall be the supreme Law of the Land; and the Judges in every State shall be bound thereby, any Thing in the Constitution or Laws of any State to the Contrary notwithstanding."

The fact that you blatantly ignore these rights is an affront on the very constituents you claim to serve and you are sending a clear message to every innocent human life that you will fearmonger a tool to be the cause of violence and not the criminals instead. To those who are in favor of passing this are traitors to the U.S. Constitution and Hawai'i citizens and should be in prison.

Do yourselves and everyone else a favor, spend more time taking down criminals and giving actual suitable punishments for their crime versus diminishing the rights of the people.

If you truly believe in diminishing our rights with firearms, none of you should ever be bold enough to ever have any armed security for yourselves and should refrain from ever calling armed police for your protection, and if you do, you are a bold-faced bunch of liars and should be impeached immediately.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 2:02:44 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jason Mejia	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In regards to SB 3196, this bill only limits the the rights for law abiding firearms owners to choose what firearms or attachments they may own. It limits their right to have choices and preferences similar to limiting automobile owners to what type of automobile they can or cannot buy. SB 3196 will also limit the Constitutional rights for citizens to protect themselves here in the State of Hawai‘i by adding another round of rules that may deter future firearms owners, futher impairing their safety and ability to protect themselves.

The State of Hawai‘i is no longer a safe state like in past years. These bans on assault style firearms does nothing to deter crime and/or illegal activity. Criminals will get their hands on firearms/assault weapons regardless of what law are in place, just as easily as criminals bring in illegal fireworks with the fireworks ban in place.

If our lawmakers are serious about the safety of the citizens of Hawai‘i, they really need to focus on the root cause of crime which is criminals and illegal activity, NOT law abiding firearms owners.

Jason A. Mejia

**Opposing Testimony: Regarding BillsB3196**

Honorable Members of the Committee,

I would like to start off by thanking you for the opportunity to testify today regarding Bill SB3196. While I understand the intent of this Bill, I strongly oppose the passing of this Bill.

On August 21<sup>st</sup>, 1959, the Islands of Hawaii joined the Union to become the 50<sup>th</sup> State. With that being said, Hawaii must abide by the Constitution of the United States set forth by our founding fathers. Bill SB3196 is an attack on Hawaii citizens ability to exercise their 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment rights granted to us by our founding fathers. The state of Hawaii already has some of the strictest firearm laws in the nation. As a responsible gun owner and model citizen, it is very frustrating that the State of Hawaii would rather continue restricting the abilities of law-abiding citizens to acquire certain types of firearms, than using its power to address the root cause of the issue which is criminals and their use of illegally acquired firearms. In most cases, if not all, the crimes committed with the use of a firearm and being carried through with illegally acquired firearms and illegally acquired magazines with a capacity of more than 10rds. This is a reality that we as a community need to understand. Restricting law-abiding citizens from procuring certain types of firearms only affect the one who follow the law and go through all the legal steps of obtaining a firearm in the state of Hawaii.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Aloha,

Dalbert Rivera

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dalbert Rivera', written in a cursive style.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 2:24:50 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
KONRAD KUEWA	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. We are law abiding citizens exercising our second amendment rights. Criminals do not care about laws nor do the follow them. This bill will not hinder their activity one bit. Instead, this will enable them even more and we will continue to see a greater spike in crime as we have just seen this past week. Please do not pass this bill. Mahalo.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 2:28:35 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mary Healy	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Vote no please.

Hawaii is part of the United States of America. The right to keep and bear arms is firmly protected in the US Constitution. This bill goes against our founding fathers vision for America. This bill enables criminals and disempowers law abiding citizens.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 2:31:07 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Rajan Baliaris-Salvi	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly opposed this direct violation of a God given right to self defense and protection of my self, family and property.

The officials here should be ashamed to leverage 'Aloha' to restrict the right to own guns of citizens who pay taxes, pay for the very salaries of the officials drafting this bill and follow the laws of firearms.

It is an absolute disgrace that the sentiment has not reached those who are making these drafts for laws, that taking away the right to own firearms will NOT prevent criminals from obtaining them and doing bad things. It will only put citizens, and the public in harms way when an event does happen.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 2:42:43 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
James Mueller	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 3:41:17 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Keith Kabasawa	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB 3196 infringes on the 2nd amendment right that every American is born with. As a law-abiding citizen, I oppose its restrictive nature in limiting the kinds of firearms and capacity that I have the right to bear. Restricting me in any way violates my right. I consider bills like this to be un-American.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 3:55:49 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Emmeline Macanas	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE Bill SB3196. First they take away Trump being on the ballot in Hawaii, now they want to take away our 2nd Amendment right to bear arms? Here are some questions to think about that people are talking about but too scare to share.....What happened to the Constitution? Is it non-existent? Are we lining up with China and communism? What will be next, the SOCIAL CREDIT SCORE LIKE CHINA? How will people protect themselves, their families and their youth, their property, businesses or homes if they are being robbed or attacked or their life threatened and no one around to help them? What happens if this 2nd Amendment right is taken away? Have you thought about the criminals that WILL not care and will have those in their possession to use against the people that cannot protect themselves, their families, property, youth, businesses and homes? Something to think about and this Bill should not even have been brought up. Also, people use this for hunting purposes as well to feed their families. So, I STRONGLY OPPOSE BILL SB3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 4:01:58 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Danya Medeiros	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 4:22:48 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Triphahn William	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 4:28:03 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jessica Hudson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**I OPPOSE with request to defer this session until it can be properly written with both sides of the issues at the table. AS WRITTEN:**

- 1. Definitions are not clear for multiple items including barrel & overall lengths, magazine capacities, special exceptions and exemptions, & other.**
- 2. Includes irrelevant lists of specific makes and models of weapons being classified as “assault.”**
- 3. Addresses items that already have governing laws. Information is conflicting & again may open our state & people to litigation.**
- 4. Erroneously addresses standard pieces of safety equipment & stock design that includes sporting & hunting guns.**
- 5. Inadvertently targets & puts at risk your law-abiding citizens.**
- 6. Does not align with nor protect our US Constitution’s 2nd amendment right of the people to keep and bear arms thus opening our state and people to litigation.**
- 7. Will put more Hawaii businesses out of business.**

**Instead, please focus on creating laws that strengthen the consequences & rehabilitation of illegal carriers & violent criminals, improves firearms education, protects our keiki, etc.**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 4:30:35 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jacob	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 4:38:20 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gregory Naff	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The true purpose of this bill is nebulous. It appears only to be trying to punish law-abiding citizens. Those who wish harm on others break the law, and don't care about any law on the books. It is already illegal to: brandish a firearm, discharge a firearms in the city limits, threaten or intimidate a person, cause harm to another through negligent behavior, assault or otherwise harm another, and of course murder someone. This is only a touch on the crimes that a person commits when they illegally use a firearm. The laws are already on the books, yet it does not deter certain people from activities. How is making these sporting arms illegal, used by law-abiding citizens for recreation, going to reduce crime? The people that are going to use these devices for nefarious purposes are not the ones that have gone through the challenges that Hawaii already has in place to legally own them. The law-abiding citizen is not a threat to the public, and the laws are already in place. All that banning these firearms will do is take them out of the hands of law-abiding citizens. The criminals, the people who have no regard for the law, will continue to possess them.

Instead of spending the resources that will be needed to implement and enforce this law, the resources should be directed at the root cause of the crimes in the first place. The firearm is only a tool. Instead of trying to prevent after the fact, trying to prevent the conditions that lead to the angst that cause the behavior in the first place should be addressed. This bill, like all the historical gun-control bills dating back to the Sullivan act, will have virtually no impact on crime or crime prevention. It will only punish those people who honor and uphold the law.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 4:39:05 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Russell kondo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this attempt to infringe upon my rights as a responsible gun owner.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 4:40:26 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Richard Hoapili	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill needs to be killed these tools have been around before most of you was even born. This bill is going against our constitutional rights to BARE ARMS you guy's are supposed to be up holding our second amendment rights not taking them away. Do the right thing and veto this bill it's better to have it and not need it then to need it and not have it

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 4:43:58 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Byron Chong	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill and believe in my 2nd amendment right as a US citizen.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 4:56:01 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Scott Sweet	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly opposed this unconstitutional bill that would have a substantial negative effect on hunters, target shooters and all law abiding citizens who have a need to protect themselves from the epidemic of drugged out people who do not care about abiding by these laws. This is one of the worst infringements on our rights to live freely as United States citizens.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 4:57:09 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Robert Lau	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Honorable Members of the Committee,

I appreciate the opportunity to testify today regarding Bill 3196, which proposes amendments to the prohibition on certain firearms. While I understand the intent behind this legislation, I strongly oppose its passage for several reasons.

First and foremost, the proposed bill threatens the fundamental rights guaranteed by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution. The right to bear arms is a cornerstone of our democracy, essential for self-defense, hunting, and safeguarding against tyranny. Any attempt to restrict law-abiding citizens' access to firearms undermines this constitutional right.

Furthermore, the definitions used in the bill to classify certain firearms as "assault weapons" are overly broad and lack clarity. This ambiguity could lead to the unintended consequences of penalizing responsible gun owners who use firearms for legitimate purposes such as sport shooting or hunting. Banning firearms based on cosmetic features or arbitrary criteria does little to enhance public safety and only serves to infringe upon the rights of law-abiding citizens.

Additionally, there are significant concerns regarding the efficacy of bans on specific types of firearms in reducing crime.

History has shown us that such measures often fail to address the root causes of violence and disproportionately burden law-abiding citizens without deterring criminals who obtain firearms through illegal means.

Enforcing the proposed bans would pose significant challenges for law enforcement agencies and strain already limited resources.

Prohibiting the sale or transfer of certain firearms would create a black market, driving lawful commerce underground and making it more difficult to track firearms in circulation.

Instead of pursuing restrictive measures that target law-abiding citizens, I urge policymakers to focus on evidence-based solutions to address the complex issue of gun violence. This includes strengthening mental health services, improving background check systems, and targeting illegal firearms trafficking through enhanced enforcement efforts.

In conclusion, I respectfully urge you to oppose Bill 3196 and consider alternative approaches that respect our constitutional rights while effectively addressing the underlying factors contributing to gun violence.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,

Robert Lau

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 4:59:10 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Cy Macanas	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB 3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 4:59:54 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
John miyaji	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 5:00:17 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ben Takeuchi	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Oppose. Rights are governed by a nation and not by state.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 5:04:53 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jonagustine Lim	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I stronly oppose this bill as it infringes on the rights of our Hawaii citizens. Please kill this bill.  
Thank you.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 5:12:11 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jake Higa	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill violates the 2nd Amendemnt rights for Hawaii's citizens. It unfairly and wrongfully restricts the entire population's constitutional right to keep and bear arms. Having more restrictions will not solve Hawaii's problem of gun violence since most of the guns used in those crimes are already illegal, it will only serve to disable a law-abiding citizen's ability to defend themselves. Not only is this bill unconstitutional, it also denies many citizens access to the hobbies they enjoy. As someone who shoots very often, this bill will cause unnecessary burdens and restrictions. For me, recreational shooting helps to maintain and improve my mental health. Additional laws and limitations in an already restrictive state will do a disservice in my personal life.

Please reconsider stopping this bill. It is a violation of the Second Amendment and won't do much to solve Hawaii's gun violence. We need to look at other ways to stop the violence, like promoting the idea of the nuclear family, incentivizing good fatherhood, promoting traditional family values, and increasing criminal penalties for violent crimes.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 5:16:56 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Donald A Salvador	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to proposed legislation that seeks to implement an assault weapons ban and restrict access to certain weapon parts and high-capacity magazines. While I understand the intention behind such measures is often rooted in a desire to enhance public safety, I believe these proposals are misguided and fail to address the underlying issues related to gun violence effectively.

Firstly, it's crucial to recognize that firearms themselves are not inherently dangerous; it is the manner in which they are used that can pose a threat to public safety. Placing blanket bans on certain types of firearms or accessories unfairly punishes law-abiding citizens who use them responsibly, without addressing the root causes of violence.

Moreover, the effectiveness of assault weapons bans in reducing crime rates is highly questionable. Studies and analyses have shown that such bans have minimal impact on overall crime rates or incidents of mass shootings. Criminals, by their very nature, do not abide by laws, and they will find ways to obtain firearms regardless of restrictions placed on law-abiding citizens. Therefore, banning certain types of firearms or accessories primarily serves to disarm law-abiding citizens rather than prevent criminals from obtaining weapons.

Furthermore, restricting access to high-capacity magazines and certain weapon parts does little to address the underlying issues of mental health, socioeconomic factors, and systemic violence that contribute to gun-related crimes. Instead of focusing solely on restricting access to firearms, efforts should be directed towards improving mental health services, addressing socioeconomic disparities, and implementing effective crime prevention strategies.

I firmly believe in the importance of protecting our constitutional rights, including the Second Amendment, which guarantees the right of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms. Any

legislation that seeks to infringe upon these rights must be carefully scrutinized to ensure that it does not unduly restrict the freedoms of responsible gun owners.

In conclusion, I urge you to reconsider your support for proposed legislation that seeks to implement an assault weapons ban and restrict access to certain weapon parts and high-capacity magazines. Instead, let us focus our efforts on addressing the root causes of violence and implementing comprehensive solutions that respect the rights of law-abiding citizens while enhancing public safety.

Thank you for considering my perspective on this important issue.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 5:17:31 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
A I C	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 5:22:58 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Fred Lino	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. My rights as a law abiding citizen will not be infringed. This bill will not stop gun related violence. It's not the gun, it's the criminals decision to use firearms in an unlawful manner. Regardless if these laws are in place, criminals will still buy, sell, and use banned firearms (ILLEGALLY). This is extremely unfair to the law abiding citizens that make the right decisions and use firearms legally. I do not believe this bill should move forward.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 5:28:40 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Peter	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 5:30:06 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
TIM REIMER	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is unconstitutional and has been shared, worldwide. It is our given Constitutional Right, to be able to own a firearm for protection of ourselves and our family. Abuse of power and intent to bring harm to every resident of Hawaii, by taking away their right to bear arms for protection. Hawaii, is not a foreign country , it is a part of the United States and it should be held accountable to follow the U.S. Constitution. If Hawaii, continues with this measure, other Americans, will support our rights and never return to Hawaii, as a vacation location again. This bill, should be deleted just like every other sneaky bill to destroy Hawaii . No, is the only answer on this bill...I'll say it again NO ! A firearm has no legs, arms or fingers, it is innocent, a person has to use it negatively to hurt someone and illegal unregistered guns are as easy to buy as a Whopper. You, will never delete them. This, is illegal and will expose how crooked the state of Hawaii, really is..

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 5:41:12 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jessica Caiazzo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I am Jessica “Priya.” Caiazzo, and I strongly oppose SB3196.

Senators remember your oath of office: “I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So help me God.”

This bill is UNCONSTITUTIONAL and infringes on our 2nd amendment right to bear arms.

I have basically given this speech before with the same points. It turns out a decent amount of this bill is 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, rather its “licensing officer”, to prove these rules and, ultimately, 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.’”<sup>1</sup>

As per Bruen. The gun permitting and registration system for merely owning a firearm is, on the face of it, Unconstitutional. Bringing your firearms to the station to be inspected is Unconstitutional. Requiring people to bring medical evidence to show they are worthy of owning a firearm is Unconstitutional. (Bruen, Opinion of the Court, page 10)<sup>2</sup>

These rules and amendments seem to be a bureaucratic end run around the citizens Constitutional right to own a firearm. If you read the rulings in relation to these rules you will realize that you are denying law abiding citizens their Constitutional rights.

Once again I'm reminding you of your oath of office, and "with reservations" is a basic yes vote, we need to hear you all say no to SB3196 and uphold the constitution.

Mahalo,

Jessica "Priya" Caiazzo

1. Bruen, Syllabus, Page 6, section (c), Thomas was Referencing Macdonald vs Chicago, Page 33, Opinion of Alito.
2. Bruen, Opinion of the Court, Page 10, Section B
3. Bruen, Opinion of the Court, Page 8, Section II

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Dani SkyeMcBride in 96756

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Sincerely,

DANI SKYEMCBRIDE  
KOLOA, HI 96756

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Natalie Forster in 96790

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NATALIE FORSTER  
KULA, HI 96790

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -McKenzie Johnson in 96756

McKenzie Johnson <bounce@list.everytown.org>

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MCKENZIE JOHNSON  
KOLOA, HI 96756

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Lindsey Cassiday-Chang in 96821

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LINDSEY CASSIDAY-CHANG  
HONOLULU, HI 96821

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Christine Macer in 96744

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Sincerely,

CHRISTINE MACER  
KANEEOHE, HI 96744

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Erin Roman in 96746

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Sincerely,

ERIN ROMAN  
KAPAA, HI 96746

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Mrs Kristen Snowdon in 96707

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Sincerely,

MRS KRISTEN SNOWDON  
KAPOLEI, HI 96707

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Lauran Chapple in 96743

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Sincerely,

LAURAN CHAPPLE  
KAMUELA, HI 96743

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Ms. Tina Zipp Stewart in 96821

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Sincerely,

MS. TINA ZIPP STEWART  
HONOLULU, HI 96821

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Summer Peach in 96815

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Sincerely,

SUMMER PEACH  
HONOLULU, HI 96815

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -MS. Laura Heaney in 11705

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Sincerely,

MS. LAURA HEANEY  
BAYPORT, NY 11705

**Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Gabrielle Davidson in 96703**

Gabrielle Davidson <bounce@list.everytown.org>

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Sincerely,

GABRIELLE DAVIDSON  
ANAHOLA, HI 96703

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -ERVIN PIGAO in 96732

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KAHULUI, HI 96732

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Dr. James Cooley in 96752

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Sincerely,

DR. JAMES COOLEY  
KEKAHA, HI 96752

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Denise Jacobson in 96712

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Sincerely,

DENISE JACOBSON  
HALEIWA, HI 96712

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Ms Leslie Zimmerman in 96712

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HALEIWA, HI 96712

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Jill Mclean in 96744

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JILL MCLEAN  
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Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Dennis Lofaro in 96793

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DENNIS LOFARO  
WAILUKU, HI 96793

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Sierra Dunn in 96790

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SIERRA DUNN  
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Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Shanyn Kiesler in 96793

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Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Mrs Kari DeBusca in 96789

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MRS KARI DEBUSCA  
MILILANI, HI 96789

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Del Beck in 96707

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Sincerely,

DEL BECK  
KAPOLEI, HI 96707

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Ms. Doris Segal Matsunaga in 96743

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KAMUELA, HI 96743

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Corina Scoggins in 96741

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KALAHEO, HI 96741

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Shea Petty in 96727

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HONOKAA, HI 96727

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Burgundy Fonoti in 96789

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Sincerely,

BURGUNDY FONOTI  
MILILANI, HI 96789

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Lauren Esaki-Kua in 96746

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LAUREN ESAKI-KUA  
KAPAA, HI 96746

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Ms Megan Deets in 96746

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Sincerely,

MS MEGAN DEETS  
KAPAA, HI 96746

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Robin Pagenkopp in 96772

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Sincerely,

ROBIN PAGENKOPP  
NAALEHU, HI 96772

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Ellery Galanto in 96789

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ELLERY GALANTO  
MILILANI, HI 96789

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Ms Kathleen Keilman in 96734

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MS KATHLEEN KEILMAN  
KAILUA, HI 96734

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Amanda Price in 96816

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AMANDA PRICE  
HONOLULU, HI 96816

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Jacie Slaymaker in 96816

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JACIE SLAYMAKER  
HONOLULU, HI 96816

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Lindsay Simmons in 96712

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LINDSAY SIMMONS  
HALEIWA, HI 96712

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Stephanie Wagner in 96817

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STEPHANIE WAGNER  
HONOLULU, HI 96817

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -sarah Paillusseau in 96734

sarah Paillusseau <bounce@list.everytown.org>

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Sincerely,

SARAH PAILLUSSEAU  
KAILUA, HI 96734

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -8289251011 Heather Cutts in 96825

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Sincerely,

8289251011 HEATHER CUTTS  
HONOLULU, HI 96825

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Trish Dunlap in 96815

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TRISH DUNLAP  
HONOLULU, HI 96815

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Warren Chong in 96740

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Sincerely,

WARREN CHONG  
KAILUA KONA, HI, HI 96740

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Catherine Hall in 96813

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Sincerely,

CATHERINE HALL  
HONOLULU, HI 96813

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Carolyn Kimball in 96701

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Sincerely,

CAROLYN KIMBALL  
AIEA, HI 96701

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Jennifer McFarland in 96734

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Sincerely,

JENNIFER MCFARLAND  
KAILUA, HI 96734

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Alyson M Miles in 96789

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Sincerely,

ALYSON M MILES  
MILILANI, HI 96789

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Mrs Yvonne Eugenio in 96789

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MRS YVONNE EUGENIO  
MILILANI, HI 96789

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Kristin Snyder in 96734

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Sincerely,

KRISTIN SNYDER  
KAILUA, HI 96734

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Anna Doyle in 96816

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ANNA DOYLE  
HONOLULU, HI 96816

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Bob Douglas in 96720

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Sincerely,

BOB DOUGLAS  
HILO, HI 96720

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Mr Joel Peralto in 96720

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Sincerely,

MR JOEL PERALTO  
HILO, HI 96720

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Joy Winquist in 96822

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Sincerely,

JOY WINQUIST  
HONOLULU, HI 96822

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Randi Mears in 96792

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Sincerely,

RANDI MEARS  
WAIANAE, HI 96792

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Ms Cari White in 96707

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Sincerely,

MS CARI WHITE  
KAPOLEI, HI 96707

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Anita Randall-Packer in 96743

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ANITA RANDALL-PACKER  
KAMUELA, HI 96743

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -pua auyong white in 96819

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Sincerely,

PUA AUYONG WHITE  
HONOLULU, HI 96819

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -mrs Ellen Mount in 96740

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MRS ELLEN MOUNT  
KAILUA KONA, HI 96740

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Ms Roberta Conlan in 96734

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MS ROBERTA CONLAN  
KAILYA, HI 96734

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Eric McCarren in 96821

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Sincerely,

ERIC MCCARREN  
HONOLULU, HI, HI 96821

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Sharif Nerreau in 06824

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FAIRFIELD, CT 06824

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Steven CHOCK in 96766

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STEVEN CHOCK  
LĪHU'E, HI 96766

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Deborah Goebert in 96744

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Sincerely,

DEBORAH GOEBERT  
KANEHOE, HI 96744

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Kim Abrahamson in 96732

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KIM ABRAHAMSON  
KAHULUI, HI 96732

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Courtney Eiler in 96756

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COURTNEY EILER  
KOLOA, HI 96756

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Tom Klobe in 96821

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TOM KLOBE  
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Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Glen Kila in 96792

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GLEN KILA  
WAIANAE, HI 96792

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Cathy Cohen in 96740

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CATHY COHEN  
KAILUA-KONA, HI 96740

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Estella Berg in 96825

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ESTELLA BERG  
HONOLULU, HI 96825

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Mrs. Ivy Castellanos in 96744

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KANEHOE, HI 96744

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Mrs. Veronica Echeverria in 96706

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EWA BEACH, HI 96706

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Ms Heidi Sherman in 96768

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MS HEIDI SHERMAN  
MAKAWAO, HI 96768

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James Fitch <jfitch1@gmail.com>

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Senator Rhoads,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB 3196. If passed, this bill will serve only to penalize the many law-abiding citizens who own and use firearms safely. Hawaii already has strong firearms laws on the books. SB 3196 will do little to nothing to improve public safety. I urge you to vote no on this bill.

Thank you,  
James Fitch

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Kaori Nakazaki in 96795

Kaori Nakazaki <bounce@list.everytown.org>

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Sincerely,

KAORI NAKAZAKI  
WAIMANALO, HI 96795

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Merri Keliikuli in 96792

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MERRI KELIIKULI  
WAIANAE, HI 96792

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Craig Kadooka in 96720

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Sincerely,

CRAIG KADOOKA  
HILO, HI 96720

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Ms Amanda Johnson in 96740

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Sincerely,

MS AMANDA JOHNSON  
KAILUA KONA, HI 96740

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Dafna Epstein in 96712

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DAFNA EPSTEIN  
HALEIWA, HI 96712

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Ronnie Farren in 96793

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Sincerely,

RONNIE FARREN  
WAILUKU, MAUI, HI 96793

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Tamara Moan in 96734

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Sincerely,

TAMARA MOAN  
KAILUA, HI 96734

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Lynne Johnson in 96822

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LYNNE JOHNSON  
HONOLULU, HI 96822

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Karlyn Pearl in 96821

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Sincerely,

KARLYN PEARL  
HONOLULU, HI 96821

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Joanna Staniszewski in 96740

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Sincerely,

JOANNA STANISZEWSKI  
HOLUALOA, HI 96740

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Mr Jeff Reiner in 96604

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Sincerely,

MR JEFF REINER  
CAPTAIN. COOK, AP 96604

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Natalie DeBiasi in 96814

Natalie DeBiasi <bounce@list.everytown.org>

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Sincerely,

NATALIE DEBIASI  
HONOLULU, HI 96814

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Suzanne Machos in 96744

Suzanne Machos <bounce@list.everytown.org>

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Sincerely,

SUZANNE MACHOS  
KANEOHE, HI 96744

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -mrs Sue Hornik in 96815

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Sincerely,

MRS SUE HORNIK  
HONOLULU, HI 96815

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Ms. Lauren Singer in 96727

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Sincerely,

MS. LAUREN SINGER  
HONOKAA, HI 96727

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Rachel Kauai in 96746

Rachel Kauai <bounce@list.everytown.org>

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Sincerely,

RACHEL KAUI  
KAPAA, HI 96746

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Melinda Neuwirth in 96708

Melinda Neuwirth <bounce@list.everytown.org>

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Sincerely,

MELINDA NEUWIRTH  
HAIKU, HI 96708

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Paul Weissman in 96813

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Sincerely,

PAUL WEISSMAN  
HONOLULU, HI 96813

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -David Gierlach in 96825

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DAVID GIERLACH  
HONOLULU, HI 96825

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Ms Lara O'Connor in 96815

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HONOLULU, HI 96815

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Ms Maureen Whitemore in 96748

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KAUNAKAKAI, HI 96748

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Rachel Lau in 96816

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RACHEL LAU  
HONOLULU, HI 96816

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Mrs. Erin Henderschedt in 96818

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MRS. ERIN HENDERSCHEDT  
HONOLULU, HI 96818

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Mrs. Mary Ellen Ellen Williams in 96813

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MRS. MARY ELLEN ELLEN WILLIAMS  
HONOLULU, HI 96813

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Amanda Barboza in 96706

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Sincerely,

AMANDA BARBOZA  
EWA BEACH, HI 96706

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Moriah Salter in 96816

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Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Diane MendiolaGoya in 96789

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DIANE MENDIOLAGOYA  
MILILANI, HI 96789

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Mrs. Farrah Krovoza in 96754

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MRS. FARRAH KROVOZA  
KILAUEA, HI 96754

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Ms Wanda Costa in 96746

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Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Ms Nicole Tergeoglou in 96764

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MS NICOLE TERGEOGLOU  
LAUPAHOEHOE, HI 96764

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Shirin Meherally-Gutta in 96706

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EWA BEACH, HI 96706

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Ms Queena Tahī in 96797

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MS QUEENA TAHI  
WAIPAHI, HI 96797

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -elizabeth boykin in 96779

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Sincerely,

ELIZABETH BOYKIN  
PAIA, HI 96779

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -andrea suzuki in 96813

andrea suzuki <bounce@list.everytown.org>

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ANDREA SUZUKI  
HONOLULU, HI 96813

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Heather Mueller in 96790

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Sincerely,

HEATHER MUELLER  
KULA, HI 96790

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -8083006148 Janice Lacks in 96749

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Sincerely,

8083006148 JANICE LACKS  
KEAAU, HI 96749

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Patricia Baker in 96716

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Sincerely,

PATRICIA BAKER  
HANAPEPE, HI 96716

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Mrs. Vicky Robbins in 96778

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Sincerely,

MRS. VICKY ROBBINS  
PAHOA, HI 96778

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Ms Lori Kizer in 96746

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MS LORI KIZER  
KAPAA, HI 96746

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Marina Tressler-Tangonan in 96813

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Sincerely,

MARINA TRESSLER-TANGONAN  
HONOLULU, HI 96813

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Marilyn Curry in 96720

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Sincerely,

MARILYN CURRY  
HOLO, HI 96720

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Shaye Jackson in 96754

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Sincerely,

SHAYE JACKSON  
KILAUEA, HI 96754

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Dr Darlene Viggiano in 96778

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DR DARLENE VIGGIANO  
PAHOA, HI 96778

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -ms tia pearson in 96786

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MS TIA PEARSON  
WAHIAWA, HI 96786

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Ms Kealakai Hammond in 96817

Ms Kealakai Hammond <bounce@list.everytown.org>

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Sincerely,

MS KEALAKAI HAMMOND  
HONOLULU, HI 96817

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Abby Santos in 96716

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Sincerely,

ABBY SANTOS  
HANAPEPE, HI 96716

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Dr Paul Bernstein in 96821

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Sincerely,

DR PAUL BERNSTEIN  
HONOLULU, HI 96821

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Catherine Juliano in 96822

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Sincerely,

CATHERINE JULIANO  
HONOLULU, HI 96822

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Isabelle Tumbaga in 96816

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Sincerely,

ISABELLE TUMBAGA  
HONOLULU, HI 96816

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Louise Thael in 96740

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Sincerely,

LOUISE THAELL  
KAILUA-KONA, HI 96740

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Allyson J. Gross in 96760

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Sincerely,

ALLYSON J. GROSS  
KURTISTOWN, HI 96760

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Delphine Homerowski in 96734

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DELPHINE HOMEROWSKI  
KAILUA, HI 96734

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -miss willow chang in 96822

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MISS WILLOW CHANG  
HONOLULU, HI 96822

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Isabelle Enriques in 96789

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MILILANI, HI 96789

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -chelsea huddleston in 96790

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CHELSEA HUDDLESTON  
KULA, HI 96790

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Heatherly Bucher in 96789

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HEATHERLY BUCHER  
MILILANI, HI 96789

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Ms Michelle Tomas in 96740

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Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Shawn Ravazzano in 96753

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SHAWN RAVAZZANO  
KIHEJ, HI 96753

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -dr Mary Babcock in 96734

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Sincerely,

DR MARY BABCOCK  
KAILUA, HI 96734

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Guy Benjamin in 96706

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Sincerely,

GUY BENJAMIN  
EWA BEACH, HI 96706

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -8082712893 Elizabeth O'Connor in 96815

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Sincerely,

8082712893 ELIZABETH O'CONNOR  
HONOLULU, HI 96815

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Ms Erica K Yamauchi in 96816

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MS ERICA K YAMAUCHI  
HONOLULU, HI 96816

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Molly Takagi in 96822

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MOLLY TAKAGI  
HONOLULU, HI 96822

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Zon Sullenberger <zon@zon-arch.com>

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Aloha Senator Rhoads,

Please OPPOSE SB 3196

As you may know, SB 3196 Bans many firearms in common usage and possessed by many firearm owners in the State of Hawaii. The ban focuses primarily on semi-automatic firearms, which, as a type, have been around for over 100 years. Additionally, the elements that trigger the ban are relatively common elements that have no effect on the lethality, real or perceived, of the firearm. They are largely cosmetic features, or in the case of what might be considered a barrel shroud, are simply there to keep you from burning your hand on the barrel if you are firing the weapon. It is nonsensical to ban groups of firearms based on what is essentially a safety feature.

As these firearms are considered to be in common usage, there is a real possibility that this bill is unconstitutional on its face, and if passed, would be subject to lawsuits. This could waste hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of dollars for the State to defend this bill. This is money that could be better spent actually develop or care for other issues more pressing in the State.

This bill seems like a lot of solutions trying to find a problem as there does not seem to be any public benefit to any aspect of this bill. In reviewing former President Clinton's so called assault weapons ban, the FBI later studied the data and found there was no appreciable reduction in crime or so-called gun violence resulting from the ban. Subsequently the ban was allowed to expire. So there is no benefit to passing this bill.

What's more, it makes it impossible to pass on these firearms to your children, denying them part of their legacy and heritage.

Thank you for your consideration and please OPPOSE SB 3196

Respectfully,

Zon Sullenberger  
Kailua Kona

**FW: SB3196 and SB2845 DO NOT SUPPORT**

**Steve Bergfeld <bergfeldsteve@gmail.com>**

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**Subject:** SB3196 and SB2845 DO NOT SUPPORT

Aloha Senators: I am writing you to urge you to NOT PASS these two bills. I DO NOT SUPPORT SB3196 or SB2845. My name is Steve Bergfeld and I live in Hilo. I have worked in conservation and natural resource management for 37 years. I am a life long hunter and law abiding citizen. I use my semi automatic rifle to put food on my family's table. This subsistence hunting is a family tradition for many generations down to my grandchildren. My children began hunting from as soon as they could walk. They got their hunting licenses as soon as they were eligible at the age of 10. We make Portuguese sausage, smoke meat, lau lau, kalua, hamburger, corned beef etc. from the meat we harvest from the mountain. We provide a service to other island residents who do not hunt by helping to protect our watersheds from feral ungulates. You only have to drive our highways to see the over population of feral ungulates. Their carcasses litter the shoulders.

These bills take away our 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment rights and will only affect law abiding citizens. Criminals do not care about laws the legislature passes. The best course of action is to prosecute those who break the current laws already on the books. Hawaii has some of the strictest gun laws in the United States. Permits to acquire take at least two weeks to receive from our Police Department. Background and mental health checks are required. DO NOT TAKE AWAY MY RIGHT TO DEFEND MYSELF AND MY FAMILY.

18 year olds should be eligible to purchase and possess ammunition. We allow a 16 year old to drive a car, an 18 year old to give their life in the service of our country and to vote.

In closing I will again urge you to NOT PASS SB3196 and SB2845. Mahalo for your service to the State of Hawaii. Aloha Steve Bergfeld

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## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Ms Teresa LeMoon in 96819

Ms Teresa LeMoon <bounce@list.everytown.org>

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Sincerely,

MS TERESA LEMOON  
HONOLULU, HI 96819

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Mr. Glenn Thomas in 96740

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Sincerely,

MR. GLENN THOMAS  
KAILUA KONA, HI 96740

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Loretta Reilly in 96734

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LORETTA REILLY  
KAILUA, HI 96734

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Dean Millet in 96749

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Sincerely,

DEAN MILLET  
KEAAU, HI 96749

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Michelle Gabriel in 96707

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Sincerely,

MICHELLE GABRIEL  
KAPOLEI, HI 96707

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Nina Ungerleider in 96712

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Sincerely,

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HALEIWA, HI 96712

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Melinda Morey in 96741

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Sincerely,

MELINDA MOREY  
KALAHEO, HI 96741

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Mr. David Lewis in 96813

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MR. DAVID LEWIS  
HONOLULU, HI 96813

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Claire Shimabukuro in 96816

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Sincerely,

CLAIRE SHIMABUKURO  
HONOLULU, HI 96816

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Deborah Soares in 96813

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Sincerely,

DEBORAH SOARES  
HONOLULU, HI 96813

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Ms. Joy Hohnstine in 96721

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Sincerely,

MS. JOY HOHNSTINE  
HILO, HI 96721

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Jerelyn Hammer in 96720

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Sincerely,

JERELYN HAMMER  
HILO, HI 96720

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Kellianne Cadavona in 96705

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Sincerely,

KELLIANNE CADAVONA  
HANAPEPE, HI 96705

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Ms Elizabeth Havelin in 96768

Ms Elizabeth Havelin <bounce@list.everytown.org>

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Sincerely,

MS ELIZABETH HAVELIN  
MAKAWAO, HI 96768

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -moea king in 96738

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Sincerely,

MOEA KING  
WAIKOLOA, HI 96738

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Ms Jacqui Skill in 96761

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Sincerely,

MS JACQUI SKILL  
LAHAINA, HI 96761

**Bill SB3196**

**Gary Wong <gwong1943@icloud.com>**

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Please OPPOSE bill SB3196

Thank-you

Rita Wong

SB3196

ken aka <kenakaloha@yahoo.com>

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Senator Karl Rhoads,

My name is Ken Nakakura. I am a hard working law abiding citizen. I enjoy firearms as recreation, as a hobby, and also for self defense and the protection of myself, my family and property.

I am AGAINST SB3196, and oppose all elements of SB3196 which are detrimental to me and all law abiding gun enthusiasts.

SB3196 will take away our ability to fully enjoy all aspects of our 2nd Amendment rights. Hawai'i's already over prohibitive gun laws already prohibit me from buying some styles of guns that I would like to buy because they are unique, collectible, or just "cool" to have.

SB3196 would unconstitutionally add more guns to the list that I would not be allowed to buy. And in general make it harder and more tedious and or prohibitive to buy guns, to repair guns, to use guns recreationally, to overall enjoy the sport and hobby of guns. Not to mention SB3196 will hurt the businesses that depend on selling guns and accessories and repairing and customization by taking away significant amounts of sales and other business related to these styles of guns.

Don't demonize guns, and certain types of guns. And don't demonize law abiding gun owners and enthusiasts.

You like to label guns with negative names like "weapon" or "assault weapon." A gun is just a tool. A gun can be used for recreation, for hunting, for providing food, for self defense. It is not a "weapon" until it is used as a "weapon." You only focus on guns as "weapons" of crime. But 99.99% (maybe more) of lawful gun owners will never use their guns to commit a crime.

Focus your attention on getting guns out of the hands of criminals. The less than 1% that unlawfully use guns. Don't turn law abiding gun enthusiasts into criminals. And don't take away the rights of lawful gun owners/users to buy and enjoy whatever style of gun we are interested in.

I oppose all elements of SB3196 but I want emphasize a few points.

SB3196 sets out to ban all of the most popular firearms being sold. That takes away my 2nd Amendment rights to lawfully enjoy these types of guns, but also removes a major source of revenue from firearms business's.

It also makes it illegal to have a shroud or foregrip or handguard that would keep you from burning your hand when you hold the forward portion of the gun. Are you that cruel? That you have no regard for a gun owners safety, and that you think it is ok for us to burn our hand when using the gun. I hope that is not your intention.

In conclusion I want to stress that I am AGAINST SB3196 and I oppose all elements of SB3196.

I ask that you DO NOT pass SB3196.

Punish the criminals that unlawfully use guns to commit crimes.

Stop punishing the lawful gun owners.

Thank you,

Ken Nakakura

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Kailua HI 96734

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Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Ms. Monica Shook in 96744

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Sincerely,

MS. MONICA SHOOK  
KANEEOHE, HI 96744

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Ms Cindy Mckean in 96704

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MS CINDY MCKEAN  
CAPTAIN COOK, HI 96704

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Noel Trim in 96740

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NOEL TRIM  
KAILUA KONA, HI 96740

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -melody torres in 96708

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Sincerely,

MELODY TORRES  
HAIKU, HI 96708

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Paul Soluri in 96821

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PAUL SOLURI  
HONOLULU, HI 96821

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Lurline Bettencourt in 96746

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LURLINE BETTENCOURT  
KAPA'A, HI 96746

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Mrs Amy Odom in 96814

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MRS AMY ODOM  
HONOLULU, HI 96814

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Ms Barbara Gomes in 96734

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MS BARBARA GOMES  
KAILUA, HI 96734

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Tina Stroede in 96825

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Sincerely,

TINA STROEDE  
HONOLULU, HI 96825

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Tamara Paltin in 96761

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LAHAINA, HI 96761

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Ms Deborah Nehmad in 96825

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MS DEBORAH NEHMAD  
HONOLULU, HI 96825

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Ms Jessica Austin in 96722

Ms Jessica Austin <bounce@list.everytown.org>

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MS JESSICA AUSTIN  
PRINCEVILLE, HI 96722

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Laura Nicholl in 96821

Laura Nicholl <bounce@list.everytown.org>

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LAURA NICHOLL  
HONOLULU, HI 96821

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Mrs. Lauren Rolland in 96791

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MRS. LAUREN ROLLAND  
WAIALUA, HI 96791

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Mrs. Rachel Logan in 96825

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MRS. RACHEL LOGAN  
HONOLULU, HI 96825

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Ms Allyson Metzger in 96740

Ms Allyson Metzger <bounce@list.everytown.org>

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Sincerely,

MS ALLYSON METZGER  
KAILUA-KONA, HI 96740

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Jessica Lynham in 96825

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JESSICA LYNHAM  
HONOLULU, HI 96825

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Nancy Conley in 95815

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Sincerely,

NANCY CONLEY  
HONOLULU, CA 95815

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -DARCI L SINGLEHURST in 96734

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KAILUA, HI 96734

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Dr Andrew Sheinis in 96743

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Sincerely,

DR ANDREW SHEINIS  
KAMUELA, HI 96743

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Julianna Catron in 96761

Julianna Catron <bounce@list.everytown.org>

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Sincerely,

JULIANNA CATRON  
LAHAINA, HI 96761

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Jennifer Neely in 96926

Jennifer Neely <bounce@list.everytown.org>

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Sincerely,

JENNIFER NEELY  
HONOLULU, 96926

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Ms. Laura Ramirez in 96746

Ms. Laura Ramirez <bounce@list.everytown.org>

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MS. LAURA RAMIREZ  
KAPA'A, HI 96746

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Cietta Penn in 96743

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CIETTA PENN  
KAMUELA, HI 96743

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Mike Stauber in 96756

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Sincerely,

MIKE STAUBER  
KOLOA, HI 96756

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Katharine Conway in 96756

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Sincerely,

KATHARINE CONWAY  
KOLOA, HI 96756

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Meryll Lobaton in 96701

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MERYLL LOBATON  
AIEA, HI 96701

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Natalie Aurio in 96789

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Sincerely,

NATALIE AURIO  
MILILANI, HI 96789

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Ms Susan Sims in 96817

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MS SUSAN SIMS  
HONOLULU, HI 96817

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Mrs Catherine Cooper in 96722

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PRINCEVILLE, HI 96722

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -MS. JACQUELINE ZAMBRANO in 96708

MS. JACQUELINE ZAMBRANO <bounce@list.everytown.org>

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MS. JACQUELINE ZAMBRANO  
HAIKU, HI 96708

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Ms. Mariya Gold in 96734

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KAILUA, HI 96734

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Ma Cheryl Buckman in 96720

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MA CHERYL BUCKMAN  
HILO HAWAII, HI 96720

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Heidi Strike in 96749

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Sincerely,

HEIDI STRIKE  
KEAAU, HI 96749

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Mr. Chris Marvin in 96817

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MR. CHRIS MARVIN  
HONOLULU, HI 96817

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Miriam Kotubetey in 96744

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MIRIAM KOTUBETEY  
KANEEOHE, HI 96744

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Ms. Diane Nushida-Tokuno in 96744

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KANEEOHE, HI 96744

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Martha Harkey in 96754

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Sincerely,

MARTHA HARKEY  
KILAUEA, HI 96754

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Kathy Vance in 96738

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KATHY VANCE  
WAIKOLOA, HI 96738

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -None Lisa Steele in 96706

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Sincerely,

NONE LISA STEELE  
EWA BEACH, HI 96706

## Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Jenny Rasmussen in 96740

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JENNY RASMUSSEN  
KAILUA KONA, HI 96740

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -PATRICIA Mullen in 96704

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PATRICIA MULLEN  
CAPTAIN COOK, HI 96704

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Ms Catherine Tenn in 96825

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MS CATHERINE TENN  
HONOLULU, HI 96825

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Mrs Laetitia Thibault santoro in 96826

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Sincerely,

MRS LAETITIA THIBAUT SANTORO  
HONOLULU, HI 96826

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Buffy Nakachi in 96738

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Thu 2/22/2024 12:11 PM

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WAIKOLOA, HI 96738

Ban assault weapons, vote yes on SB 3196! -Alyce Dodge in 96816

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Thu 2/22/2024 11:55 AM

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HONOLULU, HI 96816

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:20:02 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
BRIAN LACKEY	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is unconstitutional. A semi automatic weapon is NOT an assault weapon.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:20:58 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
laurie boyle	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**Aloha,**

As a constituent on the Big Island, I am thrilled to support SB3196 due to the very simple logic that we do NOT need to be supplying weapons of mass destruction to our mass population at large. This bill restricts weapons, attachments, and modifications that turn weapons into mass assault weapons.

We are the ALOHA state. Assault weapons do not spread Aloha, they sptead death and destruction to our ohana. Please vote YES on SB3196.

Mahalo nui!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:30:50 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Brandon visher	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose the bill

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:28:17 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sophia Ramirez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

There is no need for assault weapons to be owned or distributed within the public. Assault is in the name and yet people haven't come to their senses that these weapons assault and kill people. School shootings are mostly done using assault weapons, and while this bill will not stop school shootings it'll reduce the amount of harm and innocent CHILDREN lives that are ak tragically taken away. School should be a safe fun place for kids and they nor parents nor teachers and staff should ever have to worry about the possibility of CHILDREN being murdered. What good do assault weapons ever do for the public. If you truly believe you need an assault weapon, I promise you you don't. If you need it for a home invasion, use a pistol or pepper spray or a hard object. If you want to carry one around so people are fearful of you, use a pistol and keep it so its visible to the public, you get the same effect. In what world are assault riffles ever needed for the public when your children's and family's lives are at stake. No one should ever be fearful of going outside in the case that they might be killed because some lunatic has an assault weapon at the ready. This is AMERICA and its supposed to be one of the best countries in the world. People come here from all walks of life for the American dream but what kind of dystopian American nightmare am I living if im scared to walk on my own college campus in the case I get shot because some insane person is mentally distressed. Now more than ever are people actively LEAVING America because of how it's become and its no longer safe to even go to school without the worry of yourself or your family getting killed. I strongly SUPPORT this bill and hope to see it pass. Thank you.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:32:01 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Terence Lee	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Senator Karl Rhoads Chair, Senator Mike Gabbard Vice Chair and members of the Judiciary ,

My name is Terence Lee and I am a gun violence survivor. I turned 60 this past year. I was shot at 29 years of age. My trauma has affected me EVERY DAY since I was shot. Even writing this brings me a bit of unease and anger. I support this bill.

KEEP HAWAII SAFE.

Mahalo,

Terence Lee

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:40:13 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Janet H. Boyd	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support all legislation restricting access to automatic weapons.

I live on this road that this murder was committed:

Sept 13, 2023

*"HONOLULU (HawaiiNewsNow) - The manhunt for a [murder suspect on Kauai](#) is now stretching into its second week. Chris Santos is wanted killing a man last week on Kahili Mountain Road in Koloa.*

*The victim has been identified as 28-year-old Kith Silva-Lacro of Kalaheo."*

The night of the murder I drove that road approximately an hour before the murder. Every night after I drove that road worried about the the suspected murderer still on the loose.

For background, I grew up around New York City, and have lived in NYC I am no innocent in regards to firearm deaths. But I have never been so scared of possibly encountering a man on the run with an automatic weapon as I was in those few weeks. This is a "safe state" or used to be. I support you to stand up and protect our islands from automatic firearms. Guns should be strictly regulated in all states, I support this bill.

Thank you,

Janet H. Boyd

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 5:49:35 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Xerxes Anatalio	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 5:56:55 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Clinton Bodley	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. This bill is overly broad and targets almost every firearm owned by normal everyday people including myself and my coworkers many of which are specifically designed for sporting purposes.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 6:01:13 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lee Kurihara	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am submitting written testimony opposing SB3196.

The US Supreme court has through Heller and Bruen specifically stated that there exists the burden of the government to show through historical analog laws that existed at the time of the adoption of the Second Amendment that any proposed laws do not infringe on the rights of the people. From their ruling, subsequent laws or regulations must demonstrate through historical analog laws in or before 1791, be consistent with both the how and the why such laws were adopted by the founders.

The US Supreme Court has stated that the plain text of the second amendment presumtively guarantees petitioners the rights this bill intends to strip away from the people.

At this very moment various district and supreme courts across the United States of America have ruled that modern gun control laws must implicate the two facets of the how, and the why to be consistent with laws or statutes in practice in, or previous to 1791. They must be consistent with the plain text of the second amendment and its historical scope. SB3196 does not in any way demonstrate either.

Again, I am opposed to SB3196 and the waste of resources to put this in place when the legislature knows that SB3196 is unconstitutional and will be struck down.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 6:06:54 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Chase Yamashiro	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 6:08:24 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ross Sekiya	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is yet another step on the people of this state. It is well known by citizens and frankly yourselves, that this is an unconstitutional overstep of the government. Once again YOU are punishing law abiding gun owners (your constituents whom you are suppose to serve) and this will do nothing but infringe on rights and further wittle away liberties of legal gun ownership. You've ought to be ashamed of yourselves for supporting this legislation.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 6:13:53 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Georgia Rawlings	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am against the extremes of SB3196.

I am also personally affected by this Bill. I am a legal owner of a recently purchased hunting rifle with removable magazine, one of the ridiculous items on the list of rifles to be banned.

It is not a valid to ban all types of hunting rifles simply because the rifle has been fitted with modern convenience devices such as the ability to remove the magazine, suppress bright flashes and the accompanying noise, or a simple pistol grip which effectively makes the rifle more stable when used. This borders on the absurd. An assault weapon is a gun designed to hunt and kill humans. The difference is these weapons have very distinct, enhanced military features such as improved rifling of the barrel, high end alloys that allow faster heat dissipation for repeated firing, closer tolerances on machined moving parts, ammo moisture protection, adjustable trigger, better balance when carrying full magazines, switchable auto/semi/single shot, enhanced sighting ability (tactical), and the ability to collapse down to an easily carried and concealable weapon. Fine, ban these weapons as they truly have no place in a civil society.

But, these are not the guns of Hawaii and banning a folding stock, pistol grip, semi-automatic firing and attached magazines (quick swap magazines) does NOTHING to prevent gun violence nor the capability for a deranged individual to hurt others. This does nothing but interfere with the constitutional right to bear arms (and no the constitution is not referring specifically to a ball and musket). If you really want to stop firearms, ban all guns - but all that guarantees is a lot of organized gun violence.

If you really want to do something productive and are serious about it, improve the training and requirements to own a gun. It is a right, but it is a right that must be treated as an earned privilege.

Proper education in school, proper training and proper attitude are more important. A license to own a gun, hmmm. Isn't that basically what Hawaii does now? Make concealed carry training and hunting training mandatory. Make it a drudgery like driving a car, with license renewals, permits and eye tests and enforce gun ownership the same way as having a drivers license. Make gun licensing part of the DMV! If everybody drives, nobody walks. If everybody has a gun, nobody feels special.

When you make the apple the forbidden fruit, the moment you get the apple you feel you're now invincible and in charge - "I can do anything I like and you can't stop me". That is the attitude that must change and tinkering with incremental technological improvement is just stupid - like trying to ban TikTok.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 6:15:52 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nikolas Kamau	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I very strongly oppose SB3196 as it infringes on my 2a rights

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 6:16:56 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Christopher Koike	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this completely unconstitutional bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 6:27:30 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mark Izumi	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. You are directly going against the Supreme Court's Bruen decision.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 6:30:27 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Eric osicky	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This law is so unbelievably unconstitutional, these "tools" put food on the table for many families and provide protection for some as well. There's absolutely no reason for the prohibition of these guns other than the government trying to slowly pick away at our rights and in the end be under full control of the people, politician's blood sucking parasites that just want full control of anything beneath them, before I go on with more ranting I want to conclude that this bill shall not be passed

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 6:33:27 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Derek Inaba	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this measure

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 6:33:38 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Julie King	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB3196

This will not ensure a safer Hawaii.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 6:37:27 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jeff Arceo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB3196. I would like the ability to protect my family and loved ones. Law enforcement can not be around 24/7 to protect my family when a bad situation arises. Thank you

Jeffrey Arceo

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 6:37:53 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ken Miyamoto	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To whom it my concern,

I oppose Bill SB 3196 because, The Second Amendment protects the freedom of the rights to bear arms and shall not be infringed upon. This very Bill SB 3196 goes against our basic constitutional rights to allow law abiding citizens to exercise their rights to defend themselves from any threat foreign or domestic. Without firearms there is no way to mitigate larger than life threats.

It is your responsibility as Senators to uphold the Constitution and protect the people as you are elected public officials and should serve the greater good of basic American human rights. To allow law abiding citizens to legally own, possess, and have firearms, ammunition, and equipment including magazines, optics, body armor, etc. for self defense purposes. Criminals do not follow the laws and this Bill SB 3196, will hinder the ability of law abiding citizens to defend themselves. Ask yourself would you leave your front door open to criminals? Please do not allow your family to go unprotected.

Thank you!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 6:38:24 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Megan Iobst	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB3196. Putting forth SB 3196 does not prevent crime. It will make law abiding citizens criminals. Firearms don't hurt people. It is the people using the firearms that hurt people. If a bad person intends to commit a crime adding a new law won't change this. These firearms that you intend to ban are used for hunting and self defense. Taking away these firearms is taking away my rights as a United States citizen where under the 2nd amendment states we have the right to keep and bear arms and that right shall not be infringed on. Also banning firearms under the umbrella name "assault rifles" is a gross mischaracterization of the types of rifles you are attempting to ban. You are using improper verbiage as a scare tactic in hopes that citizens who don't have firearms knowledge will simply comply "because you said so" instead of standing up for their rights. As a law abiding citizen of this country and of the beautiful state of Hawaii I am of the belief that SB3196 must be opposed and struck down due to its infringement on the rights of all United States citizens.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 11:59:29 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
David Pimentel	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 6:38:46 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Isaiah leong	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 6:53:21 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tryslynn Jones	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose SB3196, this bill will NOT stop criminals or crime from happening, it only hurts law abiding citizens like me, who want to defend myself and my daughter from criminals.

I am a mother to a 3 year old and my husband is a First Responder, who is away from home on 24 hours shifts protecting the community. I am home alone to look after my child when he is away and I am concerned for our safety.

I've trained how to handle a pistol, rifle, and shotgun safely and efficiently and continue to train with it often. The firearms and parts mentioned in this SB3196 will leave me defenseless against law breakers who seem to be constantly released from our Justice System.

There has been a lot of violence towards women lately and I don't want my child or I to be the next victims. There was the acid attacks last year at Mililani and this year at Ala Moana, Planet Fitness. It's terrifying to live in such a time as this but the Second Amendment offers me peace that I may defend myself and my daughter from repeated criminals who don't care about laws or the lives of others.

I have just learned of this bill and shared my concerns with other mothers in our community and on my social media platforms. They feel that their safety is not being taken seriously and they don't have confidence that you are going to protect them or their children. I want to have the same rights as the governor and our senators to arm myself and protect my daughter.

Once again, I oppose SB 3196 because it will take away the right for us to protect our family from career criminals.

Mahalo.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 6:56:16 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dirck Sielken	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill in it's entirety. Please focus on bills that will prevent crime and punish crime. Stop pushing bills that only restrict those who are law abiding people.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 6:58:38 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jacob Cachola	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196 as it infringes on our 2nd amendment rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 6:58:30 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Todd	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 6:59:26 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
BODHI M ANDERSON	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I opose this bill and all other bills that infringe on my right to bear arms. You should review the Supreme Court's rulings that tell you these bills aren not constitutonal.

Best,

Bodhi

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:00:14 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Grant Arakawa	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Strongly OPPOSE this bill and ask it be removed from any further consideration and time from my elected officials. In fact I expect the opposite from my elected officials. I expect them to support firearm ownership in Hawaii. Now more than ever we need to protect ourselves from all threats foreign and domestic.

mahalo for your time.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:01:45 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
julie schaus	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB 3196

I am a voting resident of Hawaii island. This bill targets legal owners and law abiding citizens and doesn't address illegal and violent criminals. This bill must be deferred to be properly written to address both sides of the issue. Most definitions are unclear. This bill is all encompassing to makes and models. There are already laws in place. This bill doesn't align with our second amendment rights. There are too many conflicting statements, will bring about lawsuits. More Hawaii businesses will suffer from erroneous rules. Please Focus on consequences and rehabilitation of violent criminals. This bill should be addressing improving overall education.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:02:27 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Alex Johnson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a local citizen I strongly oppose this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:03:02 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kyle	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:04:18 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
carbonn tumaneng	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose this bill. You will be creating law abiding citizens turnt into criminals. It is a God given Right as a citizen of the United States to be able to lawful owner.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:05:58 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ray Kuwaye	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE SB3196. I WOULD LIKE TO PROTECT MY FAMILY AND LOVE ONES. LAW IN FORCEMENT CANNOT PROTECT MY FAMILY 24/7,365 DAYS A YEAR, IF BAD SITUATION ARISES.

HAWAII STATE SHOULD/ ABIDE BY FEDERAL CONSTITUTION SECOND AMENDMENT.

SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS SHOULD BE HONORED

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:06:08 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Justin Arzaga	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:07:41 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Noel Salvacion	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose! stop trying to take away our rights already.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:07:51 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jana Soli	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To our elected representatives,

I am writing to express my opposition to SB3196. I am opposed to this bill as it is misaligned with the rights of the American people distinctly written in the Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America.

Our constitution clearly states that "**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.**" This right includes the right to bear arms that SB3196 proposes to ban and harshly regulate.

I respectfully ask that you consider this bill and what you are considering passing. Does it truly uphold to the Constitution of the United States of America, or does a ban on these particular (fairly random selection of weapons) simply hold up to what are considered current remedies to a complex topic?

I ask you to truly consider what this bill put forth into motion in the world. Not just now, but in the future. I am sure that the passing of this bill will get you recognition, appreciation, and admiration from select groups in our community. I don't doubt you are witnessing a great deal of pressure in whether to pass it or not. Anyone who has witnessed society in the last 2 decades has seen the pressure on all sides surrounding the topic of firearms, police, prisons, and more.

However, I ask you to be humble in your position of power, and consider how your decisions either uphold or erode the principles and values this country is based in. Can you make decisions that uphold those values?

Yes, times change, laws change. However, the foundation of our nation is rooted in its founding documents. As a generation, we have an absolute responsibility to uphold the legacy that has been entrusted to us. I ask that you consider the wisdom behind each decision you are making, the consequences 100+ years from now, and the legacy you are leaving to future generations. The whims, desires, and trends of societies shift and change. What lasts are the beliefs, values, and personal responsibilities as a nation, leader, and individual that we act on and pass down. Please carefully consider the choice you are making with this bill and how it erodes at our constitutional responsibilities and duties if passed.

Complex issues demand careful solutions. Sweeping bans, fearful decisions, bending to current wims, will never be an honorable choice.

I trust that as an elected official of the Hawaiian people, you know your responsibility to hear your consituents. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Jana Soli

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:09:08 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Art Owen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please do not pass Bill 3196. It is the right of the American people given to us by the 2nd amendment. This bill is in violation of the constitution that we live by.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:10:34 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Travis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I stronlgy Oppose SB3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:12:21 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kenneth B	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this testimony to adamantly OPPOSE SB3196. This bill adversely affects me and alot of other by making our firearms including bolt action guns- which are not semi automatic illegal due to them having a threaded barrel. The bill also will affect myself and others who have firearms that considered collectibles by us not being able to pass them down to whomever we want to do so. There are so many other things on the bill that the wording is so vague and can be interpreted in so many different ways, no one can clearly read and understand what it is about. Instead of just trying to make and pass a bill, may I suggest that you open your doors and have public input on everything that is trying to be passed. Maybe you can understand us more of where we are coming from instead of copying and pushing certain agendas that some of you think you know everything about. Be an actual public servant and listen to all sides because not just one side vote for you. I hope that these testimonials that are submitted are actually read .

Aloha

Kenneth

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:15:32 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Raychel	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is a violation to our constitutional rights as US citizens. Law abiding gun owners should not be penalized and have their rights taken away by any institution. Hawaii already has the tightest gun laws in the country (that are also unconstitutional). Guns are not the enemy!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:17:21 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Craig Shigeoka	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Testimony opposing SB3196

Aloha

I oppose Senate Bill SB3196.

Making it harder to own and possess firearms is just the first step in disarming the population of Hawaii.

Growing up in Hawaii and going to public schools you realize Hawaii is a state of bullies. The bigger Kids bully and pick on the smaller weaker kids. This continues when you are an adult. Now a Senior Citizen I see the disparity of the big bullies verses the small citizens.

By making it harder to own and possess firearms you give the Bullies and criminals the upper hand and no fear in break-ins and other violent behavior.

I don't have a CCW permit, but again states that it is allowed CCW there is less crime because the criminals/Bullies **don't know** who is armed, so they think, treat everyone as equal and don't act up like in Hawaii.

If the criminals/Bullies **THINK** we are armed is a better deferent for nonviolence than the Police 30 minutes away by calling 911. Wouldn't you think twice before breaking/cause violence to a homeowner/senior citizen/abuses spouse/prey, if you thought they would be is armed. You would just move on.

Again, I oppose Senate Bill SB3196,it sounds good, and you may think it makes for good Headlines for you in the News that Hawaii Legislators are disarming the law abiding citizens, but is ill conceived and just the start of disarming the population of Hawaii and making it into a police state. Only the criminals/bullies having the upper hand.

Craig Shigeoka

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:17:45 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robert Hechtman	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose bill SB3196!

A 1997 congressionally-mandated study looked at the effects of the first 30 months of the 1994-2004 federal “assault weapons” ban and found it had no impact on crime. Murder rates were 19.3% higher when the Federal [assault weapon] ban was in effect. Later research conducted in 2018 also found no evidence that “large capacity magazine” bans and “assault weapon” bans affect mass shootings.

Rifles overall are responsible for a very small fraction of violent crime. More people are killed with fists and knives than with rifles every year.

Semi-automatic rifles like AR-15s are some of the most popular firearms used in home defense and in marksmanship competitions.

Law-abiding Americans own an estimated 11 million AR-15s — yet violent crime has not taken over the country as gun control advocates suggested. In fact, it’s gone down.

The terrorist attacks in France and Belgium show that gun bans—including those on semi-automatic firearms and standard-capacity magazines—don’t prevent crime. In both countries, the ownership of firearms, including semi-automatics, is severely restricted.

From 1991, when violent crime hit an all-time high, to 2017, the nation’s total violent crime rate decreased 47 percent, including a 34 percent decrease in the murder rate. Meanwhile, Americans bought about 200 million new firearms, including more than eighteen million AR-15s, and so many tens of millions of “large” handgun and rifle magazines that it seems pointless to attempt a count.

Semi-automatic rifles like the AR-15 are the most popular rifles in the United States for home protection and defensive skills-based firearm training and marksmanship competitions, and

they're increasingly popular among hunters. Ammunition magazines that hold more than 10 rounds are standard equipment for many handguns and rifles designed for defensive purposes, they're commonly used in handguns kept for protection at home and carried for protection away from home, and they're commonly used in defensive skills-based firearm training and sports.

This bill is a complete infringement on the people of hawaii's 2nd ammenment rights.

Thank you for your time.

Again I stroungly oppose bill SB3196!

Robert Hechtman

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:18:23 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kyle Kanemura	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I opposed.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:22:29 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
JOVENCIO B LUGA	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a law abiding citizen and a regular voter to our state of Hawai'i, I kindly ask our honorable senators to oppose this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:22:53 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nathan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB3196, this bill will only impact to good law abiding citizens of Hawaii. This bill infringes on the Second Amendment for the good people of the United States. Furthermore, other concerns should be focused on rather than a ban on assault weapons. Criminals will still have access to illegal firearms regardless of what the law is. This bill is not hurting criminals but the good people of Hawaii.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:23:09 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Matthew Paiva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:23:29 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Stephen Volak	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill demonstrates excessive overreach and impacts rural Big Island residents disproportionately to urban islands like Oahu. I oppose this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:27:48 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Aukai Ng	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Cut it out! You elected officials have no right to take away these firearms. These are the most standard guns for protection and do not even fire at rapid speed, do your research or stop saying you know more about guns than actual law abiding gun owners. Also stop saying we have a gun epidemic. Hawaii is 49th in gun violence out of the other states and the US is 17th in gun violence in the world. There are far more lives saved by guns than lives taken by them. These STANDARD weapons are the most effective to stop intruders, foreign attacks, and even a tyrannical government, which you all are acting like right now. Here's the questions, if these guns are banned, will these same laws apply to the security that protect you elected officials? Because if you can have them to protect yourselves and not us, super hypocritical. You guys will be tyrants at that point and we as the people will do our power to champion other candidates to replace you if you run for re-election. You better listen to the people, we've had enough of your communists acts. The majority of our citizens want these weapons and you as elected officials should listen to the majority of the people, otherwise you are tyrants and we will show more of the people as such. Mahalo.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:28:24 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michelle Ritualo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To the Honorable members of the Hawaii Legislature,

I strongly oppose SB 3196 on the grounds that SB 3196 violates my Constitutional rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:28:54 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jovan Smith-Scott	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Yet again peaceable individuals are being scapegoated and punished for the actions of others. Yet again, the state is incapable of doing anything besides reaching for tired, old, and failed policies that abuse the natural rights of their constituents.

As the state has become increasingly weaponized against peaceable people, faith in the institutions of this state has also increasingly diminished.

I demand that you oppose SB3196, a bill attacks peaceful gun owners at the expense of their safety and natural rights. the criminal doesn't care to break the law, and won't listen to anything you pass. All you are doing is supporting them by making their targets defenseless.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:29:41 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kimo Gilman	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is an unconstitutional act that goes against the citizens of the country's right to bear arms. This is atrocious. Please do something about the rising house prices, homeless issue, and paying healthcare workers more. Thank you for your time and consideration.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:30:18 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gary Lockwood	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB 3196. I am a responsible firearms owner and believe this bill does not protect the general public in Hawaii, but instead restricts persons such as myself from protecting myself and my family. Thank you for your consideration and accepting my testimony.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:32:01 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Victor James	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is over reaching. How about you sit down with sportsman to work out real life solutions. I strongly oppose. Mahalo.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:32:24 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Reuben Felipe	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a law enforcement officer I oppose the Senate Bill 3196. I believe this bill would make it difficult for law enforcement to do our jobs safely and effectively. Restrictions would definitely hamper day to day operations. Please do not pass this bill. Mahalo.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:32:43 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Steven Parker	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose. This is in blatant disregard of the second amendment.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:33:14 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kekoa Lyau	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:33:58 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Eugene Healing	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill as a law abiding citizen of Honolulu County. I believe it over steps the authority of the legislature and infringes on my constitutional rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:35:21 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
William Iaela	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill, SB3196. It classifies firearms incorrectly by definition, it is a violation of both the U.S. and Hawaii State Constitutions as well as the 14th Amendment, Section 1 "equal protection under the law" clause

William Iaela

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:36:14 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Emerald Felmley	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. More and more rights are slowly being infringed upon Hawaii gun owners. There should be no ban on certain rifles and shotguns. This is equivalent to putting a blanket statement that all pitbulls are bad and should be banned. There's been frequent stabbings on Oahu on the daily and yet there is no ban on specific knives. Just continue with our current laws of waiting periods and background checks. The rest us up to the citizen. If a person will commit a crime, well, as we've unfortunately seen, they'll just buy muriatic acid. Guns aren't the problem. Unstable, undisciplined and lack of respect for guns and people are the problem.

The 2nd Amendment is in place for a reason. The fact this is always being threatened by our elected officials, goes against what each of swear to protect. Please do so. Thankyou

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:36:30 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Glen Escobido	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose sb3196, as my right to protect myself is at risk by the unconstitutional bill, this bill forces us to be defenseless and allows crime to prosper and rise making the streets unsafe

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:40:09 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tyler	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am against bill SB3196. It goes against my 2nd amendment rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:41:47 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ian kelly	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196. The bill is extremely unconstitutional and violates the rights of law abiding citizens. Our 2nd amendment rights shall not be infringed.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:42:46 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
MELYNDA DANT	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair, and Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair,

Please vote YES to add assault rifles, and assault shotguns to the ban to protect the citizens of Hawaii. This bill is a safe and smart update to our laws. I have children and grandchildren who live here in Kona, and we all agree we do not need to have loose gun laws. Please vote YES.

Mahalo

Melynda Dant

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:43:58 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Pa'akaula Kalawai'anui	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a person born and raised in the town of Waimea, and also as a certified and vetted firearms instructor with Hawaii county police department, I vehemently oppose SB3196. I, just as any other parent, wish for a safe community in which my family and children can live and grow up in, but this measure will do nothing for public safety, only further limit the rights and opportunities for legal law abiding citizens to exercise their 2A rights, and means to protect their family.

our firearm laws are strict, and further implementing more laws do nothing to stop criminals who routinely break the law.

as I'm sure most of our lawmakers are aware, "assault pistols" "assault shotguns" are not real things, and "assault rifles" IE actual select fire rifles capable of operating in full automatic mode are HIGHLY regulated and have been, realistically been made illegal since the 1930's.

The uptick we've seen locally in firearm related crimes has nothing to do with the availability of firearms, or the types of firearms around, and everything to do with our justice system, drugs, financial and housing issues, and the criminal element, which again, does not follow laws.

this SB3196 will not stop violence or make our communities safer, it will only affect law abiding individuals.

i oppose SB3196

The state should incentivize firearm training and firearm safety programs instead

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:45:38 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ashley Marie	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:46:30 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jay Eisenberg	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose the ban on assault rifles and high capacity magazines proposed in SB3196 as it infringes upon my rights and limits my ability to protect myself. While I acknowledge the importance of public safety, restricting law-abiding citizens from owning certain firearms undermines our individual rights. I believe there should be a focus on comprehensive measures that address the root causes of violence, rather than imposing blanket restrictions on responsible gun owners. It's crucial to find a balanced approach that respects both personal liberties and the need for community safety.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:47:30 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tai Domen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha judiciary members voting on this bill,

My name is Tai Domen and I am a resident of Hawaii and live in Maui.

I am in strong opposition to this bill. I want start by quoting our Declaration of Independence.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

Again I do not consent to this bill. One, we have the right to Life, to protect and preserve life of our loved ones and ourselves. With the rampant crime and violence out of control in this state by criminals, who don't listen to your laws anyway, we as law abiding citizens deserve the right to protect our families. The weapons of choice for the protection of all of you politicians by US marshals, sheriffs, military and police are semi automatic weapons with higher round magazine capacity. If that is the best choice to protect you, then it is the best choice to protect my loved ones. If we have to protect ourselves with non fire arms then that's what the politicians should havet to protect themselves.

Secondly, our second Ammendment of the Constitution states "the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed." This is our right and you derive your power to govern by our consent. Again we the people do not consent to your violation of our rights. Article VI of the Constitution states" This Constitution, and the Laws of the United States which shall be made in pursuence thereof; .....shall be the supreme Law of the Land; and the Judges in every State (inculding Hawaii) shall be bound therby, anyting in the Constitution or Laws of any State to the Contrary notwithstanding."

My third objection is this, this SB 3196 only hurts law abiding citizens. Criminals won't listen to it. A firearm is no more deadly than a blunt object in the hands of a law abiding citizen. Guns dont kill people, people kill people. Likewise a hammer doesn't kill people, but a murderer with a hammer does. There are already laws on the books that make poeple safe. The problem here is the justice system does not enforce them. You as representatives of the community should be putting pressure on Judges to lock up violent criminals. You should pass laws making sure violent criminals don't get released on bail to go repeat offend. You should be fighting to protect citizens who go through all the background checks and laws to have the ability to protect their lives and the lives of their loved ones. There are countless stories of small, even elderly women being able to stop aggressive, strong, large, violent criminals with the guns this bill would ban. If you truly care about women, children and vunerable peope in this community, don't try and take away their God given rights to protect themselves.

Fourth, Have you given any thought to the danger this will impose on the men and women of law

enforcement who will have to risk their lives trying to regulate an unjust and unconstitutional law? That could put them in danger. I support the men and women of law enforcement. I don't believe they should be required to go into harms way to strip people of their rights that you are demanding. If this bill passes, those who vote for it should be required to confiscate the fire arms, not law enforcement.

5th, here in Maui county we have a huge invasive species problem with wild ungulates. Currently the deer population is estimated around over 70,000 on Maui. I own a farm on Maui the use of semiautomatic rifles is key to being successful in mitigating this environmental issue. With the use of semiautomatic firearms, we can and are making a difference in the invasive species numbers. Without larger magazines and semiautomatic rifles this effort will be severely hindered. The damage these animals cause is in the millions to the county and property owners. There is also a danger associated with the over population of them as well.

6th the economic impact would be detrimental to local businesses owners and entrepreneurs, many who are hardworking people supporting not just their ohana, but keiki sports teams and community events. This bill would literally put businesses like Handley's gun store in Kihei out of business. The economic impact would be devastating. And again I must reiterate, this bill would only be hurting the law abiding citizens of Hawaii. The criminals don't listen to the SB bills or laws anyway.

I want to finish with a quote from Thomas Jefferson "We in America do not have a government by the majority -- we have government by the majority who participate.... All tyranny needs to gain a foothold is for people of good conscience to remain silent." Remember you represent us. Listen to the testimonies submitted by your constituents and vote accordingly. Please listen to the will of the people. I do not agree to this bill and I oppose it.

Mahalo for your time.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:48:00 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Chad K Taniguchi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please expand bans on assault weapons to keep Hawai'i one of the safest states in our nation regarding gun violence. We need to do more. Keep Hawai'i safe.

Mahalo!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:48:04 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Arlene Twomey	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I AM IN SUPPORT OF BILL SB3196

Hawaii is the only state in the nation with an assault weapons ban that FAILS to ban assault rifles and large capacity magazines for those weapons.

SB 3196 will finally close gaping holes in Hawaii's Assault Weapons Ban.

Assault weapons are modeled on military weapons, capable of inflicting the greatest harm on the greatest number of people in the shortest time. Hawaii does not need assault weapons and large capacity magazines.

The NRA and local gun clubs are vocal, but they are a minority and do not reflect the great majority in our community on this issue.

Our nation already has more mass shootings than there are days in the year. Please help keep Hawaii safe from this senseless violence.

Thank you,

Arlene Twomey

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:49:17 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Pierre Nabonne	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill, its an infringement on our rights. None of these laws affect criminals, because they don't follow the laws.

All this bill does is turn law abiding citizens into criminals.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:50:22 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kyshia Marie Bugarin	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill SB3196. It's not within reason to punish the people who obey the law, criminals won't obey it. I would feel less safe not being able to have the most effective home protection. And giving criminals an advantage over us.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:51:19 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Taylor Warn	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I respectfully oppose the proposed changes in SB3196. Not only are the proposed changes illegal and in blatant violation of constitutionally enshrined rights, but if implemented these changes would only harm the ability of law abiding citizens to defend themselves. Criminals do not follow or recognize any laws if they set out to do harm to society. People all across the political spectrum have noticed the rise in violent crime in Hawaii; to implement any measure that would further tilt the scale in favor of the criminal elements in our society would seem completely out of touch with reality.

Furthermore, if allowed to pass into law, these changes would be immediately challenged in the courts with the inevitable outcome of these new restrictions being found illegal and stricken down. This would prove an extremely lengthy and expensive process at the taxpayers expenses.

Best Regards,

Taylor Warn - McCully/Moilili resident

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:53:46 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Norman Batara	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE THIS BILL!!!! This bill doesn't make any sense. ONLY CRIMINALS WILL BENEFIT FROM THIS BILL GOING INTO LAW!!! WHAT ABOUT THE LAW ABIDING CITIZENS? I FULLY OPPOSE THIS BILL 100%

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:55:44 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jordan Kaia	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha. I strongly oppose sb3196. Thousands of Hawaii citizens lawfully own these tools and neither of them have comitted a crime with those items. Despite Hawaii's strict gun laws we've seen a continue rise in gun violence. Our neighborhoods arent safer. Ive seen an increase in citizens looking for ways to protect themself and personally have seen men and women of all ages aquiring firearms legally last year. They realize that the laws and law enforcement arent protecting them. These tools approved and deemed safe for use by our law enforcers and military makes no sense. They are no different than any other law abiding tax paying American. Being limited to what tools are available to person in an event that theirs or their loved ones lives are on the line shouldnt be questioned. Thinking i only have a limited number of ammunition because my magazine can only carry 10 bullets or having a lesser tool that the perp isnt something I want to be worrying about. If lives our your concern than reject this bill. It will cost more lives.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:57:31 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Bryston Tanigawa	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB3196 "assault weapon" ban. This law is blatantly unconstitutional under multiple Supreme Court rulings. This bill will do nothing to curb gun violence. When was the last time an "assault weapon" was used in a crime in Hawaii? Many of us use semi automatic rifles to hunt with. Please vote no and stop this attack on our 2A rights. We already have some of the strictest gun laws in the nation.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:59:09 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michael R Morgan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As stated in my previously submitted testimony. I strongly oppose this legislation. It is very disheartening for the political process in this state that opposing testimony was submitted at a ratio of nearly 10 to 1 for this bill in the previous hearing and the will of the people is being completely ignored by our elected officials.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:01:12 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Andy Berky	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill penalizes law abiding citizens such as myself. It is a violation of my second amendment rights and recent supreme court decisions. As a voter I oppose this bill !

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:02:28 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kyle Jaime	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Opposing Testimony:

Regarding Bill SB3196  
Honorable Members of the Committee,

I appreciate the opportunity to testify today regarding Bill 3196, which proposes amendments to the prohibition on certain firearms. While I understand the intent behind this legislation, I strongly oppose its passage for several reasons.

First and foremost, the proposed bill threatens the fundamental rights guaranteed by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution. The right to bear arms is a cornerstone of our democracy, essential for self-defense, hunting, and safeguarding against tyranny. Any attempt to restrict law-abiding citizens' access to firearms undermines this constitutional right.

Furthermore, the definitions used in the bill to classify certain firearms as "assault weapons" are overly broad and lack clarity. This ambiguity could lead to the unintended consequences of penalizing responsible gun owners who use firearms for legitimate purposes such as sport shooting or hunting. Banning firearms based on cosmetic features or arbitrary criteria does little to enhance public safety and only serves to infringe upon the rights of law-abiding citizens.

Additionally, there are significant concerns regarding the efficacy of bans on specific types of firearms in reducing crime. History has shown us that such measures often fail to address the root causes of violence and disproportionately burden law-abiding citizens without deterring criminals who obtain firearms through illegal means.

Enforcing the proposed bans would pose significant challenges for law enforcement agencies and strain already limited resources. Prohibiting the sale or transfer of certain firearms would create a black market, driving lawful commerce underground and making it more difficult to track firearms in circulation. Instead of pursuing restrictive measures that target law-abiding citizens, I urge policymakers to focus on evidence-based solutions to address the complex issue of gun violence. This includes strengthening mental health services, improving background check systems, and targeting illegal firearms trafficking through enhanced enforcement efforts.

In conclusion, I respectfully urge you to oppose Bill 3196 and consider alternative approaches that respect our constitutional rights while effectively addressing the underlying factors contributing to gun violence.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,  
Kyle Jaime.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:06:23 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sharon R Keith	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hawaii is the only state in the nation with an assault weapons ban that FAILS to ban assault rifles and large capacity magazines for those weapons.

SB 3196 will finally close gaping holes in Hawaii's Assault Weapons Ban.

Assault weapons are modeled on military weapons, capable of inflicting the greatest harm on the greatest number of people in the least time. Hawaii does not need assault rifles and large capacity magazines.

The NRA and local gun clubs are vocal, but they are a small minority and do not reflect the great majority in our community on this issue.

Our nation already has more mass shootings than there are days in the year. Please help keep Hawaii safe from this senseless violence.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:06:53 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gregory C Pietsch	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Short statement here.

This bill is not good for the State of Hawaii. It flies in the face of our individual rights under the Constitution. And can place the citizenry at risk. I think there is a lack of understanding by many (not all) legislative officials as relates to types and styles of firearms. I believe in thoughtfully structured background checks. And I believe in other thoughtful gun safety measures. But this proposed legislation is not the right solution.

Respectfully,

Greg

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:15:08 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ronald Paro	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I do not support SB3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:16:57 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Chester Holt	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

Gun violence is almost unheard of in Hawaii and when it does occur it is more often committed with a pistol by a prohibited person. These criminals already do not follow the laws.

Hawaii is set far from the us mainland, and because of its proximity to foreign aggressors namely China and Russia, it is obvious that citizens have a need to arm themselves. Just ask Ukrainians or Israelis the importance of civilian arms. I would also mention the need for such sporting rifles in hunting and invasive pig management.

This bill is obviously virtue signaling by a privileged class who is disconnected from their constituents. This bill will do nothing to prevent crimes committed by firearms. This bill seeks to punish and disenfranchise law abiding folks. It is these type of steps that tyrannical regimes such as the Chinese communist party put in place to oppress and in some cases facilitate genocide their people. Prohibiting citizens from being able to best protect themselves is indeed a step on the path of oppression. Just because a political party or lobbyists funded group say something is a good idea does not mean it is. It is the duty of senators and representatives to support their constituents, not to accept bribes to restrict their rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:17:07 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nate L	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB3196 because it infringes on our 2nd ammendment rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:18:11 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Xander Asam	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hi,

My name is Xander Asam and I like to shoot at pistol and rifle competitions with my Dad. He taught me when I was 9 years old and I'm 14 now. We used to shoot pistol and rifle competitions until they closed Koko Head Action Bays. We plan to start shooting competitions again when it reopens. If you pass this SB3196 I will not be able to engage in the sport my dad and I do together as father and son. Doing shooting competitions makes me a better firearms handler and in turn makes me and others around me safer. Can you please concentrate on catching bad guys and keeping them off the streets instead of banning firearms that have been legal for decades.

Thank you for listening

Xander Asam

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:18:19 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Patrick trani	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:18:45 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Leinani arruda	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I leinani arruda oppose this bill and others like it. We have the right. We should have the right. So should future generations. I come from a long line of hunters and paniolos who bared arms not only to protect but to provide and it's something I want my children to have. Their right to have.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:18:50 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<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 SB3196. This bill is unconstitutional in its entirety. The 2nd Amendment is very clear when it says my right to bear arms shall not be infringed. The definition of infringed is to limit or undermine (something) to encroach on. To actively break the terms of. It was not a coincidence that Our forefathers wrote that in the Constitution because as history reveals they fought against a tyrannical government. The 2nd Amendment was written to protect the rights of the people, and SB3196 does the opposite. More and more of our rights are being taken away and if this Bill passes then when does it stop? Ultimately it seems the goal here is to ban all ownership of firearms in the state of Hawaii. Please do what is right and oppose this Bill, you were elected to do the will of the people, not what you feel is morally correct. Aloha Damen

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:19:55 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tyler foster	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is completely unconstitutional. Not only that but criminals will still get all the banned weapons while you leave law abiding citizens to be defenseless. You will also put a lot of small businesses out of business further hurting the local economy. No means no.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:23:34 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Roy G.	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly opposed this bill and all that it is trying to inacte against law abiding citizens.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:24:26 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lora Santiago	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose bill SB3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:25:45 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Edelio Gerola	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha fellow citizens:

I am submitting my testimony to oppose the underlying bill 3196. Please vote to oppose this bill. These guns laws that infringe upon our constitutional rights seem to never end. If we just use good common sense and our power of observation, we don't even need these proposed laws. These laws work only to restrict and infringe on the rights of law-abiding citizens. Open our eyes and use good common sense.

Again, I oppose this bill. Please vote against it.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:26:14 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Claudia Pokipala	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, Claudia Pokipala, i'm in opposition to SB 3196. I have been a registered nurse in the state of Hawaii since 2000. I'm law abiding citizen and have been helping the people of Hawaii since I became a registered nurse. I value life and I value our constitutional rights. Our second amendment shall not be infringed. I have a duty to my own life and my Ohana, to protect my life and home if we should ever have our lives placed in deadly harm. it makes no sense for the criminals, who do not abide by the law to own These weapons, while stripping law abiding Citizens from their constitutional rights. I am in strong opposition to SB 3196!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:26:16 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Colin	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a local resident and business owner, born and raised in Honolulu, I Strongly Oppose this bill which bans practically all semi-automatic firearms, going further and also naming them "assult rifles"

Many of the firearms covered in this bill are commonly owned guns for sport, hunting and self defence. One result of this bill would be Semi auto AR styled guns would be not allowed for use in hunting. These rifles are some of the most common and most widely used rifles in the state.

As an example, even the State DOFAW uses these for common eradication and culling of animals. Rember in recent years DOFAW lost some AR style rifles ? This was not from state law enforcement this was from state conservation employees. Are state conservationists using "assult weapons?" no they are using some of the most common semi auto rifles availble. and this bill seeks to ban them.

This will not only affect hunters, but also severly impact sporting good stores, shooting sports, and probably most importantly rights as american citizens. Please do not pass or support this bill or any other similar. I am not sure the intent of this bill but it does not do anything to make this a safer hawaii.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:26:20 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ryan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This makes no sense at all! This only hurts law abiding citizens I OPPOSE

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:27:54 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jake Hanawahine	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly appose this bill. Resident of Kailua Oahu

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:29:31 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Everard Wong	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

First and foremost I oppose this bill SB3196. Why you ask it's simple. Are we not part of the United States of America? The Constitution of the United States is what made America.

2) Constitution of the State of Hawai'i: Article 1 Section 17 states Right to Bear Arms.

<https://lrb.hawaii.gov/constitution/#article1>

3) When you are sworn into office you take a oath and it goes : "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So help me God."

Key words I will defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic. So you must defend this. Not strip our rights!

4) Assault Weapon: What defines a assault weapon? It can be anything. From a simple pencil to a car. Did you know from Dec 13 2023 we had 92 fatalities caused by traffic accidents?

<https://hidot.hawaii.gov/highways/2023-traffic-fatality-update/>

Adding to this Pedestrian deaths in C&C of Hawai'i was at 29 from January 1 2023 - August 2 2023. If you add all islands that's 51 total according to this.

[https://hidot.hawaii.gov/highways/files/2023/08/Fatality-Breakdown-by-Counties\\_8-2-23.pdf](https://hidot.hawaii.gov/highways/files/2023/08/Fatality-Breakdown-by-Counties_8-2-23.pdf)

Firearms Deaths in Hawai'i is at 18 according to this. This is without suicides which is a average between 67-70% of firearm deaths.

<https://www.newsfromthestates.com/article/gun-violence-remains-consistent-problem-hawaii#:~:text=In%20Hawai'i%2C%20at%20least%2018,shooting%20incidents%20were%20double%20homicides.>

My point to all this is it really about saving lives? Helping our great state to protect us? Or is it about a agenda? So what really is more deadly? A car or a firearm? Just from car accidents alone

if you add these numbers all up it's 143 car accidents/pedestrian to 18 from firearms. Driving is also a privilege not a right like the right to bear arms.

5) Solution : Instead of stripping Law Abiding citizens rights away. How about we actually go after the criminals. Let's get after the root cause of this. The criminals that do criminal acts that harm law abiding citizens. Let's protect the innocent Law Abiding Citizens!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:30:43 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ryan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please do NOT pass this Bill. I appose this bill because it deeply infringes on our Second Amendment rights which you swore an outh to uphold. Crime is going up and the police force is understaffed. As a law biding citizen I just want to be able to defend my children if the situation would arise. This Bill would ban almost every single gun in Hawaii from us but not the criminals!

Mahalo!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:31:49 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
jae P	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:31:53 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
John Moyer	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, to whom it may concern, this letter is in response to SB3196. As stated in SB3196, the State of Hawaii already has some of the strongest gun safety laws in the nation and has received a rating of an A-minus from the Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence. Additionally, as stated in SB3196, that according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the State of Hawaii had the third lowest number of gun related deaths per capita in the United States for the year 2021. Furthermore, all firearms that are lawfully purchased in the State of Hawaii shall be registered with the State of Hawaii and any firearm lawfully brought to the State of Hawaii to be lawfully owned by a resident of the State of Hawaii shall be registered with the State of Hawaii.

In consideration of the facts stated above, the related enumerated amendments that are proposed in SB3196:

“(1) Amend the prohibition on certain assault weapons to include assault rifles, assault shotguns, .50 caliber rifles, and assault weapon attachments;

(2) Modernize the prohibition on assault pistols to include pistols with one or more prohibited features;

(3) Expand the ban on pistols with a detachable magazine with over a ten round capacity to any firearm with a detachable magazine with over a ten round capacity;

(4) Prohibit persons from bringing or causing to be brought into the State an assault rifle or assault shotgun;

(5) Prohibit the sale or transfer of an assault rifle or assault shotgun in the State, unless the assault rifle or assault shotgun is sold or transferred to an authorized individual; and

(6) Create exceptions for the acquisition and possession of prohibited firearms for members of law enforcement and the military.”

are arbitrary and capricious in nature.

Previous to SB3196, in the landmark case *Hawaii v. Wilson* (2024), the court reasoned that Mr. Wilson did not have standing to challenge Hawaii’s ‘place to keep firearms’ law and in so doing,

the court established that Mr. Wilson unlawfully transferred the illegal firearm to the State of Hawaii and unlawfully concealed the illegal firearm on his person. In *Hawaii v. Wilson* (2024), the court also reasoned that Mr. Ting had notified the Maui Police Department of Mr. Wilson and two other individuals accompanying Mr. Wilson who unlawfully invaded Mr. Ting's property while Mr. Wilson was unlawfully armed. Mr. Ting confronted Mr. Wilson and the two other accompanying individuals and held the three men at bay while utilizing an AR-15 style rifle. Time elapsed as Mr. Ting waited for the Maui Police Department to arrive and detain Mr. Wilson for questioning.

As demonstrated by the court in the case *Hawaii v. Wilson* (2024), the State of Hawaii is powerless to prohibit unlawful individuals from the illicit transferring and illicit concealing of an illegal firearm in the State of Hawaii. As demonstrated by the court in the case *Hawaii v. Wilson* (2024), Mr. Ting was able to securely defend himself from grave harm and detain Mr. Wilson and the two accompanying men until a Police Officer from the Maui Police Department arrived sometime later after the Maui Police Department was notified.

Relatedly, as demonstrated by the court in the case *Hawaii v. Wilson* (2024) when reflecting on Kamehameha's personal experience, the historical tradition of the natural right to self-protection is substantively articulated when a fisherman defended himself from an unprovoked attack by an assailant who intended to catch and kill the fisherman. Furthermore, as demonstrated by the court in the case *Hawaii v. Wilson* (2024), King Kamehameha III enacted the first constitution of Hawaii prohibiting the King's subjects from freely arming themselves. The prohibition of people freely arming themselves is indicative of an Imperial dictate that is enacted by a monarch that intends to subjugate a people group and is in stark contrast to the Constitution of the United States and is inconsistent with the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

With all that has been said, please consider the facts that are evidenced in *Hawaii v. Wilson* (2024) and that SB3196 will not make the State of Hawaii safer. Rather, SB3196 will only prohibit law abiding citizens of the State of Hawaii from being able to lawfully defend themselves in a sufficient and reciprocal manner from those individuals who blatantly disregard the current laws related to firearms and who pose a significant threat to others.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:32:27 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jeremiah Judd	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:32:44 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Guy	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello,

I am writing to express my vehement opposition to the proposed amendments outlined in the bill concerning firearms, specifically targeting assault rifles, assault shotguns, assault pistols, .50 caliber rifles, and firearm attachments. I firmly believe that these proposed changes are misguided and will negatively impact law-abiding citizens without achieving the intended goals of enhanced public safety.

While I understand the importance of addressing concerns related to firearms, the proposed bill fails to strike a balance between public safety and the fundamental rights of responsible gun owners. The following points encapsulate the primary reasons for my strong opposition to the bill:

Overreach of Restrictions:

The bill appears to overreach by categorizing a broad range of firearms as "assault weapons" without considering their legitimate uses in self-defense, sporting activities, and other lawful purposes. This overbroad classification neglects the distinctions between firearms and unfairly stigmatizes law-abiding gun owners.

Impact on Law-Abiding Citizens:

The proposed restrictions disproportionately affect responsible gun owners who use firearms for lawful purposes, including self-defense and recreational activities. By limiting access to certain firearms and accessories, the bill imposes unnecessary burdens on individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to safety and adherence to existing regulations.

#### Failure to Address Root Causes:

Rather than addressing the root causes of violence, the bill focuses on restricting access to specific firearms. Comprehensive solutions should involve addressing mental health issues, improving law enforcement strategies, and implementing educational programs to promote responsible firearm ownership.

#### Inadequate Consideration of Individual Rights:

The proposed bill raises concerns about infringing upon the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens. It is crucial to respect and uphold the constitutional rights of individuals while pursuing measures that genuinely enhance public safety.

#### Potential Impact on Local Economy:

The prohibition on the sale or transfer of certain firearms within the state may have adverse effects on local businesses and the economy, particularly those involved in the firearms industry. This could lead to job losses and economic downturns in affected sectors.

In conclusion, I urge you to reconsider the proposed amendments and explore alternative measures that prioritize both public safety and individual rights. Collaborative efforts involving all stakeholders, including gun owners, can lead to more effective and fair solutions to address concerns related to firearms.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I trust that you will carefully consider the implications of the proposed bill on the rights and freedoms of law-abiding citizens.

Sincerely, Guy

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:32:49 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Brandon Lockwood	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Thank you.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:34:46 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Samuel M. Aquino Jr.	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

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Mahalo,  
Samuel M. Aquino Jr.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:36:11 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
tony frascarelli	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am strongly opposed to this bill. I am a 74 year old Army veteran first introduced to "assault rifles" in 1971 in basic training prior to deployment to Vietnam. I found the M16 an excellent firearm and purchased my civilian AR-15 in the early 1980's. During my long military career and in retirement, I have continually owned one or more of these rifles as well as other military firearms like the M1 Garand and M1 Carbine. I find it sad that my country and now my state seeks to prevent me from buying, owning or using these firearms.

I am further bothered by the fact that this bill's previous hearing resulted in more than one thousand no votes far greater than the 100 or so votes in favor of the bill. Yet, this bill was advanced to this committee. It's time for this committee to listen to the will of those in this State providing testimony and act accordingly.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:36:39 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tracy Lawson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hawaii continues to infringe on the rights of its citizens with yet another unconstitutional ban on commonly owned rifles and shotguns and putting in place age restrictions for ammunition. Rather than focusing on solving crime, Hawaii legislators focus on infringements of the rights of legal gun owners and citizens who have to pass numerous background and permit processes to even own a gun. I strongly oppose the restrictions of this unconstitutional bill which will undoubtedly result in court action and waste my tax dollars even more for the state to fight against what should never have been approved. Legislators need to focus on making laws that actually improve our state, not take away our rights to safety and freedom.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:36:50 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
George Wilcox	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am Oahu born, of Hawaiian ancestry, and a resident of our State.

I am opposed to SB 3196

This Bill violates citizens US Constitutional rights provided in the 2nd Amendment.

The ability of citizens to protect their own lives, as well as lives of loved ones is jeopardized by this bill. There is a need to be able to protect ourselves and to feel protected. Police do not make me feel protected though they do their best.

We are being invaded on the US border by millions of unknown persons that have illegally entered the US and continue entering this country. Note the increase in “organized” Migrant Crime against citizens and businesses. Note the increase violent protests, occupations, and city sieges occurring in the US.

We have the potential for catastrophes such as tsunamis, hurricanes etc that can cause looting and lawlessness.

Though the Honolulu Police have not gone on strike for many years, they have in the past leaving citizens unprotected during that period. When there is an active shooter, will they be there in time?

This bill seeks to remove firearms from the Law-Abiding Citizens while the criminals will continue to be armed. We are left less able to defend ourselves.

It is more important to control shooting crimes by putting criminals away. We have criminals that do not fear the justice system due to the known lack of prison space.

States with strict gun laws such as California, Illinois, and New York are examples of strict gun laws that do not lower gun crimes and continue with high rates of shooting crimes.

For these reasons, I am opposed to SB 3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:37:52 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Frederick Carlton	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:38:03 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Steven Bolosan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:38:13 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nichole A.	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this infringement on our constitutional rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:38:16 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Randy Douglas	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, My name is Randy Douglas, I am a private citizen and hunter.

I oppose this legislation SB 3196 because it only acts to infringe on my right to live free and hunt. Feral Pigs are a threat to Hawaii's agricultural viability and are dangerous to hunt. A pig can inflict great harm on a hunter if he must reload in order to protect himself in the moment of danger.

Hawaii has done an excellent job of managing firearms, more is not necessary or good for the public as a whole. Please do not pass this legislation!

Thank You,

Randy Douglas

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:40:29 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Shaun Matsuo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Sadly I submit this testimony thinking our state and our country has come to this point.

This bill is violating our constitutional right as American citizens.

I, along with majority of the gun owners, own firearms to provide and protect my family.

SB3196 is punishing the responsible gun owners. Prohibiting the mentioned firearms will not stop gun violence in our state.

Drugs are illegal, yet criminals continue to abuse and distribute guns throughout our country.

Murder is illegal, yet people continue to participate in these violent acts.

Banning the mentioned firearms in this bill will not stop criminals from obtaining firearms. Why are you trying to punish the responsible gun owners.

I am proud to be an American and a resident of Hawaii. Seeing this attempt to strip our constitutional right as an American citizen is demoralizing.

This is America. The land of the free. Let's keep it that way.

Mahalo!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:41:03 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Rene Morgan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill and stand with the over 1,080 who submitted testimony in opposition (compared to the over 100 in support of this bill.)

Hawai'i currently has an A- rating, by The Gifford Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence and we rank 47th out of 50 U.S. States with the 3rd lowest number of gun deaths per capita in 2021! We are doing very well. This bill is poorly written, will not have any effect on crime and only impose restrictions on law-abiding citizens. Vote NO.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:41:28 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tyler D.V Del Rosario	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Honorable Members of the Committee,

I appreciate the opportunity to testify today regarding Bill 3196, which proposes amendments to the prohibition on certain firearms. While I understand the intent behind this legislation, I strongly oppose its passage for several reasons.

First and foremost, the proposed bill threatens the fundamental rights guaranteed by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution. The right to bear arms is a cornerstone of our democracy, essential for self-defense, hunting, and safeguarding against tyranny. Any attempt to restrict law-abiding citizens' access to firearms undermines this constitutional right.

Furthermore, the definitions used in the bill to classify certain firearms as "assault weapons" are overly broad and lack clarity. This ambiguity could lead to the unintended consequences of penalizing responsible gun owners who use firearms for legitimate purposes such as sport shooting or hunting. Banning firearms based on cosmetic features or arbitrary criteria does little to enhance public safety and only serves to infringe upon the rights of law-abiding citizens.

Additionally, there are significant concerns regarding the efficacy of bans on specific types of firearms in reducing crime. History has shown us that such measures often fail to address the root cause of violence and disproportionately burden law-abiding citizens without deterring criminals who obtain firearms through illegal means.

Enforcing the proposed bans would pose significant challenges for law enforcement agencies and strain already limited resources. Prohibiting the sale or transfer of certain firearms would create a black market, driving lawful commerce underground and making it more difficult to track firearms in circulation. Instead of pursuing restrictive measures that target law-abiding citizens. I urge policymakers to focus on evidence-based solutions to address the complex issue of gun violence. This includes strengthening mental health services, improving background check systems, and targeting illegal firearms trafficking through enhanced enforcement efforts.

In conclusion, I respectfully urge you to oppose Bill 3196 and consider alternative approaches that respect our constitutional rights while effectively addressing the underlying factors contributing to gun violence.

Thank you for your consideration.



**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:43:47 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
JY	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:45:00 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Joseph Battista	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you for allowing me the chance to give my testimony and comments regarding SB3196. While I acknowledge the intent of this bill, I strongly oppose SB3196.

As citizens of the United States, we are guaranteed by the Second Amendment of the Constitution to keep and bear arms. Passing this bill would infringe on this right.

This bill is crafted in such an ambiguous way to basically make numerous types of firearms illegal to purchase in this state. Blanketing almost all firearms into the “assault weapon” category is absurd. Using cosmetic features as a way to select these firearms will only penalize law-abiding citizens.

These bans will not affect crime and the safety of the citizens of Hawaii. Most crimes, murders and shootings are done with pistols, not “assault weapons” as you like to refer to them as. Also, criminals rarely use registered firearms to commit these shootings. Hawaii has some of the toughest gun laws in the country and we have the best gun safety ratings in the country...there is no “need” for the laws to be more tough on people who lawfully own firearms.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:45:41 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Chase Owen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Good day and thank you for hearing our testimonies. My name is Chase Owen, I'm a Christian, a father, and a veteran, and I am writing in strong opposition to SB3196 relating to firearms.

I oppose the bill because it is a violation of the constitution, and the principles of self reliance and self determination. Our citizenry right to bear arms is for the protection of our families, our way of life, and our Constitutional Republic.

This law will largely adversely affect law abiding citizens of good moral standing. It will not have an effect on reducing gun violence, it will undoubtedly embolden societal dredges who wish to take advantage of others, and it will have a myriad of additional long term negative effects.

Increasing infringement on firearms is a clear and essential step in further centralization of government control and reliance on the state. A government and a state that has routinely failed its people and abused its powers throughout history.

While you individually may have good intentions, it leaves open a door for government abuse in the future. Our system is built on checks and balances of power through the three branches of government. The balance of power is an essential principle in our nation, and the citizens right to bear arms is the final and ultimate balance. It is the collateral that ensures we remain a government by the people and for the people.

I would like to close with two quotes of wisdom gained from experience past:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed, by their Creator, with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.--That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government." - Declaration of Independence

"Those who would give up essential Liberty, to purchase a little temporary Safety, deserve neither Liberty nor Safety." - Benjamin Franklin

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:46:08 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Randy Ologani	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:46:47 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Paul Fukuda	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am strongly opposed to this bill.

This bill will only punishing the law abiding citizen. It takes away their option to exercise their second amendment right. Do you honestly think criminals will abide by the laws already in the books or any new ones? This bill will not make everyone safer it is fear mongering plain and simple. I am a long time hunter and shooter who enjoys both and do not want to be restricted on what type of firearm I can own.

It seems that it does not matter that the overwhelming amount of people submitting testimony are opposed to this bill. The committee keeps moving it forward so that they are "doing something" when all they are doing is violating the rights of law abiding citizens.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:48:26 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Luanna H Meyer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I fully support SB3196. Responsible citizens have no need to ever own or use a semi-automatic weapon, an assault rifle, and/or large capacity magazines. These weapons of war were designed to kill and maim as many humans as possible in as short a time as possible. Legitimate hunters do not need them for sport, and homeowners do not need them to "defend" their family and property. These dangerous weapons have been used to mow down children and innocents in schools, shopping malls, grocery stores, at parades, on our highways during road rage incidents, and in homes where angry and out-of-control gun owners and even little children can access them to injure and kill others. And, just as awful, victims who live after being shot by these weapons will be grievously maimed and disfigures for life. The 2nd Amendment was designed to enable well-regulated militia in the states to function--not to put murderous weapons into the hands of ordinary people and even children.

February 21, 2024

**OPPOSE - SB3196**

To: Senator Joy San Buenaventura (Puna District)

I am the mother of five children. They were all born and raised in the Puna District on the Big Island of Hawaii. My husband and I have taught them the proper handling and use of many different rifles and pistols from an early age. We are hard working, law abiding, voting, and tax paying, legal gun owners along with our (now adult) children. We enjoy hunting and sports shooting. We love to harvest our own pigs and put food on the table. We also have a fundamental right to protect our families from those who may choose to harm us.

**This bill is outrageous and unconstitutional! If you vote for this bill – we cannot vote for you!**

This bill will make thousands of legal gun owners in Puna and all of Hawaii instant criminals with the stroke of a pen by politicians who keep making restrictive gun laws that do nothing to stop criminals from committing crimes.

**Your job as our senator is to uphold our rights, including the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment for those of us in Puna that you represent.**

This bill will not stop criminals who do not follow the law anyway. Please spend your time protecting us by making criminals seriously accountable for their crimes, by putting them in jail and not letting them out to just commit the same crimes over and over. There is no justice for the law abiding when the criminal is not held accountable. LAW ENFORCEMENT KNOW WHO THE CRIMINALS ARE!!

We have an enforcement problem, not a legal gun ownership problem. Criminals commit violent crimes, not guns. **US statistics show that the states that have the most restrictive gun laws have the most gun crimes from individuals that did not get their guns legally.**

Just This past weekend, Chicago had 75 shootings of which 14 were fatal – mostly gang related. NO ONE WAS CHARGED OR ARRESTED. These same players are out on the streets waiting to commit their next crime. IS THE PROBLEM WITH LEGAL GUN OWNERS – ABSOLUTELY NOT.

This bill is a “feel good” act to make it look like you are being tough on crime, but you are targeting the wrong people. This bill will make us more vulnerable and empower criminals who know there will be little consequences or none at all for their crimes.

**KILL THIS BILL !!!!**

Elizabeth Fronte

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:49:33 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Brian	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB3196.

It puts more restraint on law abiding citizens to protect themselves from people who don't follow the law at all.

Anything can be classified as an "assault weapon" when using in that manor.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:49:48 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Frank Barber Jr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB3196 Directly averts both the Hawaii State constitution and The United States Constitution. I urge all members voting on SB3196 to read the constitution again. You were elected to serve the people not an agenda or idea.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:34:46 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Samuel M. Aquino Jr.	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Samuel M. Aquino Jr.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:50:21 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jeanie Sioloa	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I'll get straight to the point, the banning of any type of rifle that may be used to protect myself and my family is unconstitutional and tyrannical. Furthermore, the only type of "permit" an American should need to own a gun is their birth certificate. State constitution should not trump the American Constitution. The entire system that our founding fathers created was made to ensure that our rights and liberties were kept within the hands of the people, not their governments. Bill SB3196 violates our God-given rights to protect ourselves and the lives of our loved ones. Do right by the people and abolish this bill immediately.

Thank you for your time,

J.Sioloa

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:52:24 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Aaron Ishimine	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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.**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:53:41 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Richard Murphy	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am opposed to this bill, for the simple fact that the Hawaii politicians keep insisting on copy and paste bills from other states.

Also for the fact that it is against my second amendment rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:52:24 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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**SB-3196**

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Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mark Redeker	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello,

My name is Mark Redeker, I oppose SB3196 as it would prevent me from being able to pass several of my personal firearms down to my sons as I grow older, Many of them are collectable antiques that my father had passed on to me, not being able to pass them on is just not right.

Thank you,

Mark Redeker

**SB-3196**

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Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

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Mark Redeker

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:54:49 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Maddyson Sylvester	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this measure. It aims to further infringe on our second ammendment rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:55:40 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Daniel Nguyen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly oppose the contents of this bill as well as the ill-intended nature of the bill. At a time where the rights of a citizen are constantly under scrutiny, the continual erosion of individual liberties and rights that we are born with come under fire.

There is not a direct causation of the State having the strictest gun laws in the nation and having a lower than average gun related homicide rate. This is very false and a fallacy in and of itself.

Many other states have a fusillade of strict gun laws preventing certain firearm characteristics or right to carry or purchase certain firearms.

Those states actually have a significantly higher than average firearm related death statistic.

The state of Hawaii has a low violence rate and low firearm related violence rate due to something entirely separate of the current legislature or proposed legislature.

The state of Hawaii possesses a unified culture of inclusion, family, and in short- Aloha.

There is no other state in the union that possesses such a culture where children refer to complete strangers as "Uncle" or "Auntie". There is no other state that encourages family values and community mindedness such as the Islands of Hawaii. With such an enclosed community geographically, we are here on this Island together. These unique geographical boundaries and historical events all comprise a culture that cares.

This proposed bill will not cause any meaningful change to lower the current gun violence. It will only harm those who choose to follow the law.

Those who operate outside of the confines of the law will continue to commit crimes regardless of the laws. In fact this proposed bill and others like it will cause sensitive groups and individuals to be under more attack from those who wish to violate the fabric of this unique society here in Hawaii.

These bills have a provision to exempt members of Law enforcement from the mechanisms of what is proposed. I believe that will encourage a police state and create more victims in society. As opposed to the self governing society that cares, and self polices their own neighborhoods.

As the proposals of bills go, they are intended to help the community, and help the state in its progression towards Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. In Hawaii, these bills should encourage the spirit of Aloha.

These proposed bills neither encourage the progression of Life, Liberty, and Pursuit of Happiness. They do not encourage the Spirit of Aloha.

Instead they encourage citizens to become subjects of the state. Depending on an armed police force to do community work at a time where the police are already strained and under budget. They encourage citizens to continue to be subject to the whims of a government that is operating on a principle of fear and control. They do not encourage the spirit of Aloha in caring for their own community. They instead fix to make what would be lawful abiding citizens with firearms that are completely lawful in a majority of states in the union, into Class C Felons that will now serve time and have a permanent mark on their record for things that would otherwise be "Common-Use" in the majority of the Union.

I strongly oppose this bill and I do not believe that this is constitutional, or hawaiian in nature.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:55:41 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jenny Silbiger	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice-Chair Gabbard, and JDC Committee members,

Hawaii is the only state in the nation with an assault weapons ban that FAILS to ban assault rifles and large capacity magazines for those weapons.

SB 3196 will finally close gaping holes in Hawaii's Assault Weapons Ban.

Assault weapons are modeled on military weapons, capable of inflicting the greatest harm on the greatest number of people in the least time. Hawaii does not need assault rifles and large capacity magazines.

The NRA and local gun clubs are vocal, but they are a small minority and do not reflect the great majority in our community on this issue.

Our nation already has more mass shootings than there are days in the year. Please help keep Hawaii safe from this senseless violence.

I wholeheartedly support this bill. Thank you,

Jenny Silbiger

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:56:13 AM

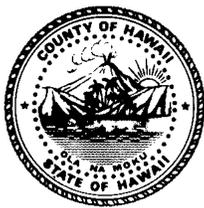
Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Micah Fernandez	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a law abiding firearm owner I strongly oppose this bill. People that commit criminal acts with firearms already have no regard for the law and this bill would only be a detriment to legal firearm owners as well as the small local business that sell firearms and firearm parts.

**Jennifer Kagiwada**  
Council Member District 2 South Hilo



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## HAWAI'I COUNTY COUNCIL - DISTRICT 2

25 Aupuni Street • Hilo, Hawai'i 96720

DATE: February 22, 2024  
TO: Senate Committee on Judiciary  
FROM: Jennifer Kagiwada, Council Member  
Council District 2  
SUBJECT: SB 3196

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the Committee,

I am writing to you in **strong support of SB 3196**.

Hawai'i is the only state in the nation with an assault weapons ban that fails to ban assault rifles and large capacity magazines for those weapons. SB 3196 will finally close gaping holes in our Assault Weapons Ban. Assault weapons are modeled on military weapons, capable of inflicting the greatest harm on the greatest number of people in the least amount of time. Hawai'i does not need assault rifles and large capacity magazines.

While we can all recognize that the NRA and local gun clubs are vocal, it is important to keep in mind that they are a minority and do not reflect the great majority in our community on this issue. Our nation already has more mass shootings than there are days in the year. Please help keep Hawai'i safe from senseless gun violence and mass shootings.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support of SB 3196**.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jenn Kagiwada'.

Jenn Kagiwada

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:56:22 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dallas Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose bill SB3196, as there is no factual evidence that laws and/or regulations like this have positive outcomes other than pushing political motives. The sad truth is that bad individuals do exist, and that criminals do not follow laws. The only people this bill affects are law abiding citizens, that already struggle to believe that the government can keep them or their families safe. The state of Hawaii has taken a soft stance on crimes, while simultaneously hindering the freedoms of its law-abiding citizens.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:56:55 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kyle Otsuka	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Kyle Otsuka, born, raised, and living in Hilo and a 21 year military veteran. I oppose this bill as it violates the 2nd Amendment of the US Constitution. Ownership of these firearms and accessories by law abiding citizens are not the blame for firearm violations/violence.

Aloha e legislators,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB 3196 and SB 2845, relating to firearms. I hope you will take a moment to consider the statements below positing that gun ownership can be a positive source of community and personal development.

While the second amendment is often quoted in defense of firearms, this foundational tenet ultimately allows for personal and community security. Unfortunately, in the U.S. and beyond, this idea is abused and paints guns and gun-users in a negative light. While horrific tragedies have been perpetrated using firearms, those events do not represent the day-to-day reality of the responsibility and care taken by gun owners.

Hawai'i is blessed to have one of the lowest rates of firearms-related deaths in the country. Therefore, public money, time, and energy would be better spent on other violence prevention methods such as improved education, food security, increased job opportunities, and mental health care.

Gun owners in Hawai'i are already required to have training, procure a permit from the police department (which requires a background check), and register firearms with the police department. Firearms purchased from FFLs will also trigger another background check for the purchaser. The people who complete all of these steps to obtain firearms are not interested in using them for malicious purposes. These people are purchasing them to be secure in their person and to provide them with the power to protect their family, community, and country. These people deserve the best available tools, to give them the best chance of protecting their life or way of life.

Many firearms are also used for recreational purposes. Common activities in Hawaii include target shooting, hunting, trap, skeet, sporting clays, and competition pistol and rifle shooting. These activities can all be done safely, and can be an excellent avenue for making friends, building community, and even teaching our next generation about safe firearm handling and providing them with activities that keep them engaged and away from drugs, alcohol, vandalism, or other forms of mischief. The proposed legislation in SB 3196 and SB 2845 will reduce the people's ability to participate in these activities.

Mahalo for your deeper consideration of how public funds and your time can be spent creating a more positive and healthy mentality of residents to prevent violence, rather than banning recreational, community-building activities.

Aloha,  
Julia Stewart  
Hilo, HI

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:57:45 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Reginald Eubanks	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly oppose SB3196. This bill is a yearly attack on the second amendment that will never be considered constitutional. Please stop wasting tax payers money on issues that have no bearing on stopping crime.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:58:04 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cassidy KOHOUT	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I urge my legislators to do a better job at regulating firearms than copying dated legal language that is often ambiguous, capricious or nonsensical. In particular...

1) The lists of banned characteristics in this bill are mostly a regurgitation of similar language from older laws. Many of the listed characteristics do little to limit lethality, but are rather rooted in making firearms *look* less scary, while inconveniencing shooters who try to follow the law. For instance, there is ambiguity in banning “flash suppressors” but not “linear compensators”, or in banning “a shroud that partially covers the barrel” but not a “forestock”. In jurisdictions where similar language has become law, it has taken court cases to figure out what actually banned or not, and even then, it’s often left ambiguous. Please don’t pass a law that creates more questions than it answers.

Threaded barrels in particular are commonly used to attach muzzle brakes, which make a firearm *louder* while reducing recoil. These devices allow smaller or recoil-sensitive shooters to use larger rounds than otherwise, and larger rounds are more humane at harvesting deer or pigs than smaller rounds. Any threaded barrel can also equip a silencer, but silencers are already prohibited in Hawaii.

Hawaii's laws have wisely focused on *who* can legally own firearms. Firearms are inherently dangerous, so there is little logic in legally permitting somebody to own a firearm, but only as long as it doesn’t have a bayonet mount.

2) There is already federal law regulating calibers larger than 50 caliber; this bill effectively seeks to lower Hawaii’s legal limit to .499 caliber. The "50 caliber centerfire rifles" that would be banned are a broad category, and this bill fails to make logical distinctions within that category. "50 BMG" is a relatively high-energy round that is the usual target of prohibition efforts, but this bill would ban other “50 calibers” that *are* used in hunting rifles, such as the 50 Alaskan and 500 S&W; this prohibition would make little sense, as these rounds contain less energy than other commonly used hunting rounds. It would also ban historically-relevant single-shot “buffalo rifles” originating in the mid-1800’s. None of these calibers have a noteworthy history of being used for crime in the United States.

3) This bill copies language, such as Hawaii’s current “assault pistols” law, that bans firearms with two or more “listed features”, but this bill would change the language to ban anything with

a *single* feature. This is not “closing a loophole”; it is taking language originally intended to specify classes of weapons as legal, and turning it on its head to make them explicitly illegal.

In particular, this bill would ban many target pistols, spanning from entry-level models for learning to shoot or very high-end specialized models for shooting competitively, only because they are too *big*. These guns are the standard for target shooters, but they’re not practical for criminals, as their size makes them difficult to conceal, they are relatively fragile and expensive, and they are often chambered for smaller rounds.

4) The language regarding fixed semiautomatic shotgun magazines with "capacity to hold more than five rounds" is also older language that has become more ambiguous over time. Many commonly used shotguns are advertised as holding 5 rounds, but these capacities usually assume 2 3/4" shells; in the last decades shells have come onto the market that are under 2" in length, so any fixed magazine advertised as holding 5 rounds can hold at least 6 shorter rounds. So depending on interpretation, this language may ban many more shotguns than originally intended.

Philosophically speaking, the question of "who should have guns in our society?" should take precedence over the question "what guns should they have?" This bill includes the typical exceptions for law enforcement, which is logical, as history shows that officers have the occasional need for semi-automatic weapons with magazines over 10 rounds, and that these weapons have saved lives when used defensively.

The lives of law enforcement are exactly as precious as those of any other citizen, and all citizens have the same fundamental right to self-defense. Why then is law enforcement allowed to bear weapons for defense that are different from what any other citizen may bear?

It is a fantastic privilege to live in a society where we can have faith that law enforcement and government will adequately provide for our defense, as the historic record is full of counterexamples. History also shows that criminal hands have little regard for the legality of the weapons they hold; prohibitions on fireworks and marijuana clearly demonstrate the strength of the legal ideal when it opposes the desires of the practical and determined criminal.

Thank you for your service, time, and consideration.

-Cassidy Kohout, Kihei

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:58:10 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tony Salvador	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE

As a Registered Nurse servicing 2 different hospitals here on Oahu. I'm submitting testimony regarding SB3196. This is a direct violation to our individual second amendment rights to protect ourselves and our loved ones against the many criminals that we as a community have witnessed to do harm and an increasing rate. This bill provides a direct disadvantage to law abiding citizens that continue to follow the law and continue the training the HPD has guided its citizens to. We know that people the intend to do harm are not going to abide by the law. This bill will give a direct disadvantage to the law-abiding citizens who have been following the constant revision guidelines to meet the standards set by HPD against criminals. A revolver cannot compete against a semi-automatic pistol when it comes to self-defense. It takes an average of 10 minutes or more for HPD to make it to a location and that is after the call is made. For many people that is too late in the time of an attack. There have been times reported by HPD where there are no police officers available. We need to strengthen the training and education of our community in self-defense not weaken them.

As a female, I don't stand a chance next to a man who means to do harm to me. Of course, it is always a duty to retreat. However, if there is no option I need means to protect myself and my family. I have had an armed robber run through my yard I have experienced first-hand knowing that it can happen to anyone and I am not immune to the harm that can be done to myself and my loved ones. As a female I am also a target for rape and human trafficking. Human trafficking is the largest growing industry in the world. I beg of you to consider shutting this bill down. Creating a passive, submissive society is detrimental to our future and our children's future. First hand training and education is crucial and necessary to self-defense and fire arm ownership practice. Please don't take away our right to self-protect. I am from a lineage of hunters and being trained by an amazing father that showed me every astute direction with gun safety. I want to help support the community in fire arm safety and training. We need to normalize gun safety versus fear of guns because we live in a society where bad people are not going to abide by the law nor be afraid of going to jail. Please don't make caring law-abiding citizens who want to protect themselves and their family's criminals for having gun for self-protection.

As a community we also need to think beyond the normal everyday situations and consider with conflict rising around the world or if a major natural disaster were to happen we need to be able to protect ourselves. OUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED UPON. I care about my community and want to see Hawaii thrive. This is why I have dedicated my life to being a nurse and servicing my community.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:59:27 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Melissa Parent	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is an infringement of our 2nd amendment. To pass is a testament of your tyranny and ignorance. Gun laws hurt those those follow them. Not criminals

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:59:28 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jen Ching	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. This bill does not even attempt to begin to address the real issues of why shootings happen - mental health, targets of opportunity, illegitimate use for self defense. As with most gun control bills, this only targets law abiding, responsible gun owners and doesn't address the unlawful use of firearms.

Under Section 2.-1.-3. Items A, B, C, D, E, and H are in common use amongst all long guns across the nation and all Hawaii firearms owners, myself included, will be instantaneously declared a felon by this bill. These features do not make firearms any more less lethal and displays either a lack of basic firearms understanding or willful ignorance at the legislative level.

Rather than focusing on stricter gun control laws which only affect law abiding, responsible gun owners and businesses, please focus on the cause like mental health. This only happen because certain individuals choose to unlawfully committ crimes with a firearm.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:59:32 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mark W Iobst II	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Not that authoritarians that are trying to quickly push a nonsensical gun law care, but this is unconstitutional. The terminology of assault weapons is intentionally vague to prey upon those who are ignorant of firearms.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 9:00:45 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Neil Patrick Nuevo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose the passage of Bill SB3196.

The bill goes against our rights guaranteed by the 2nd Amendment of the U.S. Consitution. The right to bear arms is essential for self defense, hunting, and safe guarding against tyranny.

This bill just restricts law abidding citizens without dettering criminals who obtain firearms through illegal means.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 9:01:44 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Quinn Shiroma	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 9:01:53 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sharon Salvador	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 9:02:01 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Justin Arnold	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Stop infringing on my unalienable rights. Stop wasting my time and my tax payers dollars. The 2nd ammendment is absolutely clear. Uphold your oath of office and the constitution you swore to uphold.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:54:49 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Maddyson Sylvester	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this measure. It aims to further infringe on our second ammendment rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 9:02:49 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Anthony Sylvester	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Members of the Hawaii Legislature,

I strongly oppose SB3196.

As stated in SB3196 "the State has some of the strongest gun safety laws in the nation" and "the third lowest number of gun deaths per capita". This bill promises to improve a perceived public safety problem related to firearms that does not exist in Hawaii. Instead it aims to further infringe on our second amendment rights. The wording here allows for a blanket ban on the ownership and transfer of a majority of commonly owned firearms. It would serve to criminalize many law abiding citizens who already adhered to our strict laws in order to exercise their rights. The classification of the firearm features and attachments listed here as "assault" are based purely on opinion. Please provide evidence and scientific studies that prove a decrease in public safety when firearms with these "assault" characteristics are legally owned by law abiding citizens. This has not been true here in Hawaii for as long as modern firearms have existed.

Furthermore, if signed into law, this would create a logistical nightmare for law abiding gun owners and our police departments as they would need to deal with the collection, storage, and disposal of firearms with these features as the families of deceased citizens will need to surrender firearms that belonged to their loved ones and could no longer be legally transferred.

I urge you not to support this measure. This bill will only serve to infringe on our rights and freedoms, and will require additional funds and resources for our police departments to be able to enforce this.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 9:03:59 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
David Kikukawa	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly oppose this bill. This bill bans almost all modern firearms.

Today I heard multiple people testify saying that we do not need "weapons of war" and that they were issued these weapons in the military referring to the AR15 rifle. That is incorrect as the military has never issued this rifle. They issue the M4 or M16 or a variant of that platform. The big difference between the civilian AR15 and the M4/M16 is that the civilian AR15 is semiautomatic ONLY. Where the M4/M16 is a select fire weapon that has BOTH semiautomatic and FULLY AUTOMATIC firing modes. Semiautomatic meaning one shot per trigger pull, fully automatic meaning continuous fire until the trigger is let go. Fully automatic weapons have never been legal in the state of Hawaii.

As for 50 caliber rifles, as to my research there has NEVER been a crime committed with one in the state of Hawaii. The rifle is primarily used for extreme long distance shooting competitions. In addition muskets and most muzzle loaders are 50 caliber which are commonly used for hunting and competition.

I also compete in shooting competitions on a national level. We are already handicapped in the pistol divisions being set to 10 round capacity, but limiting rifles would eliminate the last division that we could compete in without any handicaps.

Lastly, home invasions are becoming more and more common. If you study police body camera footage and look at FBI Statistics from law enforcement shootings you'll see that the average police shooting in 2017 was 9.7 rounds fired. This is with one threat and with trained police officers. This would imply that the average civilian who is not as well trained would require more rounds to stop their threat. This is not even taking into account more than one attacker. You are severely handicapping law abiding citizens. As criminals will not follow any of the laws you enact.

**SB-3196**

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**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 9:05:14 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Elliott Naito	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose Bill SB3196 on the grounds that it infringes our Constitutional Rights. This bill does nothing for the safety of the public. Criminals do not obey the law, this bill only punishes the law abiding citizens who wish to defend themselves.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 9:05:30 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jonathan Correa	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill

**SB-3196**

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**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 9:05:42 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Raden Jones	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 9:06:12 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
chris ching	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a local resident and business owner, born and raised in Honolulu, I Strongly Oppose this bill which bans practically all semi-automatic firearms, going further and also naming them "assult rifles".

Many of the firearms covered in this bill are commonly owned guns for sport, hunting and self defense. One result of this bill would be Semi auto AR styled guns would be not allowed for use in hunting. These rifles are some of the most common and most widely used rifles in the state. As an example, even the State DOFAW uses these firearms for common eradication and culling of animals. Remember in recent years, DOFAW lost some AR style rifles to theft. This was not from state law enforcement this was from state conservation employees. Are the State Conservation Officers using "assault weapons?" They are using some of the most common semi-auto rifles available and this bill seeks to ban them.

I am also a father to a 12-year old boy who looks forward to the annual State hunts on the island of Lanai. He's had his hunting license since he was able to take the Hunter Education course as a 9yr old. I hunted as I grew up with my grandfather and now I enjoy spending time outdoors doing the same with my son. My son is small for his age so finding a hunting firearm which fits him is diifcult. The AR-style rifle is adjustable in its fitment so it can be sized to fit my son and quickly changed back to fit myself. It also meets the minimum requirements to ethically take an animal in the field. If not for it's adjustability, I would have to find a firearm that would only fit my son and only him.

I also oppose the ban on 50cal rifles as it looks to ban all rifles that size or larger, There are many different sizes of cartridges that employ a 50cal projectile. More common are the short ranging .50 Beowulf and lever-lever action rifles that are used for hunting and "short-range" sport shooting. Similarly, a ban on shotguns with a capacity to hold more than 5 rounds is unwarranted also. These are also very popular hunting tools when people enjoy upland bird hunting here in our State. Ethically taking the birds means to shoot them as they are flying. They are not shot on the ground or as they are roosting. They are not easy to shoot as they are flying. The shotguns that can hold this many rounds are available as pump action and semi-auto versions. More than half of all birdhunters use these type of shitguns in the field.

This bill will not only affect hunters, but also severely impact sporting good stores, shooting sports, and, most importantly, rights as American citizens. Please do not pass or support this bill

or any other similar. I am not sure the intent of this bill but it definitely won't make Hawaii any safer.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 9:07:15 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jaynie Fukushima	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 9:08:01 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Matthew Nelson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Absolutely insane. Slowly but shurly giving power to the criminals.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 9:09:06 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Frederick Laciste	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 9:05:42 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Raden Jones	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose

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Please protect Hawai'i residents like me from gun violence by voting to advance SB 3196. This bill prohibits all assault weapons, including high-powered semi-automatic rifles that shoot over ten rounds. They're designed to kill as many people as possible, and there's no reason they should be in our communities. Please prohibit assault weapons.

Heidi Strike  
Hilo, 96721

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Princeville, 96722

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Honolulu, 96825

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Aiea, 96701

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Will Rodger  
Honolulu, 96815

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Casey Herrforth  
Volcano, 96785

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Judith White  
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KILAUEA, 96754

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Please protect Hawai'i residents like me from gun violence by voting to advance SB 3196. This bill prohibits all assault weapons, including high-powered semi-automatic rifles that shoot over ten rounds. They're designed to kill as many people as possible, and there's no reason they should be in our communities. Please prohibit assault weapons.

Julie Nishimoto  
Honolulu, 96821

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Judith McDanniel  
Hilo, 96720

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 9:12:11 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sheldon Agena	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Sheldon Agena and as a registered voter and law abiding firearms owner and enthusiasts I strongly oppose SB3196.

The supposedly intent of this bill is to curb gun violence yet this bill does nothing to address the current problem of non law abiding people from using firearms for illegal purposes. It is already illegal in Hawai'i for a felon to own or possess a firearm, for anyone under the age of 21 to own a handgun, to be in possession of an unregistered firearm and yet how many incidents have we seen locally where these laws have been broken. To legally acquire a firearm in Hawai'i we have to go thru a firearms safety course, background check which includes a medical questionnaire, and a permitting and registration process. Hawai'i currently has some of the strictest laws in the nation and this bill is adding more laws that non law abiding citizens will not follow and once again that is the problem. If you truly want to do something about firearm violence then go after those that use firearms for unlawful purposes and not the law abiding citizens who spend countless hours and dollars learning about, training, collecting and generally enjoying firearms. These past couple of years we've seen an uptick in firearms related injuries and deaths that were the result of non law abiding people committing crimes and yet these same people are out on the streets not long after being arrested. Instead of adding more firearms related bills that do nothing to stop criminals, why not enforce the firearms laws that we currently have.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 9:13:28 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kathleen Triolo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this bill to outlaw assault weapons. This is the state of Aloha not of carnage. I never want to know that children's lives have been splattered on the walls of a classroom or anywhere else. The same goes for people of all ages and at all places in Hawaii and in America.

Thank you,

Kathleen Triolo

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 9:13:53 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Daniel Wela	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. Stop wasting our money on bills that will be overturned on their unconstitutional basis and failure to meet textual and historical tests.

No matter what laws you pass criminals will never follow them. You only impair the ability of law abiding citizens to protect themselves and their families from predators. Charge criminals for their crimes and punish them accordingly. Leave the citizenry alone.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 9:16:09 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
GemeyPearl Lagazo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha.

I am writing in opposition of bill SB3196 as I strongly believe it goes against our 2nd amendment rights. No one is walking around with "Assault" rifles in Hawaii. This is a very vague bill that needs to be discussed, researched and debated more, but ultimately it's our constitutional right to have firearms and banning it takes always that right.

Mahalo for your time.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 9:20:38 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Benjamin Sumrall	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Oppose

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 9:21:42 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ka'eo Ortiz	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I appose bill SB3196!! How are law abiding citizens supposed to protect them selves!! This is a major attach on the rights of law abiding citizens, how does it make sense to take away all the guns that we have been safe fully been protecting and taking care of. We follow all the laws and are going to be punished for just having a firearm. This is Bull shit, the people does not agree with this. All i want is the ability to keep and bear arms to protect my property, family, and myself!

Aloha,

I am providing written testimony in **opposition** to SB3196.

SB3196 attempts to redefine the term “assault weapons” to be banned along with standard capacity magazines. This bill will drastically increase restrictions on firearms and parts that are not an issue in Hawaii. I, and all other legal, law-abiding firearms owners, have done nothing but practice strict, lawful, and responsible firearm ownership. I find it incredibly disheartening that every year brings further attempts to criminalize law-abiding gun owners rather than enhancing penalties and punishments for illegal possession and use of a firearm.

A new definition created for “assault weapon attachment” is so vague it encompasses virtually any item that can be attached to a firearm as well as any replacement parts. This is clearly a prohibition on parts vital for fixing and maintaining firearms in good, safe working order. The shortsightedness of this definition will affect the airsoft and paintball communities as well, many of whom are minors. Parts and accessories for real firearms are interchangeable with airsoft replicas and paintball markers.

The provision to ban detachable magazines capable of holding more than 10 rounds does nothing but instantly criminalize law-abiding firearms owners. There are likely hundreds of thousands of legally owned standard capacity magazines in the hands of Hawaii residents. There is no grandfather clause and thus, anyone who doesn't know about SB3196 will face misdemeanor charges, potentially felony implications.

Many local gun, airsoft, and paintball shops are family run small businesses, with tight-knit employees, and their livelihood is at stake. These are terrific people who, like everyone else in Hawaii, are just trying to stay afloat. SB3196 would pose a serious threat to the survivability of these businesses, several of which have been in operation for decades.

The Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS), through the *NYSRPA vs. Bruen* decision, recently established “text, history, and tradition” as the new standard for jurisprudence regarding the Second Amendment. Any precedent analyzed using the text, history, and tradition method must have its origins rooted near the creation of the Second Amendment in 1791. SB3196 provides no historical analogs to justify its consideration.

Mahalo.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 9:23:51 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Silas Decker	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it is too far over reaching. Criminals will still have access to these items. All this bill will do is prevent law abiding citizens from exercising their constitutional rights. We should enforce current laws and penalties better, rather than adding new laws.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 9:24:05 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
THOMAS KENT	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is designed to hinder law biding citizens to keep and bear arms under the 2nd amendment.

This bill does nothing to curb the use of guns by criminals.

**I OPPOSE THIS BILL.**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 9:28:42 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marlee Kamakaala-Miller	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196 and I hope all of you senators also vote no to stop this ridiculous bill before it advances any further.

I have read, and listened to much of the testimony at the previous hearing earlier this month. Many of the opposition testimony have already highlighted:

1. The total unconstitutionality of SB3196.
2. The massive financial implications for current owners of these firearms/magazines/accessories and gun stores here in the state.
3. The fact that the bill will only hurt law abiding citizens and have no impact on gun violence and crime.

But I would like to take a different approach with my testimony. I would just like to remind you that you senators work for the citizens of this state and your districts. You are supposed to vote based on the will of the people, not on your personal feelings. And the people are coming out and giving testimony that is overwhelmingly in opposition of SB3196. The last hearing the testimonies were more than 80+ percent in opposition.

I humbly ask you to do what is right and vote based on what the people want, and vote no to oppose SB3196.

Mahalo

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 9:29:30 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Keegan Romero	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Good afternoon to pass this Bill would only hurt the people stripping them of their constitutional right, it would not decrease crime nor benefit our great Aloha state.

as a veteran that has spent two years in the Middle East I have seen the necessity and the good that firearms have done to protect and maintain stabilization I urge you not to press any further with this bill to advance with such a sickly conceived instruction would be the downfall of one of Americas greatest states I lived in Hawaii for ten years and was grateful for every second.

the war on terrorism might be officially over for we are no longer in war time but the threats that would see our way of life and ideological fundamentals still linger in wait to strike, our greatest asset is our people, to disarm our people would be a self inflicting wound that we may never be able to recover from.

I trust in our leaders to ensure the safety and rights of our people for they were elected to serve in the best interests of them.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 9:29:42 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Donn Nagamine	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Commttee Members,

I am writing to strongly oppose SB3196. This Bill as written, will only serve to take away from the law-abiding citizens of Hawai‘i.

This Bill will not only ban so called "assault weapons" but will also ban common semi-automatic firearms that have been legal for decades. If the intent of this law is to keep people safe from crime. how will it do so? I know of no crime in Hawai‘i in recent decades that was committed by the owner of a LEGALLY owned "assault weapon". In the current times we live in crime is becoming more prevalent. Now, more than before citizens may find themselves in a situation where a firearm may be needed for protection. This Bill bans the very guns that are in common use for that purpose. In fact in a recent Hawai‘i Supreme Court decision; (State of Hawai‘i vs.Christopher L. Wilson), a citizen equipped with an AR-15 rifle was able to successfully corral four trespassers on his rural property until local police arrived. As it would turn out one of the trespassers was armed illegally and did surrender his firearm to local police. Had it not been for the having an AR-15; a model of gun you intend to ban, at his disposal the end result may have been different. If one wanted to stop crimes with guns, perhaps going after ILLEGAL firearms and their owners would be a better move. Do not go after law-abiding gun owners who have done nothing wrong and only want to protect themselves and their families.

In addition I am very concerned with the future ban that this bill will impose on Hawaii gun owners. By not allowing transfers to people other than dealers and law enforcement, you are effectively taking away firearms that were purchased legally with hard earned money. A gun owner would not be able to pass on his firearm to a family member, friend or even sell it to get back money they had invested in it.

In conclusion, I urge this committee to re-think and choose to not pass this Bill. It does nothing to stop crime and actually makes us less safe. No one will gain anything except the criminals who prey upon us who will now know they have more victims. Remember you can not legislate out evil. The only people who will lose are the honest, hard-working and law-abiding citizens of Hawaii. Please consider this.

Donn Nagamine



The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Judiciary  
The Senate  
Hawaii State Capitol  
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

I am Jeff Spencer, a firearms enthusiast/collector and a Type 03 FFL licensee; I stand in strong opposition of Senate Bill 3196.

Senate Bill 3196 seeks to prohibit import, export, and private sale of certain weapons, a specific caliber of rifle, and firearms that are commonly used by the public in target shooting, sport shooting and sometimes hunting. It also includes assault weapon attachments. The bill refers to these firearms as “assault rifles, “assault shoguns” and “assault pistols”.

First, I have a few questions for the committee.

1. What is an assault rifle, shotgun, and/or pistol?
2. What makes any of these more or less dangerous than a non- assault weapon?

Answers:

1. It’s a term used by people who don’t like the look of a certain firearm. But originally a term used by Adolph Hitler, as noted later on in this testimony.
2. Nothing really. They just look “meaner”.

There is no doubt nor dispute that firearms have killed thousands of people over the years. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) 2022 provisional data report released in July of 2023 there were over 48,117 deaths due to firearms. Were all of these deaths from mass shootings or individual murders? The answer is no. Over half of these deaths were from suicide; 26,993 to be exact, there were 19,592 as a result of acts of violence. To put things in perspective, 699,659 people died from heart disease, 609,360 from cancer, and approximately 244,000 from COVID-19 (data provided by the National Safety Council and the CDC).

I am in no way minimizing the fact that these 19,592 people are no longer able to spend time with their families, enjoy their lives, and do things that the rest

of us are blessed to still be able to do. But what are we doing to fight these causes of death? ALL of these deaths are needless and avoidable, but we seem to get stuck on only firearms. Why are we not lobbying this much about heart health, cancer or COVID-19? But anyway, I digress...

Here are some points of information I'd like to share:

1. Many people assume the AR in AR-15 stands for "assault rifle", it does not. It stands for Armalite Rifle 15. Developed by EM Stoner in 1956. This rifle, was then used for military service under the name M-16 among others.
2. Where did the term "assault rifle" come from? The earliest mention of assault rifle was credited to Adolph Hitler and his use of the word Sturmgewehr, which translates to assault rifle. In current times, it is used as a term for any weapon that has certain military looking characteristics, but not functionality as noted below.
3. Are "assault rifles" automatic? The common citizen does not understand, (unless they're current/ former military or police) that "assault rifles" available to the public are typically NOT fully automatic nor are they the same weapons that are used by military and police. For example, the military version of the M-16 or M4 (AR style rifle), does in fact have three (sometimes four) selector positions; safe, semi/fire, burst and auto. The safe position is obvious, the semi position means one round is fired every time you pull the trigger, the automatic position allows for rounds to be fired as long as you hold down the trigger; these weapons are not allowed to be owned by individuals.

A civilian version of the same weapon (AR-15) look identical to the military version, except there are only two positions; safe and fire (semi). Bottom line all civilian versions of the AR-15 = one pull of the trigger, one round is fired, and one bullet leaves the barrel. Just because it looks like a duck and quacks like a duck... Doesn't mean it's really a duck.

4. "Assault weapons" are capable killing and hurting more people than "non-assault" weapons. This is not true. There rifles not listed in this bill that can carry eight rounds of 7.62mm internally (no detachable magazine) which can do more harm than an AR style rifle that typically shoots 5.56mm rounds.

As for SB3196, the intent is admirable, I don't think this will fix the problem. However it is my belief that it was written by someone without working knowledge of what it takes for a firearm to be lethal. Below are some points that I'd like to bring up:

1. Page 2, Line 7-10: Banning the sale of these weapons would likely result in the closure of businesses whose sole purpose is to sell firearms and accessories.
2. Page 3, Line 6-7: .22 ammunition... What type? There are a few variants... Also, if you think these rounds are less lethal than others, you'd be wrong. It will still enter the body, fragment into multiple pieces and do damage; this round is still capable of going through a human skull.
3. Page 3, Line 8 thru Page 4, Line 10: More than half of these characteristics are cosmetic; some would say all are.
  - a. (B) Pistol Grip: Cosmetic. The pistol grip makes a rifle look "cool", it may provide some stability, but if someone is going to shoot people, it's not going to matter whether or not there's a pistol grip.
  - b. (D) Flash Suppressor: Cosmetic. In the military, this is used to diffuse the flash from a discharging rifle thereby hopefully not allowing the enemy to see where the shot came from.
  - c. (E) A shroud that completely encircles the barrel: Cosmetic. Most if not ALL rifles have some sort of cover around the barrel to prevent you from getting burned. This is where your non-shooting hand would go to stabilize the rifle, and therefore standard. Do a google search on "how to hold a rifle".
  - d. (F) Bayonet Mount: Cosmetic. To my knowledge no mass shooter in history has ever attached a bayonet to their rifles to kill people. Bayonets were designed to stab people at close quarters. Active shooters are not going to stab people; they're concentrating on killing the most people in a limited amount of time. The bayonet will not accomplish this.
  - e. (G) Grenade Launcher: Cosmetic... Unless someone has access to the type of grenades the launcher will fire. It's pretty much useless.

As mentioned above, a good portion of these characteristics are largely cosmetic. If you were to go back and review the mass shootings, none of the findings will say that because the rifle had a pistol grip, bayonet lug, barrel

shroud, flash suppressor or grenade launcher that the shooter was able to achieve his/her sick goal. The reason? It's because none of these features made the rifle any more dangerous than a rifle without them. Sure, you can say that someone with a bolt action rifle won't be able to shoot as many people, you may be right, but I wouldn't bet my life on it. If you still think that banning these "features" or firearms in general would make a difference...

1. Look at Columbine; the rifle used was designed and manufactured with the Public Safety and Recreational Firearms use Protection Act of 1994 in place, and it complied with ALL of the restrictions listed; 15 people were killed.
2. In Japan, former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe was shot and killed by a homemade pipe gun made from wood, two metal pipes and some hardware you could get from Home Depot.
3. The Boston Bombing is another example; 3 people dead and 281 injured; these guys didn't even use a firearm.

In closing, the points I want to get across are:

1. Just because the rifle or shotgun looks "mean" or "terrifying" doesn't mean it is. There are rifles that are not weapons of war that could yield the same results. This would be called prejudice or racism if we were talking about humans. Sounds stupid, but it's true.
2. You're penalizing the law abiding citizen; criminals don't follow laws. Look at the fireworks ban... It's not working real well.
3. For those few that want to hurt and kill people... They will always find a way to carry out their sick plans.

Again, I strongly oppose the passage of Senate Bill 3196, and thank the Judiciary Committee the opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,

Jeff Spencer

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 9:31:25 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Norman Batino Jr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Our Constitution's framers affirmed our right to bear arms through the Second Amendment for an important reason; to provide Americans with means of protection and self-defense. Criminals have these weapons, so the law abiding citizens should have the right to protect themselves the same. Police have these weapons are there lives more important then law abiding citizens?

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 9:32:33 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Matthew Javillonar	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to proposed SB3196, which aims to amend and add further prohibitions to the use of firearms in the State of Hawaii. As a Kama'aina born and raised in Hawaii and a staunch supporter of our constitutional rights, I firmly believe that such legislation would have detrimental effects on our society and individual liberties.

Semi-automatic firearms are among the most commonly owned firearms in the United States and are used by millions of law-abiding citizens for various purposes including hunting, recreational shooting, and when absolutely needed, self-defense. Banning these firearms would unfairly punish law-abiding citizens while doing little to address the underlying issues related to gun violence which we continue to see increasing in our state.

It is essential to recognize that most gun owners are responsible individuals who use their firearms safely and lawfully. Punishing these individuals for the actions of a few criminals is both unjust and ineffective. Rather than focusing on restricting the rights of law-abiding citizens, we should be focusing on addressing the root causes of gun violence such as mental health issues, poverty and lack of access to education and opportunity.

Banning accessories and parts for firearms would further restrict the rights of law-abiding citizens without addressing the core issue of gun violence. Accessories such as magazines and grips are commonly used for lawful purposes such as improving firearm ergonomics or facilitating ease of use. Banning these accessories would do little to prevent criminals from obtaining firearms or committing acts of violence. All of this would have a detrimental impact on all responsible gun owners.

I humbly urge you to oppose any legislation that seeks to ban semi-automatic rifles, shotguns, pistols, accessories or parts. Please focus on implementing policies that address the root causes of gun violence while respecting the rights of law-abiding citizens. Together, we can work towards a solution that promotes safety and security in our communities without infringing upon our constitutional rights.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Mahalo,

Matthew Javillonar

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 9:36:05 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Robert Charles Josh Porter	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As someone who grew up ranching, hunting, living off the land I oppose this bill. I am, and will continue to be, law abiding. Spending time and money with more gun regulations is not the answer to the problems we have. Hawaii already has some of the strictest gun laws in the country. Making things more restrictive only pushes others to ignore the law. Spend time and attention on the mental health issues surrounding our community. Not more regulations for those that respect the law.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 9:37:50 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Rodney Hatanaka	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, and members of the Committee,

I am writing to you in **strong opposition** of SB 3196.

This bill will only serve to disarm law abiding citizens as criminals do not abide by laws. As a result, only criminals will possess the firearms and accessories banned by this bill. And, violent crime will increase.

This bill also fails to comply with the SCOTUS decision of New York State Rifle & Pistol Association Inc. vs Bruen. And, it is a direct violation of the citizens of this state of the U.S. Constitution's 2nd Amendment and the Hawaii Constitution's Article 1, section 17.

Please consider and protect the rights of the people who elected you and vote against this bill.

Thank you,

Rodney Hatanaka

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 9:38:43 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gerald Santiago	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a law abiding citizen, hunter and an American born and raised in Hawaii I am opposed to this bill in its current state. By passing this bill you will be affecting my family's well being as we depend on hunting as a supplement to our lively hood. Many of the rifles listed is what we use. Small caliber rifles such as the 22 caliber and 223 is not and should not be considered an assault rifle. Assault rifles are fully automatic rifles and it is unfortunate the media has twisted these definitions. Further more this ban will only impact and affect law abiding citizens such as myself and my family. This is unconstitutional and infringes on our rights as Americans. This is still the greatest country in the world but if you start infringing on people's rights it can become a slippery slope. Please rethink this bill and work with the community to make it safer for all by ensuring reasonableness. As law makers you have taken the oath to protect our constitution so please do your job and protect it. I highly oppose this bill. Mahalo for your time.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 9:39:02 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Christopher Tanouye	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB 3196. This overreaching bill seeks to further restrict commonly owned firearms that have been owned by law abiding citizens for a great deal of time. The outcome of this bill will only affect law abiding citizens. Criminals will continue to ignore this proposed law and illegally import firearms and/or parts. The safety of the public is often cited as a reason for proposing these bills but I believe this is just a band aid approach of trying to solve criminal activity in the state. The real root of the problem should be addressed instead of the easily appealing solution of "banning firearms". There are pleathora of these firearms already in the state and if these said firearms were the problem, you definately would notice it. I strongly urge that this bill not pass.

Thank you for your time

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 9:40:08 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Eva Majerova	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

The bill asserts the intention to introduce a new regulation aimed at furthering a ban on assault weapons, yet fails to provide any rationale for such a ban. On the contrary, it states that Hawai'i already has robust gun laws and that gun-related crime is minimal. Thus, the bill seeks to take away citizen rights without substantiating the necessity for such measures. Moreover, the benefits of the assault gun ban are, at best, disputable and generally considered ineffective in preventing gun-related crime, as indicated by numerous research studies (e.g., Fox and Fridel, 2016). When it comes to mass shootings, the main reason usually standing behind the assault weapons ban, the study states "the frequency of incidents (after the national assault weapon ban) was virtually unchanged during the decade when the ban was in effect" and that "not only were there countless assault weapons already on the street, but also assailants had a variety of other powerful firearms at their disposal." Most gun crimes, including those in Hawai'i, are committed using handguns, and it has been shown that stricter gun laws prevent predominantly suicides, not violent gun crimes (Anglemyewr et al, 2014). Additionally, research shows that it is not the ban on a specific type of gun but rather the laws requiring a thorough background check for acquiring a permit that successfully affects the rate of (mass) shootings. Similarly, the ban on large-capacity magazines does not prevent gun crimes but may reduce the number of fatalities to some extent. "Laws requiring permits to purchase a gun are associated with a lower incidence of mass public shootings, and bans on large capacity magazines are associated with fewer fatalities and nonfatal injuries when such events do occur." (Siegel et al, 2020)

Given that no data indicates an existing problem with crime committed by assault weapons in Hawai'i, this bill addresses a non-existent issue and attempts to solve it in an ineffective manner, only punishing law-abiding citizens who exercise their rights under the US Constitution. If the State makes any attempt to limit citizens' rights, it must be grounded in solid data-based argumentation and reasoning showing clear public benefits that unequivocally outweigh the loss of individual rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 9:40:55 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sean J deMello	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

good morning,

I would like to oppose this bill because for one it is and will be proven unconstitutional and i would like our elected officials to know we do not appreciate these attempts to disarm Hawaii's law abiding citizens while criminals are let out to continue to victimize our communities.

thank you,

Sean J DeMello

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 9:53:22 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Paul Domingo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello,

My name is Paul Domingo and I am writing to oppose SB 3196.

Firstly, amending the definition of “assault rifle” and “assault shotgun” would ban most semi automatic long guns that are common use in Hawai’i. Since the federal assault weapon ban of 1994 sunset in 2004, long guns deemed bannable in this bill have been distributed widely across the islands. Yet, in section 1 of this bill it is stated that as of 2021 we are ranked 3rd lowest in the nation for gun deaths. It’s been 20 years of these so called “assault weapons” being available to average citizens, and most legal gun owning citizens in our state do not use them for malicious means.

Secondly, features targeted in the bill are also used widely among Hawaii’s firearm owners. Collapsible stocks, pistol grips, threaded barrels, and other targeted features in this bill are featured on so many firearms today. Banning of the features targeted in SB 3196 would mean that long guns and hand guns that are already owned by law abiding citizens would not be readily serviceable. Things wear out through use and eventually they would need to be repaired or replaced. An example of this would be barrels. Accuracy can be affected by worn out barrels. With many long guns having threaded barrels, sourcing a non threaded barrel would be more difficult when industry standard is to have them threaded. Do our lawmakers just expect us to throw our firearms away when parts dry up?

Lastly is the expanded prohibition of magazines holding more than 10 rounds. Standard capacity for most handguns and long guns are more than 10 rounds. In Hawai’i, handguns are limited to 10 rounds, but that is simply not the norm. Hawai’i’s constitutional standing on this subject could be questioned. Examples of cases are Oregon measure 114 and Duncan v. Bonta in

California which both reside in the 9th circuit district same as Hawai'i. To expand the magazine ban to include long gun magazines in my opinion is unconstitutional.

In summary, I believe SB 3196 to be unconstitutional and harms lawful firearm owners of Hawai'i. The 2nd amendment states: "the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." I believe that includes keeping parts and features available to service firearms already owned by lawful citizens. I oppose SB 3196 as it effects current and future firearm owner's rights to keep and bear arms.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 10:09:30 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jeffrey Lim	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am oppose to SB3191 for spending my tax dollars on a bill that is like a bill in California and now is going to the Supreme court for a decision. I would like to wait for the California decision to be made first. Rather than Hawaii having a lawsuit brought against the state. We should be trying harder to find answers for homelessness and the price of housing here in the islands.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 10:10:03 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Russell Matusiak	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 10:10:21 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
DARRYL MACHA	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I write to express my **strong opposition** to the proposed firearms bill, SB3196. As an active voter concerned citizen, I believe this legislation poses significant risks to our community and undermines our fundamental rights.

This bill unfairly targets law-abiding citizens without addressing the root causes of gun violence.

Responsible gun ownership is not the problem; it's the misuse by criminals that must be addressed. Punishing law-abiding citizens won't deter criminals. This bill fails to consider practical implications and creates hurdles for lawful citizens.

Instead of restrictive measures, prioritize initiatives targeting the root causes of gun violence: mental health support, community intervention, and stricter penalties for criminals . A comprehensive approach, respecting Second Amendment rights while targeting criminal behavior, is crucial.

I urge you to **OPPOSE** SB3196 and similar legislation. Our freedoms and safety depend on it.

Thank you for your consideration.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 10:11:09 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Daniel Peterson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Daniel Ryan Peterson, I oppose this bill whole heartly, and anything like it that infringes on our second ammendment rights. Guns don't kill people, People kill people.

Semiautomatic weapons have been available to the public since its invention in the late 19th century. Only now in recent years have we had issues with mentally ill or people wanting to be "gangsters" or intersted harming innocent people with guns for what ever reasons.

Hawaii has all their rules ass backwards when it comes to gun laws for law abiding citizens. By making a law for law abiding citizens will only remove guns from the people, who not only have the right to own them given by God, but the people who you want to have them in dire situations where law enforcement cannot come quick enough or what ever the situation maybe. Do you expect criminals who do not obey our current laws to just go, "oh boy I'm not supposed to have this I better not do that?" Seriously? This makes every day people, your neighbors, grandparents, police officers fireman, hunters and gun owners criminals by owning a gun. Hawaii already has some of the strictest laws in the country. Stop coming for our guns, our kids and our way if life!.

Sincerely

Daniel Ryan Peterson

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 10:12:21 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Craig Woodward	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

Citizens must always have a means of protecting themselves, their families, and their property. With officer shortages response time to crimes will decrease and when seconds are a matter of life and death you should not be forced to wait for someone to come and protect you. In 2020 covid, many citizens who called in for emergency services got a busy tone or were told they could not respond to them because of staff shortages. We can not predict the future but we can learn from our past and better protect ourselves from being helpless and that starts with never giving up our right to bear arms.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 10:12:46 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
joseph simpliciano	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Any infringement a persons right wether it's an American constitution or the Kingdom of Hawaii's constitution is wrong. Clearly the State of Hawai'i, and its elected officials must abide by the laws which is derived from the Kingdom laws, which is factual. Please worry about the homelessness crisis, illegal gambling rooms and create laws that would have a person thinking twice about murdering someone. The reason why Hawai'i is so messed up is because our elected officials are not creating harsher laws in regards to CRIME. People use inanimate objects to do crime not the other way around.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 10:13:44 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Regina Gregory	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

strong support

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 10:15:29 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
STANLEY RUIDAS	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I'm From Lanai And I Strongly Oppose SB3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 10:30:17 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Alex Akui	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Opposed

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 10:37:26 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Shane Shitabata	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose bill SB3196. This bill will ban most of the firearms that law abiding citizens possess for sport, such as hunting, and even more so, for self defense. Similar to illegal fireworks, people will still be able to obtain these weapons whether there is a ban or not. This only hinders those who have legally and rightfully acquired these firearms from being able to use and express their rights under the 2nd amendment.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 10:40:21 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Theo Kady	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This legislation violates Hawaii citizens from exercising their Second Amendment Rights. Additionally, SB 3196 is poorly drafted and expansive in such a fashion that so-called “features” could be left open to interpretation. I oppose this Bill vehemently.

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Rhea Soni  
LAKE ZURICH, 60047

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Pepeekeo, 96783

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Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brent Hamasaki	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill, SB3296, is put forth and designe to waste my and everyone else's taxpayer monies. This bill is put forth to limit, restrict, and squash the rights guaranteed by the Hawaii State Constitution's 2nd amendment and the 2nd Amendment of the United States Constitution. The right to bear arms "shall not be infringed". It also openly defies the final ruling of the US Supreme Court with regards to the 2ND Amendment fo the US Constitiioon.

We the people of the United States of America and the State of Hawaii voted for you, hoping that you will do your elected job for the people. Yet you, with this bill SB3196, have placed further freedoms in jeopardy for the benefit of the Party. You are placing the goals of the Party before the people. You are not thinking critically but rather following the Party line to futher the Parety goals. That is not why you were elected to office and the very reason why you should not be there now.

How can this bill, SB3196, help the people? Is it a crime reduction bill? Will it have stronger consequences for criminals that defy it? Will it do anything except take away the freedom guranteed by the 2nd Amendment (both State and US)?

Answers: It won't. It is not. Not at all. Nothing at all.

This will harm more innocent law abiding citizens and businesses in this state than help. Crime will continue to rise. People will continue to leave this state at record rates. Collectable taxes will continue to dwindle and damage the state's economy. Look at the cities of San Francisco and Los Angeles for a view of the future and their failing economy and budget shortfalls.

Please research your statistics and analytics with regards to firearms crime. What you have listed without definition in this bill SB3196, is on average used/ responsible for less than 1% of 1% of crimes commited with a firearm annually. Are you saying that you are satisfied with that? How can you say that this is an efficient and effective use of our taxpayer monies?

Please do your own research with the FBI criminal statistics and not rely on the information that the Party force feeds you.

Also, your bill SB3196 should define each item with detail. Anything can be an "Assault Weapon" by definition. Your vague description does not effectively define, select, identify the item(s). It should not involle or include "visual" or "cosmetic" items that make "it scary looking"/

that do not affect operation. As an example, the "attachments" or "accessories" will include flashlights. Does that mean flashlights are now illegal by definition with this bill SB3196?

Caliber definition is also vague and undefined. There are many calibers that are used in both rifle and pistol. So by the description, does that now make a handgun illegal?

I can go on about all the mistakes, discrepancies, lack of definition, et al but it would take too much time that as a law-abiding voting citizen in this state I do not have.

This bill SB3196 is not written effectively or with any thought process whatsoever. It is too broad and lacks definition and enforceability. It is unconstitutional in this state and the United States of America (of which Hawaii is a part of). It will have no effect on crime except to possibly increase it. It will ruin businesses and deplete the state of valuable income.

I oppose this bill SB3196.

Thank you,

Brent Hamasaki

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 10:51:31 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Deanne	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill to move forward.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 11:00:42 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Neal Masuda	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose Bill [SB3196](#). Why does the definition of an "Assult Weapon" ONLY refer to firearms. An "Assult Weapon" should also be associated to devices like a kitchen knife, vehicle, or even a hammer. Do we ban these devices also? NO. Banning certain weapons (firearms) such as the labeled "Assult Rifles" DO NOT curb gun violence. We are living in a world where mental health is a very big issue because of drugs in today's society. We should address these issues instead of again punishing the law abiding individules. I enjoy my shooting and hunting sports and I am now trying to pass this down to my son so that he too can enjoy what I have enjoyed all my life. I don't want to br the one to tell him that he cannot enjoy this sport this because some bureaucrat thinks that it is dangerous and viewed as an object to hurt people. I am trying to teach him the proper use of any type of firearm so that he may use these safely and responsibly. Please do not pass this bill it will make things much worse!

**Testimony in support of SB 3196**

Aloha nō,

My name is Amanda Ishida-Norton; I am pursuing my Master's in Social Work from the Thompson School of Social Work and Public Health at UH Mānoa. I strongly support SB 3196 relating to firearms. Gun violence has become an epidemic, ravishing America, and in recent years has increased in Hawai'i. The target for this violence has mainly been minority groups and our keiki. It is urgent that we take decisive action to enhance gun control measures in our state in order to promote public safety so that our community can live free from the threat of firearm-related harm. Mahalo for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amanda Ishida-Norton" with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Amanda Ishida-Norton, BSW, MSW Candidate

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 11:05:19 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Normand A Cote	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha JDC Committee  
Members,  
OPPOSED to  
SB3196.

I am STRONGLY

Please remember that the law abiding gunn owner is also part of Hawaii's culture. We respect the law and abide by the law. This is part of the reason Hawaii is 3rd best in gun violence, because we are good, honest hardworking people just like you! We just own firearms. We participate in sports shooting, hunting, self defense, and collecting various historic firearms as well.

Speaking of collecting, The "Nation of Hawaii's" firearms are one most collectable firearms in the world. Furthermore, I am a husband, father, uncle, friend, neighborm co-worker, small business owner, tax payer, legal drivers license owner, home owner, just like you. I just have a hobby and self defense interest as garunteed to me/us by the US Constitution.

PLease do not pass this terrible that only hurts me, a Law

Abiding  
Citizen.

Respectfully,  
Normand A

Cote  
Citizen

Law Abiding

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 11:08:10 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Elizabeth Nelson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support bans on assault weapons in Hawaii. I cringe to think of our state having a mass shooting at one of our schools, shopping centers, houses of worship. We just cannot allow that to happen.

Thank you,

Elizabeth Nelson

Kaneohe

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 11:09:45 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Thomas D. Higgins	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB 3196 as its a complete assault on my civil liberties and will be struck down in the Supreme Court in the near future like all of your gun bills are being struck down please stop this attack on our freedoms and be more productive withyour time

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 11:17:34 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Greg schaus	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose sb 3196

this bill only targets law abiding citizens it doesn't address violent criminals

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 11:23:04 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sam schaus	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose sb3196

there are already laws in place. This is in direct opposition to our second amendment rights. Focus on the consequences for violent criminals and rehabilitation instead.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 11:29:20 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ronald Ramos	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly oppose this bill sb3196. Violation of our 2nd amendment and only making good legal citizens that obey the laws. Criminals are Criminals and laws don't mean anything to them.  
Mahalos

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 11:30:01 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ken Nakakura	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Ken Nakakura. I am a hard working law abiding citizen. I enjoy firearms as recreation, as a hobby, and also for self defense and the protection of myself, my family and property.

I am AGAINST SB3196, and oppose all elements of SB3196 which are detrimental to me and all law abiding gun enthusiasts.

SB3196 will take away our ability to fully enjoy all aspects of our 2nd Amendment rights. Hawaii's already over prohibitive gun laws already prohibit me from buying some styles of guns that I would like to buy because they are unique, collectible, or just "cool" to have.

SB3196 would unconstitutionally add more guns to the list that I would not be allowed to buy. And in general make it harder and more tedious and or prohibitive to buy guns, to repair guns, to use guns recreationally, to overall enjoy the sport and hobby of guns. Not to mention SB3196 will hurt the businesses that depend on selling guns and accessories and repairing and customization by taking away significant amounts of sales and other business related to these styles of guns.

Don't demonize guns, and certain types of guns. And don't demonize law abiding gun owners and enthusiasts.

You like to label guns with negative names like "weapon" or "assault weapon." A gun is just a tool. A gun can be used for recreation, for hunting, for providing food, for self defense. It is not a "weapon" until it is used as a "weapon." You only focus on guns as "weapons" of crime. But 99.99% (maybe more) of lawful gun owners will never use their guns to commit a crime.

Focus your attention on getting guns out of the hands of criminals. The less than 1% that unlawfully use guns. Don't turn law abiding gun enthusiasts into criminals. And don't take away the rights of lawful gun owners/users to buy and enjoy whatever style of gun we are interested in.

I oppose all elements of SB3196 but I want emphasize a few points.

SB3196 sets out to ban all of the most popular firearms being sold. That takes away my 2nd Amendment rights to lawfully enjoy these types of guns, but also removes a major source of revenue from firearms business's.

It also makes it illegal to have a shroud or foregrip or handguard that would keep you from burning your hand when you hold the forward portion of the gun. Are you that cruel? That you have no regard for a gun owners safety, and that you think it is ok for us to burn our hand when using the gun. I hope that is not your intention.

In conclusion I want to stress that I am AGAINST SB3196 and I oppose all elements of SB3196.

I ask that you DO NOT pass SB3196.

Punish the criminals that unlawfully use guns to commit crimes.

Stop punishing the lawful gun owners.

Thank you,

Ken Nakakura

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**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 11:30:42 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Neal cypriano	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this unconstitutional bill

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 11:36:29 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Patti Cook	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**I SUPPORT SB3196. Just last week, a potentially deadly incident occurred right here in Waimea forcing one of our preschools to rush more than 30 children out of its classrooms thru a back gate into neighboring yards, away from a gun-waving man who proceeded to shoot out the glass windows of a nearby car.**

**Police locked down the street and effectively intervened, but WHY should our keiki, our teachers and school staff, our parents, grandparents and communities - and our first responders - be forced to live with this kind of fear and trauma? Hawai'i's gun safety laws are inadequate. We must close the gaps by banning assault rifles and other assault long guns as well as large capacity magazines (over 10 rounds) for these assault weapons.**

**There is no civilian need for these weapons and polls indicate a significant majority of Hawai'i residents favor stricter gun safety laws.**

**Imagine your pre-schooler being forced to run for their very life – and then having to live with this fear every day they go to school.**

**This is NOT the world we want our children to live in or inherit. Please expedite passage of SB3196.**

**Mahalo, Patti Cook 808-937-2833**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 11:40:57 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dexter	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Advocating for the banning of firearms in Hawaii as a means to reduce crime requires careful consideration of the unique context and challenges faced by the state. While public safety is a paramount concern, a blanket ban on firearms may not be the most effective solution.

Hawaii's geographic isolation presents distinctive circumstances that influence its crime dynamics. The state's isolated location may contribute to a lower incidence of certain crimes compared to mainland areas. Consequently, a firearm ban might not directly address the specific factors influencing crime rates in Hawaii.

Additionally, Hawaii has a strong cultural tradition of responsible firearm ownership, often tied to hunting, subsistence activities, and cultural practices. Imposing a ban without acknowledging and respecting this cultural context could face resistance and may not be well-received by the local community. A more effective strategy might involve engaging with the community, fostering responsible gun ownership, and implementing targeted measures to address any specific issues contributing to crime.

Furthermore, the focus should extend beyond firearms to address the underlying social determinants of crime. Investing in education, social services, and mental health support can have a meaningful impact on crime reduction. Rather than a one-size-fits-all approach, tailoring interventions to the unique challenges faced by different communities within Hawaii is crucial for success.

In conclusion, a nuanced and context-aware approach is essential when considering firearm policies in Hawaii. Understanding the cultural, geographical, and social factors at play can guide the development of more effective strategies to reduce crime. Balancing the need for public safety with the preservation of cultural values and community engagement is key to fostering a secure and harmonious environment in the Aloha State.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 11:41:04 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chuck Lyons	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am opposed to SB3196 in its entirety, as it is currently written.

There are some aspects that could use more debate before settling on a compromise, but as it is currently written, including the schedule for implementation, is not acceptable to the citizens of the United States, nor should be to the residents of Hawaii.

Hawaii has a commendable low level of gun violence *with its existing laws*. Additionally, the majority of firearm deaths were from suicides, and the majority of firearm violations were drug related. Neither is a factor in Hawaii that should prompt this further restriction on the average law-abiding citizen's rights for ownership of guns.

I oppose SB3196 as it is currently written. I would encourage a bi-partisan revisit of SB3196 to provide a fair and reasonable assessment for possible future legislative action.

Chuck Lyons

Kona

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 11:43:04 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jake	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I appose this bill

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 11:49:11 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Misae Wela	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is unconstitutional under the Hawaii State Constitution and the United States Constitution.

Criminals do not obey the law and they will ignore your new laws. Criminals cannot legally purchase firearms and they obtain them by various means.

- Illegal underground sales
- Bought, borrowed, traded, or rented from friends or family
- Gifts
- Purchased by another individual for them
- Theft
- From their victims
- From the scene of a crime

Concentrating on prosecution and imprisonment of those guilty of firearms related offenses would be more effective than harassment and infringement on the rights of innocents Americans.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 11:52:08 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kekoa alani	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB3196 is a clear infringement upon the second amendment. I completely disagree with creating more laws that will only affect the law abiding citizens of this state. It is completely ridiculous to believe that the criminals in this state will comply to these new laws. The only people who will comply will be the law abiding, safe, responsible and accountable citizens. Therefore the criminals will have yet another layer of extra features and banned items that they will use against the rest of hawaii population. It's already difficult to be a hard working American/Hawaii citizen in times like these, inflation, housing prices, cost of living, natural disasters, and all the extra people moving here, then add on all the crime lately people need to be able to protect themselves, family, and property from people that wish to do harm. SB3196 will only add to the problems not make them better. Criminals don't follow laws, law abiding citizens do.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 11:53:29 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Chad Teixeira	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Opposition Testimony to Hawaii Bill SB3196

Honorable Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Hawaii Bill SB3196, which proposes significant amendments to existing firearm regulations in our state. While I fully support efforts to promote public safety, I believe that this bill, if enacted, would unjustly infringe upon the rights of law-abiding citizens and fail to effectively address the underlying issues related to gun violence.

Below are several key points outlining my concerns:

**Violation of Second Amendment Rights:** The proposed expansion of the definition of assault weapons and the imposition of new restrictions on firearm ownership represent a clear infringement on the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens. The right to keep and bear arms is a fundamental constitutional freedom that should be upheld and respected.

**Failure to Address Root Causes of Violence:** While the bill aims to enhance public safety, it fails to address the root causes of gun violence in our communities. Instead of targeting law-abiding gun owners, policymakers should focus on comprehensive solutions that address mental health issues, socio-economic disparities, and access to illegal firearms by criminals.

**Impact on Responsible Gun Owners:** The proposed restrictions on firearm possession, sale, and transfer would disproportionately impact responsible gun owners who use firearms for lawful purposes such as self-defense, hunting, and recreational shooting. These individuals should not be penalized for the actions of a few criminals.

**Burden on Law Enforcement and Military:** The bill's exceptions for members of law enforcement and the military create an unnecessary burden on these individuals, who already undergo rigorous training and background checks to responsibly handle firearms. Imposing additional restrictions on their access to certain firearms is unwarranted and counterproductive.

**Lack of Evidence-Based Approach:** There is insufficient evidence to support the efficacy of the proposed measures in reducing gun violence. Instead of relying on knee-jerk reactions and political rhetoric, policymakers should prioritize evidence-based solutions that are proven to effectively address the underlying issues contributing to firearm-related crimes.

In conclusion, Hawaii Bill SB3196 represents a misguided and overly restrictive approach to firearm regulation that undermines the constitutional rights of law-abiding citizens while failing to address the root causes of gun violence. I urge you to reject this bill and instead focus on implementing comprehensive, evidence-based solutions that promote public safety without infringing on individual liberties.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Chad Teixeira

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 11:56:26 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jessie Mae Teixeira	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Jessie Mae Teixeira

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 11:57:31 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Chris Wikoff	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am against SB3196 for the following reasons. SB3196 is an outrageous assault on our Rights as United States Citizens to keep and bear arms under the Constitution of the United States of America. Members of the Senate of the great State of Hawai'i that proffered SB3196 should be ashamed for writing it and proffering it to this point.

All members of the Senate of the Great State of Hawai'i should immediately recognize their error and unanimously vote against it as it in no way improves the safety of the citizens of the State. It is clear that the intent is actually to destroy the Second Amendment Rights of the citizens of the State and the ability for the gun industry to exist in the State. The intent is dishonorable and a disgusting overreach of power that is not imbued in the laws of the State or the U.S.A.

However, I am most concerned that those responsible for this horrendous attempt to strip citizens of the State of their God given Right to keep and bear arms will be unable to recognize their shame. Otherwise, they would immediately resign their position in the Senate to an honorable and patriotic replacement to take up their seat in Senate.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 12:04:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
RONALD	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I would Like to do a in person testimony with the people who wrote thise bill. Wakai, Rhodes, keohokalole, Kidani, shimabukuro, moriwaki.

I am tired of trying to do a testimony in front of the officer who doesn't write these Hitler Bills and Laws. Officer only enforces the law given to them so us speaking to them is useless. As a Law biden citizen I refuse to lose my rights as american citizen because I did nothing wrong. From my understanding, you lose your rights due to being a criminal or doing a criminal act. I believe the People, law biden citizen, deserve the right to speak to Bill writers and law passer. What have we done wrong for you to keep bullying us, pushing us around and being punished for the crime that we did not do? If I am going to give up my time for this in person testimony I hope those people who are writing these bill would do their same. Because They are in position to serve the people, for the people.

thank you!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 12:04:54 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Edward Arakaki	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Gun laws in Hawaii are too strict as is, why are you wasting time and effort with more gun laws. Don't you think homeless problems should be solved?

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 12:12:15 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sandi Lyn Cabreira	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Sandi Lyn Cabreira, and I oppose SB3196. The way this bill is written, I truly believe it aims at criminalizing good, law abiding citizens. For example, If I am the legal owner of a pistol longer than 12 inches, I will be breakig the law, once this law passes. And for what? The criminals will not register their guns, so they will not be affected! As an avid hunter, I need a variety of firearms, for a variety of game that I hunt in Hawaii, as well as other states. Aside from hunting, my firearms are to protect myself, and my family. I am a mother of 10, and I understand that I am my own First Responder. If I, or my family is threatened with death, how long will it take the police to get to us? How can they protect us from afar? It is my constitutiional right to bear arms. Hawaii has no authrotiy to take my rights away, and infringe on my freedoms. Especially when the highest court in our land, the US Supreme Court, has already ruled that it is our constitutional right to bear arms. How is Hawaii able to ignore the US Supreme court? That is illegal. This bill needs to be opposed. Hawaii cannot afford the law suits that will follow the passing of such an unconstitutional bill. Mahalo.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 12:14:56 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ashley de Coligny	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am a resident of Kaneohe and a mother of two, and I am writing in strong support of SB3196. We all want to raise our keiki in safe communities, and assault weapons have no place in our Aloha State. Please keep families and communities in mind while supporting strong, common-sense gun safety measures, and not bowing to a handful of gun enthusiasts. The vast majority of Hawaii residents want to feel secure with common sense gun safety measures. Thank you.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 12:20:27 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Charles Wakeman	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am opposed to this bill as it is unconstitutional and infringes on citizens right to bear arms. The concern about violence is as always a legitimate one but this does nothing to curb violence. I feel the focus should be on preventing our citizens from getting to a point where violence is an option. This can be achieved through mental health outreach, availability of well paying jobs, mentorship, and education. The temptation is to reach for the low hanging fruit and tighten rules on citizens who are already willing to follow requests. I feel this section of society has done its part above and beyond and now it's time for our leaders to focus on policing bad actors and this not willing to follow the rules already in place.

Mahalo for your time,

Charles Wakeman

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 12:21:41 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ernesto Noblejas	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 1:49:50 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Howard Faria	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I'm strongly against SB3196.

As written this bill will make most law-abiding gun owners automatic felons upon implementation and does nothing to reduce the problem we're seeing with gun violence. SB3146 has all the earmarks of being another knee-jerk reaction by legislators who follow the excuses being spread by the media instead of finding a solution that does not infringe on the rights of law-abiding citizens whom they are supposed to be representing. The passage of this bill would again welcome lawsuits that will cost us the taxpayers of Hawaii. Why would you want to do that when we know SB3196 cannot be justified and is a clear violation of the Second Amendment and recent court rulings.

While I would be willing to support a bill that would help stop the gun violence in our country, this bill does not move us toward that goal. So, I must respectfully ask you to vote NO on SP3196.

Thank you for the ability to testify.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 12:43:13 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gregory FRIEL	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose the further erosion of our Constitutional Rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 12:46:22 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
KELVIN AWAYA	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am submitting my written testimony in strong opposition to SB3196. This being for a number of reasons:

First of all, this is a direct infringement on all citizens of the United States. Per the SCOTUS ruling in Bruen vs NYSRPA which was ruled on 06/23/22. It was decided by SCOTUS that the laws were in fact unlawful and unconstitutional. It was also stated that subsequent laws regarding the 2nd amendment must demonstrate through analog laws in or before 1791 and be consistent with both the how and why such laws were adopted by the founders. That of which this proposed statute demonstrates neither. That being said all states that were following or in alignment with New York state were found to be in the wrong, and ordered to abide by the SCOTUS ruling. Mind you, SCOTUS is the highest of all courts in the United States, so they hold precedence over all lower courts.

This proposed bill infringes upon our 2nd amendment right as a citizen of the United States, the same of which NYSRPA did, and also raises serious concerns regarding violations of the 13th and 14th amendments as well.

2nd amendment protection:

The 2nd amendment of the United States Constitution unequivocally guarantees the right of citizens the right to keep and bear arms. This is a fundamental right and is essential to the preservation of individual liberty, self-defense, the ability of citizens to protect themselves, their families, loved ones, and their communities. An attempt to impose this bill directly infringes upon this constitutional right, an inalienable right.

13th amendment implications:

section 1: neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

This bill would also be interpreted as a violation of the 13th amendment, which abolished slavery and involuntary servitude. The right to bear arms is directly intertwined with the concept of self-

defense and individual autonomy. Restricting/denying individuals the ability to possess firearms would abolish a citizens ability to defend themselves against threats, which would ultimately leave them vulnerable to harm and oppression.

14th amendment implications:

section 1: All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside. No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

In addition the 14th amendment also guarantees equal protection under the law and prohibits states from depriving any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of the law. Imposing this bill without proper justification or consideration of any individuals rights would run counter to the principles of due process and equal protection of the law.

Commerce blocking:

(a)

Whoever in any way or degree obstructs, delays, or affects [commerce](#) or the movement of any article or commodity in [commerce](#), by [robbery](#) or [extortion](#) or attempts or conspires so to do, or commits or threatens physical violence to any person or property in furtherance of a plan or purpose to do anything in violation of this section shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than twenty years, or both.

(b)As used in this section—(1)

The term “[robbery](#)” means the unlawful taking or obtaining of personal property from the person or in the presence of another, against his will, by means of actual or threatened force, or violence, or fear of injury, immediate or future, to his person or property, or property in his custody or possession, or the person or property of a relative or member of his family or of anyone in his company at the time of the taking or obtaining.

(2)

The term “[extortion](#)” means the obtaining of property from another, with his consent, induced by wrongful use of actual or threatened force, violence, or fear, or under color of official right.

(3)

The term “[commerce](#)” means [commerce](#) within the District of Columbia, or any Territory or Possession of the United States; all [commerce](#) between any point in a State, Territory, Possession, or the District of Columbia and any point outside thereof; all [commerce](#) between points within the same State through any place outside such State; and all other [commerce](#) over which the United States has jurisdiction.

(c)

This section shall not be construed to repeal, modify or affect [section 17 of Title 15](#), sections 52, 101–115, 151–166 of Title 29 or sections 151–188 of Title 45.

## **[15 U.S. Code § 17 - Antitrust laws not applicable to labor organizations](#)**

It would crush a number of local businesses and put owners in a bind. These people have their businesses to support their families, their livelihoods.

Lastly, this is a blatant/flagrant foul and dis-service to the constituents by the officials who are backing/advocating for this bill. All those that are assigned to this proposal are clearly not upholding their oath to that of which they swore to, which is to serve the people. Remember, you are public servants, elected by the people to serve the people. You work for us, not yourselves. The people have spoken, and you do not have the right to go against the people due to difference of opinion, beliefs, values, or to promote/escalate your political careers/positions.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michael Kodani	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I object to the term Assault that is used throughout the bill. There is no such firearm. I believe the description assault weapon/firearm was created by the media to make certain rifles "scarier" to the public. I take great offense in the use of the word.

I also object to the bill itself. I'm a a law abiding citizen of Hawaii. I grew up hunting with my dad and have always taken care to do the right thing. My rifles are locked in a gun safe, and ammo is stored in another area of the house. All of my firearms are registered. Passing of this bill will make it illegal to use some of my rifles again, much less sell them to anyone. Will the State be compensating me for making me a criminal if I ever use it again? I don't think so. You keep making it harder and harder for the law abiding gun owners by passing these bills. Do you think these bills will make it harder for the criminals to aquire guns? Of course not! They're criminals and don't give a rip about laws anyway. Like the law that the Governor signed last year regarding gun registration, all you're doing is making it harder and harder for the ones that follow the rules. What do you think will happen? Less people will bother trying to find an approved firearms instructor and you're going to have more and more unregistered firearms.

I don't get it. Please stop making it harder for those of us who are law abiding citizens. Don't make us into criminals just because we own a firearm.

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Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
John Harper	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I hardly have the words to describe how bad this bill is, the rifles & pistols in this bill are not assault anything, they are nothing more than semi auto firearms! Hawaii does not have a semi auto firearm problem because the gun owners use them responsibly, this bill will only make for a lot of confusion and persecute the lawful gun owner not to mention trampling on our constitutional 2nd amendment GOD given right! anyone voting for this bill should hang their head in shame! I'm going to keep track of who votes for this and come election time will do my best to campaign and vote against them!

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Submitted on: 2/22/2024 12:58:55 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Scott Choy	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. It is unconstitutional and will not hold up in court in accordance with the Miller ("in common use") and the Bruen (text, history and tradition) Supreme Court cases.

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Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Keith Kawamoto	Testifying for Mid-Pacific Pistol League	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TESTIMONY ON SB3196, IN STRONG OPPOSITION

Before the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair

Senator Brandon Elefante, Vice Chair

February 23, 2024, Conference Room 225

Honorable Chair, Co Chair, and Members,

My name is Keith Kawamoto and I am the president of the Mid-Pacific Pistol League, Inc. MPPPL is a non-profit organization created to provide a safe venue for competition at the State, National and International level. MPPL’s members strongly oppose this bill. Our club members participate in the internationally recognized sport of Practical Pistol Shooting (IPSC). This bill, if it becomes a law will make criminals of law-abiding sportsmen who seek nothing else but to perfect their personal performance using the the most current technology of the time.

Once more as lawmakers you should consider the futility of legislation against an inanimate object, a tool, rather than addressing the criminal. A ban on firearm types or magazine limitations will effect the legal firearm owner, while doing little, if anything to curtail the actions of the criminal. Hawaii has been under a handgun magazine limit and assault “pistol ban”for decades, yet you would be hard pressed to show how it has significantly lowered our crime rate. If anything magazine capacity and other firearm violations are simply additional charges for individuals who have already committed a crime. Further more, this bill, if passed into law, would make criminals of otherwise law abiding citizens.

I applaud the Senators attempt to curb crime in Hawaii, but surely legislation directed at the criminal would be more efficient than this bill directed at an inanimate object or the legal, law - abiding sportsman.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Keith Kawamoto

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Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Stephen Medeiros	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

IAW the Second Amendment Rights. That Shall Not Be INFRINGED. This bill does in fact INFRINGED my Rights to Bears Arms, to protect myself ,Family, Property and Others.

Hence what you have stated in this Bill SB3196 is that you are ripping away all tools used in self Defense against Criminals and/or a Tyrannical Government. Criminals don't care about Laws put Forth. Yet you want to DisArm the Law Abiding Citizens.

Each item listed in this bill is a common use for Gun Owners to have. Magazines are what is issued with the handgun rifle and some shotguns. Limited to 10 rounds is another INFRINGEMENT. Criminals will carry a lot of ammunition. Yet you are still wanting to Bind us with only 10 rounds.

So in conclusion. I OPPOSED any and all actions regarding of this Bill, SB3196.

Remember your Oath to Office. That you swore to Support Protect the Constitution of the United States, The Hawaii Constitution. Which includes all Amendments. The Bill of Rights.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2024 1:08:19 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kasey	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose

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Submitted on: 2/22/2024 1:10:46 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tyler Sato	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this Bill based on the wording and premise of its contents. This Bill appears to infringe on the 2nd amendment rights allowed to all citizens of this Country. Additionally, it appears that this is targeting law abiding gun owners who legally own their firearms, and is not focused on the current problem of illegally obtained firearms and allowing those with any mental health issues to obtain firearms. Again, I oppose this Bill.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2024 1:10:52 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Scott Pae	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

I oppose this bill and hope you vote against it. I am born and raised here in Hawaii and a healthcare professional. I hope if I decide I want to purchase a rifle for sport or hunting, I will be able to do so. This bill will do nothing for the safety of the people. It's the criminals and mentally unstable that we should be focusing our time and resources on. Firearms are not bad, it's the people who use said firearms to do bad things are the problem. How do we fix the problem is what we should be talking about, not trying to ban firearms.

Thank you for your time,

Scott Pae

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Submitted on: 2/22/2024 1:14:23 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
N	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Honorable members of this community I do not support this bill. This is an overreach of the government that is a violation of our second amendment rights. It will also impact Law abiding citizens and businesses. These kind of bills have already been ruled against in federal court on the mainland.As being unconstitutional And in over reach of power. I humbly ask you to vote, no on this bill. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2024 1:16:54 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
anthony padilla	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose

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Submitted on: 2/22/2024 1:28:58 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Josh johansen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Have you guys thought about making Murder and Suicide illegal? Instead of banning firearms?

Just trying to think outside the box.

Also, the second amendment is not about hunting or target practice. It is there to empower citizens to fight their government when they try to take away the rights of the people they represent. Like banning firearms.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Joshua Rafael	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

May you be reminded that you took an oath of office to uphold our constitutional rights, not coming up with different interpretations of them.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2024 1:41:48 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jonathan Taoka	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Opposition to SB3196

It is becoming more and more worrying that our elected officials continue to try erode the foundation of our country by attacking the constitution. The 2nd Amendment gives teeth to all of our other constitutional rights. Many of our law makers are quick to weaken the legal citizens of America by continually infringing on many of our rights. What is more worrying is the defiance and disregard of our state in regards to the decisions of the United State Supreme Court (SCOTUS). Because there are blatant attempts to circumvent SOCTUS it must mean our law makers believe they know better than the people who are experts at protecting the United States Constitution. It is also extremely irresponsible for our tax dollars to keep passing laws that will continually be contested because they are unconstitutional. If law makers pass these laws why are we not holding them responsible for all of the legal bills to get maintain or regain our constitutional rights. I have never asked to have my rights infringed upon yet it seems like it happens every year so why are my tax dollars being used to take away my rights and then used again to try and get them back?

Restricting law abiding citizens does nothing to prevent criminals from conducting criminal acts. It restricts our 2nd Amendment rights and our ability to protect our families by putting law abiding citizens at a disadvantage. "Assault weapons" and "assault pistols" are terms coined by fear mongers to prevent law abiding citizens from having legal access to ergonomic and easier to use firearms to protect themselves. Almost everyone who has used a firearm would agree that firing a pistol is significantly harder than a shouldered weapon. Law abiding citizens are responsible for every round that leaves their firearm. Making it easier for law abiding citizens to put rounds where they are supposed to go is common sense. Making it easier for law abiding citizens to protect themselves is common sense. Making law abiding citizens more intimidating to criminals makes common sense. Why are we talking about "common sense gun laws" when we are not making common sense decisions? The majority of people on the island are law abiding citizens so why are we restricting the majority? Why are the majority of people who served our country by putting their lives at risk against these types of laws? Many of these laws that exists and are being proposed just don't make any sense.

Yes, crimes are committed with firearms with certain features like the AR-15 but this is because of the quantity of these rifles that are being legally used in the United States. This is the same as saying personal motor vehicles should be banned because they are responsible for the majority of vehicle deaths in America.

As far as magazine capacity this does not make any sense. Again, criminals do not obey laws. That is why they are criminals. Limiting the capacity of law abiding citizens empowers criminals even further.

Finally, the 2nd Amendment is not only to protect our families but it is to protect against tyrannical governments which includes our own government. Further infringing on our rights empowers a tyrannical police state. If the 2nd Amendment is completely eroded what is to stop all of our other constitutional rights from being removed?

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Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Brian Cabreira	Testifying for Firearms Instructor - NRA and USCCA	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Do your own research. Since the federal law expired in 2004, how many deaths from these particular firearms were there in Hawaii? Look up the facts for yourself, not copy & paste some over inflated number. Seperate suicide and homicide. Then look up vehicle related deaths on the islands. Your statements and numbers are skewed to fit your agenda. You are wasting time, effort, and tax payer dollars; instead of focusing on real issues. In 2020 when, the year everthing shut down; 15 gun realted homicides occured and 85 vehicle related deaths occured. Check every year, same pattern, and none of these firearms were used.

I have instructed several hundred students over a decade as a professional instructor. Many of these people own these types of firearms for sporting, home defense, or hunting. Some of us have kids or grandchildren, we'd like to teach and pass our firearms down to. Some of these children will also want to protect this Nation in the Armed Forces. As a Veteran and a father of 6 sons, I want my sons prepared well before they make that choice to go.

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Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Taylor Kaaumoana	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB3196. Amend SB3196 to not include

Firearms; Assault Rifles; Assault Shotguns; Assault Pistols; Assault Weapon Attachments;

.50 Caliber Rifles; Magazine Capacity; Prohibition. Strike out

Firearms; Assault Rifles; Assault Shotguns; Assault Pistols; Assault Weapon Attachments;

.50 Caliber Rifles; Magazine Capacity; Prohibition.

I am requesting as a community member who has expressed safety with CCW and firearms in multiple states. Please defer this bill SB3196.

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Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
alex redeker	Testifying for Maui Ammo Gun Supply	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloho my name is Alex,

I am a NRA training counselor its my job to help develop the knowledge skills and attitude necessary to create new effective trainers. We believe that one person has the ability to affect an organization or infect and organization.

I strongly oppose this bill,

Simply banning firearms without giving humans the ability to be educated and demonstrate their ability to be educated Honestly defeats the entire purpose of the department of education and all the funding that is put at that.

Unfortunately, there was no thought process put into this law. It's just simply banned everything and rely on being sued. We need to look at correctional reform as well as other institutional problems that are plaguing society not punishing those who do follow the law.

I challenge you as lawmakers to look at all aspects of it and have Faith in education.

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Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Melissa Andrade	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill

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Submitted on: 2/22/2024 2:11:14 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Steven Ayars	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is totally against the law and constitution of this country. It is our second amendment rights to bear arms and when weapons are taken from law abiding citizens then the only people that will have them are criminals. If you think the law abiding citizens are going to take this lying down you are sadly mistaken we will vote you out and we will take this to the Supreme Court and if you think the citizens of this country will forget what you're trying to do you are very very wrong!!!!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 3:56:09 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mike Harrington	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose bill SB3196.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2024 2:13:18 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Joseph Cordero	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

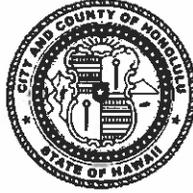
Comments:

I oppose SB3196

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February 23, 2024

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Judiciary  
State Senate  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 016  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Rhoads and Members:

**SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 3196, Relating to Firearms**

I am Carlene Lau, Acting Major of the Records and Identification Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD appreciates the intent of Senate Bill No. 3196, Relating to Firearms, and offers the following comments and concerns.

The HPD is aware that the prohibition of certain assault weapons and assault weapon attachments are necessary and support the existing language contained in Hawai'i Revised Statutes Section 134-8, Ownership, etc., of automatic firearms, silencers, etc., prohibited; penalties; and Section 134-8.5, Bump fire stock, multiburst trigger activator, or trigger crank; prohibition.

The HPD has concerns with the broad language of this bill. While the prohibition on certain types of firearms is clear, the language and meaning of permanently disabling an inherited weapon is unclear. Violations of this nature cannot be enforced without a clear definition of "permanently disabled."

The HPD also suggests further clarity in the bill's language pertaining to a law enforcement officer's ability to purchase and own these weapons while off duty and during training exercises and the ability to maintain ownership into retirement.

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Judiciary  
February 23, 2024  
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Thank you for your consideration of our concerns regarding Senate Bill  
No. 3196, Relating to Firearms, and the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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Carlene Lau, Acting Major  
Records and Identification Division

APPROVED:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Arthur J. Logan', written over a horizontal line.

Arthur J. Logan  
Chief of Police

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Travis Kalanikau	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Houzit It shouldn't be banned cause a lot of Hawaiians use these tools to gather and put food on the table when people are in hard times and taking away our second amendment right is gonna hurt a lot of businesses and this bill will destroy not only the right to bear arms but many businesses and related industries as well.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2024 2:21:43 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Teagan Weeks	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB3196. This bill is just a tiny step toward infringing on our constitutional rights.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2024 2:31:36 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Aukai sambueno	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2024 2:31:56 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
David Kim	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed bill that seeks to significantly expand the existing assault weapons ban in Hawaii. While I understand the importance of ensuring public safety, I believe that this bill goes too far and infringes upon the rights of law-abiding citizens.

Firstly, the expansion of the assault weapons ban to include a wide range of firearms, including semi-automatic rifles with detachable magazines, assault rifles, assault shotguns, and .50 caliber rifles, is overly broad and unjust. Banning firearms based solely on their appearance or technical features does not address the root causes of gun violence and unfairly penalizes responsible gun owners.

Furthermore, the proposed ban on high-capacity magazines capable of holding more than ten rounds fails to consider legitimate uses of such magazines, such as self-defense and competitive shooting. Restricting law-abiding citizens from owning these magazines will not prevent criminals from obtaining them through illegal means.

Additionally, the prohibition on the importation and transfer of assault rifles and shotguns into the state would severely limit the rights of gun owners who wish to travel with their firearms. This restriction disproportionately affects law-abiding citizens who may rely on firearms for personal protection or recreational purposes.

While the bill includes exceptions for members of law enforcement, it fails to acknowledge the equal rights of civilians to protect themselves and their families. Allowing certain individuals to possess prohibited firearms while denying others the same privilege is discriminatory and unjust.

In conclusion, I urge the Hawaii State Legislature to reconsider this proposed bill and instead focus on implementing targeted measures that address the root causes of gun violence without infringing upon the constitutional rights of law-abiding citizens. Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,  
David Kim



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Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jamie Irie	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I do not support this bill. I feel strongly that it infringes on every American's Second Constitutional right.

And on a secondary note, this bill will only result in wasted taxpayer dollars that could be used to address other more pressing issues in our state.

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Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Keao Yuen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Keao Yuen. I grew up on a shrimp farm on the island of Molokai, hunting, fishing, and using firearms on an almost daily basis for damage control and subsistence purpose.

I have lived on the Big Island since 2001, and firearms have continued to be a large part of my life.

In that time i have come to know many other shooters, hunters and businesses owners, as well as people whos only intrest is protecting themselves and their loved ones.

I stand in opposition of this bill because it would seriously harm the lives of those people, and indirectly others around them.

The rifles and shotguns that are proposed to be made illegal are the most popular firearms sold today, removing them from the inventory of local shops would harm our economy and all of the people involved.

It would further remove our ability purchase, train with and deploy, the most effective tools with which we have to defend ourselves, our familys, and our rights, underboth the state and federal constitution.

I also feel that it is in direct opposition to the federal 2nd amendment; for the above stated reasons, and for the fact that removing the ability to train and practice on state land greatly imposes on our ability to offer a well regulated militia.

Furthermore, as im sure others will attest to, these new laws do nothing to further prevent the illegal acquisition and use of illegal weapons.

The reason being, that there already laws on the books to prevent the illegal purchase or acquisition and improper use of firearms if any type. If they are not proving effective, then these proposals will likewise be ineffective, EXCEPT as an attempt to penalize and abuse lawful firearms owners.

Thank you for your time, Mahalo nui loa

Keao Yuen

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 2:35:40 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Richard A. Godfrey	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose bill SB3196. It violates our 2nd Amendment, and is poorly written, (on purpose). Hawaii has the lowest rate of gun deaths per capita in the nation. Fix our homeless problem and the rail, and leave our 2nd Amendment alone.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 2:37:12 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kailikea Shayler	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB3196! THIS BILL WILL NOT PROTECT CITIZENS FROM THOSE THAT WISH TO DO HARM. THIS BILL WILL REMOVE THE RIGHT OF CITIZENS TO ARM AND PROTECT THEMSELVES AS THEY SEE FIT FOR THEIR PERSONS. THOSE THAT WISH TO DO HARM WILL FIND A WAY NO MATTER IF THESE GUNS ARE LEGAL OR ILLEGAL. As a hunter we use ARs sometimes due to the caliber for hunting and eradication efforts.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 2:40:11 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
James Juan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose sb 3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 2:40:27 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dana Veincent	Testifying for Hawaii Hunters	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha I am the owner/operator of Hawaii Hunters here on Maui and I DO NOT support this bill and the way it is written.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 2:48:44 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Hien ung	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello members of the committee, thank you for taking time to look at my testimony. I do not support this bill due to the fact that measures like this has fail in the nation. This is a waste of time and energy at tax payer money. California has tried this and these laws has been over turn in the 9th circuit. Why are we making law that would be unconstitutional and had been prove to be overturn in higher courts? I would like to bring up the matter of making the people criminals over night if this dose pass as there is no clause in there that would protect those who have them already. Will you make them criminals overnight? If you force a confiscation of said wepean the government has to compensate the people fair market value for those items. With over a milion guns that would be taken away at the average price of \$500 that would be 500 million dollars minimum. We don't have that kind of money in our state to make these type of feel good laws. Will this reduce crime? Will this make Hawaii safe? I dont think so. If you ask HPD what are the current guns recovered in crime scene they would tell you that would be ghost guns. Why not make harsher punishment for those caught using ghost guns ? That you be a better use of our tax payer money.  
Thank you for your time.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 2:58:29 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tracey Lambe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

*I'm urging you to protect Hawai'i residents like me, my family, my neighbors and everyone in Hawaii from gun violence by voting yes on SB 3196 to prohibit all assault weapons and magazines with over ten rounds. They're designed to kill as many people as possible, and there's no reason they should be in our communities. Please pass this bill.*

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 3:00:39 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
James Tockerman	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this unconstitutional bill

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 3:03:49 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
James Edwards	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I believe that our current host of firearm related laws have proven to be effective. Further limits on ones right to protect themselves is a harm to the community.

It is the aloha of the people that prevent us from harming each other, not the restrictions of government.

We are also a vulnerable state in terms of geopolitics. To disarm Hawaii is to leave us dangerously exposed as a society.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 3:15:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Peter Labrador	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I would like to begin my testimony by quoting the Father of this country in regard to the right to bear arms.

“A free people ought not only to be armed and disciplined, but they should have sufficient arms and ammunition to maintain a status of independence from anyone who might attempt to abuse them, which would include their own government.”

-George Washington

This is the true purpose of the Second Amendment. Those who speak of the this right referring to hunting do so out of either ignorance or out of an attempt to further an anti-second amendment agenda. The proposals initiated in the past few weeks are a blatant violation of the Constitutional rights of law abiding American Citizens and residents of the state of Hawaii.

I oppose SB3196 relating to firearms. This proposal will promote further criminal activity by providing criminals a working database to focus their efforts on obtaining firearms in an unlawful manner. I oppose any bill that would further erroneously define a semi-automatic rifle as an “assault weapon,” based on semi-automatic capability. Elected officials who refuse to acknowledge that criminals do not concern themselves with laws of a civil society, but yet continue to push for the rights of law abiding citizens to be taken away are power hungry individuals seeking control disguised as public servants.

Respectfully,

Peter Labrador

Lahaina, Maui

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 3:25:21 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Susan Shaheen Mulkern	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, Sen. Rhoads & Sen. Gabbard,

I OPPOSE this bill as it is poorly drafted and expansive in such a fashion that so-called “features” could be left open to interpretation. Most owned rifles, handguns and shotguns are not considered “assault pistols”. The wording in your bill is unclear and can lead to misclassification of these tools for self-protection.

Please do not pass this bill.

Respectfully,

Susan Mulkern

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 3:31:03 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Robert Vandertuin	Testifying for NRA	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB 3196

This should not be a legislation issue. Having attachments, an extended handguard or pistol grips are all a matter of design, nothing more. Detaching a magazine requires an action to remove (it does not happen automatically) it is safe. All rifle and pistol attachments are not dangerous, they are popular to provide better aesthetics. No problem exist with attachments for pistol or rifle. .

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 3:39:04 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dustin Cabral	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose bill SB3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 3:42:47 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
bronson fune	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196 as it completely infringes our 2nd amendment right of the UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 3:59:24 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jason Shimazu	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. This is not written with great care or in compliance with our constitutional rights.  
mahalo.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 4:04:09 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<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 opposition to this bill as it is clearly unconstitutional and infringing on our 2nd amendment rights. The language in this bill also demonizes guns and implies that guns of this nature is only used for terror acts.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 4:05:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Bunnie Harrington	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in opposition of bill SB3196. The bill as written, is against our constitutional rights which is directly what every representative was sworn in to uphold. Unfortunately, Hawai'i is over governing again.

If this bill passes, criminals will still have these firearms, and law abiding citizens won't. How does that make sense? I have done all the classes, and practical training in order to own firearms in Hawai'i. Why take away from those who do things the correct way? There are thousands of illegal firearms in the county of Hawai'i, let alone the state. By creating laws like SB 3196, it is disarming those law abiding citizens like myself, and leaving only criminals and law enforcement armed. In the Puna area of Hawai'i, we have such a shortage of police with such a high crime rate. Many of these criminals are armed with yes, illegal weapons. This bill will not disarm criminals! I have also call in to Joy San Buenaventura's office stating my strong opposition to this bill. I hope that those representatives voting on this bill takes into consideration their constituents opposition to this bill.

Education in firearms would be helpful for those whom think guns are the issue. A community without morals and value is the problem here.

Thank you,

Bunnie

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 4:06:02 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Monique Perreira	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Stongly opposethis bill. This is our constitutional right. The "Aloha Spirit" is not a weapon!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 4:09:32 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Frederick Perreira	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

strongly oppose this bill. Unconstitutional.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 4:10:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jessica Ripp	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I enjoy going to the gun range and do not support this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 4:18:46 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Brett Kulbis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB-3196.

This is a clear violation of the Second Amendment.

In an article by Amy Swearer, Senior Legal Fellow in the Edwin Meese III Center for Legal and Judicial Studies at The Heritage Foundation, titled "Answering Policymakers' Most Common Questions (And Debunking Their Most Common Misconceptions) About Gun Policy."

She concludes, "Gun control advocates have imbued the national conversation on gun violence with standard talking points that seemingly play out on repeat. These talking points are almost universally based on misunderstandings of the actual problems and therefore rarely have any real capacity to meaningfully address those problems or increase the general public safety. At the same time, they almost universally undermine the fundamental constitutional rights of peaceable, law-abiding Americans. It is well past time for policymakers to move on from these "solutions"—which at best give only a veneer of having "just done something" about gun violence—and at worst threaten to exacerbate existing problems."

<https://www.heritage.org/firearms/report/answering-policymakers-most-common-questions-and-debunking-their-most-common>

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 4:47:36 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
LAmom	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this proposed legislation which seeks to arbitrarily ban the vast majority of commonly used firearms. This measure is unconstitutional and restricts law-abiding citizens' rights to bear contemporary firearms for legitimate purposes. Criminals are not affected as by definition they do not obey laws in the first place. Example: Crystal methamphetamine is illegal but there is widespread use. Marijuana recreational use is also a problem. Furthermore, not locking up shoplifters, car thieves/hijackers, road-ragers, and those who rob/burglarize our homes is also a serious problem. All of these people carry firearms and will not adhere to any law you create.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 4:55:06 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Micah Kleinhans	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE THIS BILL. not only is it a blatant infringement on the 2nd amendment (set forth by the Supreme Court's decision on Bruen) and turn every law abiding citizen in Hawaii into felons and victims. Every gun shop will also be affected, waste taxpayers money.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 4:55:15 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Aaron Nakanishi	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am against and I oppose this bill SB3196. I am a law abiding citizen and I have the constitutional rights to go to the range and have fun with my family. You are taking away my rights. This is unfair to me and my family! I have never been in trouble with the law and yet you are doing this. I am sure that there is a lot of people who also oppose of this bill. Why don't you go after the bad people who has access to firearms!! They get it illegally anyway. Do you think that they are going to listen to you?? I think not!!!! They are going to get it through the black market. What did I do to deserve this?? If you pass this, you will have a lot of law suits coming your way. I already have a lawyer on stand by. This so unconstitutional and illegal. You cannot take away our 2nd amendment rights!!! We will take this to court. Why don't you ban kitchen knives?? Is that on your next agenda?? Why don't you ban cars too?? Is that on your next agenda?? These are weapons too!! The recent attack in Makaha, it was allegedly caused by a juvenile, 17 years old!!!! How did he get this firearm?? He cannot even own one and he cannot even possess one. You see the disconnect here?? We will take this up all the way to the Supreme Court. Not Hawaii's one, they are corrupt as you. This will go to the 9th supreme court to be heard!!!! Just remember, election time is coming up and if you want to be in, don't pass this bill. The people of Hawaii are fed up with you politicians. They want Change!!!!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 5:19:52 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
MILTON WAI MING YEE	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**Introduction:** I am Milton Yee, a Retired Hawaii Army National Guard Sergeant Major, deployed to Iraq, and Retired as a Department of the Army Contractor.

**My Statement of Position:** I OPPOSE SB 3196 in its entirety.

**Background Information:** Hawaii has among the most stringent firearms laws already in place in this nation and is among the lowest regarding firearms related crimes. The majority of citizens who own (or wish to own) these firearms, attachments, and magazines stated in SB 3196 are of good standing, and law-abiding citizens like myself. We compromise, tolerate, and abide by the current stringent Hawaii firearms registration laws and legally own, safely use and store our firearms, attachments, magazines of which some are stated in the misleading fictitious category of “assault rifles, pistols, and shotguns” labelled in SB3196.

**Arguments and Evidence:** If enacted into law, SB 3196 will effectively infringe on my Second Amendment right to keep and bear the arms listed all because such firearms (in accordance with SB 3196) appear to resemble “assault rifles, pistols, and shotguns” to include their attachments and magazines.

SB 3196 must NOT BE PASSED just because these semi-automatic firearms, attachments “look like or resemble (but are NOT)” the true assault weapons used by the military and law enforcement (which have a significant difference in being capable of fully-automatic and/or burst fire).

**Personal Story or Connection:** Our neighborhood was terrorized constantly by bad people doing evil things on a daily basis such as bullying, theft, burglaries, robberies, home invasions, drug dealings, armed gangs/thugs and the like. Law enforcement was called over and over, but by the time the police arrived, it was always too late. The perpetrators would be long gone or refuse to come out because the police had no search warrant. The semi-automatic firearms, attachments, and magazines I legally own, and safely possess and secure (which will be categorized as an “assault” firearm and banned if SB 3146 is acted upon), was the only immediate deterrent I had in line with my 2nd Amendment rights of which I could protect my family and home if need be. How would one person defend against armed gangs/thugs (especially if there are multiple threats)? To stop a bad person with a gun from committing a crime, it is always the first good person with a gun on the scene (be it law enforcement, or a legal firearm owning citizen simply defending his family and home). I would be outgunned and/or

disarmed by the provisions in SB 3196. Whereas the criminals will never follow rules, laws, and will always find a way to obtain weaponry illegally.

**Conclusion:** In conclusion, I reiterate my position to OPPOSE SB 3196 which will severely infringe on my 2nd Amendment Right to defend myself, my family and home, and the false categorization of perfectly legal semi-automatic firearms, attachments, and magazines by CURRENTLY EXISTING and already stringent Hawaii firearms laws, only to make them illegal and banned by SB 3196 just because they look/resemble (but ARE NOT) true Assault weapons. I served my country for 30 years, deployed to Iraq, and continued serving as a Department of the Army Contractor for 15 years. I took an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States which includes the 2nd Amendment. Please DO NOT infringe on it.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 5:21:57 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ryan Miller	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To the Honorable Members of the Hawaii Legislature,

As a law abiding citizen who is a strong supporter of the 2nd Ammendment and our right to bear arms, I strongly oppose SB3196. History has shown across the states that have passed similar "assault weapons bans" have had no real change in their gun related deaths. This poorly written very vague bill only targets the law abiding citizens. The criminals in our world will always find a way to do their crimes, and will not have limits on their magazine capacity or firearm equipment to complete them.

If this bill passes it will severely impact our law abiding citizens to protect not only themselves, but their families and homes. A firearm is a tool, and a tool that our founding fathers saw fit to protect in the U.S. Constitution. The Second Ammendent is as follows, "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." The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall NOT be infringed.

Here in Hawaii, we go through a Federal background check and mental health check when we want to purchase a new firearm. Hawaii also has the second LOWEST gun deaths across all 50 states. SB3196 will have a profound impact on our state if passed, and will impact everyone. Hunters, sport shooting, target shooting, self defense and home defense.

I emplore you to listen to this testimony and the many others opposed to this bill, firearms are not the enemy, implementing this bill will only hurt the law abiding citizens.

Thank you

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 5:36:42 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gerald	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In state of Hawaii, and As the spirit of Aloha, I'm opposed to SB3196 due to it infringing my 2nd Amendment rights. As a veteran of the United States Navy, I fought for the freedom of our nation. I joined the service to uphold the United States constitution as stated below.

“I, Gerald Corpuz, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God.”

In addition, As currently a Federal DOD civilian employee I continue to uphold the oath.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 5:40:37 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ramon Beltran	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB 3196 relating to firearms. How many criminal incidences has their been in Hawaii where any one of these types of firearms were used? How many criminal incidences has their been in Hawaii where any one of these firearms were used that were owned and legally registered by a responsible gun owner. Exactly, zero cases! So why take away our second amendment rights, our freedoms without good reason? This bill is a clear government over reach. This bill is tyranny and should be thrown out immediately!!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 5:49:41 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kaz Hanna	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha.

I am submitting my testimony to strongly oppose this bill.

this bill is designed to take lawful and commonly used firearms from law abiding citizens that present no threat to the law abiding general public.

the people of hawaii are already left to fend for them selves as law enforcement is understaffed and over run. The state refuses to keep dangerous criminals behind bars and criminals with an extensive history of violence are getting emboldened every time they are released after a quick and easy time served.

how dare you even consider taking our means to defend ourselves and our family,

I am asking, begging that the members of this hearing to reconsider this action and put this type of infringement to our rights put forth in yhe constitution down once and for all.

Mahalo.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 5:51:18 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kanayama, Galen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hi, oppose sb3196. This bill proposes to infringe on our constitutional rights. It doesn't make Hawaii safer, criminals will still do as they do. There are legitimate, lawful reasons for owning modern firearms with high capacity magazines and ergonomic features. Would you recommend banning vehicles capable of being driven over the posted speed limit? Large, high capacity trucks and buses are so scary to drive next to on our crowded roadways (with sarcasm).

thank you for your consideration, Galen Kanayama

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 5:56:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ty Robinson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**Ty Robinson**

**2/19/24**

**To the Honorable Members of our Legislative Body, and my Fellow Citizens,**

**I stand before you today to voice my concerns and opposition to SB3196, a legislative proposal that has significant implications for our community, our State and our Country. As a citizen who was born and raised in this State, I am deeply invested in the well-being and future prosperity of our community and of our great country.**

**Firstly, let me express my appreciation for the dedication and hard work of this legislative body in addressing the issues that impact us all. I recognize the complexity of the challenges you face in making decisions that will shape the course of our society, often for generations to come. This is not a responsibility that could be taken lightly by anyone with the desire to serve their communities and people.**

**However, it is with this same sense of responsibility and a commitment to the values we hold dear that I bring to your attention the potential pitfalls and unintended consequences embedded within bill SB3196. My testimony aims to shed light on the following key concerns:**

**I believe this bill to be unconstitutional, while at the same time, stripping citizens of their rights while doing nothing to make Hawaii residents safer in the face of rising crime. While the term “Assault Weapon” is actually a marketing tool and does NOT accurately describe**

**firearms owned by civilians, the facts are irrefutable: rifles and long guns of all types account for less than 5% of all firearm homicides in the nation. Firearms that the media and some in government would call “assault weapons” account for even less. The stats from our own FBI and other crime statistics are very clear. Pistols account for almost all gun crime, and a very small percentage of that is by legal gun owners.**

**The government and media’s intense focus on specific firearms that are not used in the majority of crimes is an unnecessary distraction from the real issues plaguing our country and our state and our legislature’s time would be better served focusing on the root causes of violence that have long gone unaddressed. The more we focus time and energy on legislation that does not move the needle, the higher price citizens of Hawaii must pay in the form of crime and its impact on our communities. Law abiding owners of firearms and firearms themselves are not even close to meaningful contributors to crime in our islands, yet it is good, moral, prudent owners of firearms that must pay the price for misdirected legislation.**

**This bill has the potential to make many good, law abiding Hawaii residents felons by default, just for owning a certain type of firearm or necessary component, while at the same time limiting our ability to effectively defend ourselves and our families from crime, often violent crime, that our police force simply does not have the capability or manpower to stop.**

**It is my firm belief that the implications of SB3196 may have far-reaching consequences on the people of Hawaii, posing a threat to both our constitutionally protected freedoms and our safety. It is crucial for us to carefully evaluate the real potential impact on individual freedoms, our constitutional rights and how this bill will meaningfully reduce crime.**

**I am here not merely to criticize. I urge you to consider focusing on the root causes of our rising crime rate. As we have seen in many other countries such as the UK, where there is an attempt to ban knives of all shapes and sizes, even kitchen knives, because of an explosion in violent crime, it becomes obvious that violence is not rooted in implements, as it is people that commit crimes not knives or guns.**

**In conclusion, I appreciate the opportunity to contribute to this democratic process and to collaborate with you in shaping legislation that truly serves the best interests of our community and our nation.**

**Thank you for your time and consideration.**

**Sincerely,**

**Ty Robinson**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 5:57:26 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Brittany Correia	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I would like to submit testimony to oppose SB3196. With this bill you are only punishing law abiding citizens! By passing this bill you are not only making us victims, but also turning law abiding citizens into criminals. For some, especially outer island, a lot of us live in rural areas. In my situation, I currently reside on the Big island, it takes approximately 15-20minutes for law enforcement and or paramedics to make it to my residence. In that time, if left defenseless, a criminal will be able to cause harm to my whole family and be able to get away before law enforcement is even capable to get to us! Our only option is to be able to protect ourselves long enough till law enforcement arrives. If you pass this bill, are you willing to take responsibility for all the innocent lives you will be endangering? Can you live with that blood on your hands? You may not have pulled the trigger but you signed that bill in our blood!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 6:02:24 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Brahcen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Stop this madness! US Supreme Court has already made the determination. You are violating our civil RIGHTS! Should this bill make it into law despite the national ruling. Since you are disregarding the law of the land, I am disregarding the state law (eye for an eye). If you make me a felon I will try my best to put all of you in Federal prison, returning the favor

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 6:03:26 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Brandon Rabe	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 6:12:04 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kelly Sato	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Kelly Sato and I am a student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. In high school, I was the victim of a violent crime, and I view SB3196 as a potential death sentence. I am a female, only 5 feet tall and 110 pounds. I was completely dominated in a fight for my life against my former friend, a 6-foot-tall man, armed with a knife. I tried to run, but I was not fast enough. I had no weapons to defend myself with, and I was stabbed 7 times in the upper body. I did not have access to a gun then, and was utterly defenseless against someone who wanted to harm me. It took others stepping in for my life to be saved. Now, I must live with this trauma, the physical and emotional pain, and the perpetual fear that I may be killed once my attacker is released from prison. If this legislation is passed, surely the state will continue to infringe upon mine and others' Second Amendment rights, eventually leaving all of us law-abiding citizens unable to protect ourselves.

Especially for women, guns are force equalizers. I will never be able to win in a physical fight against the average man, nor will I ever be able to outrun the average man. However, a gun evens the playing field. One example of the legal use of a semi-automatic rifle evening the playing field is from this 2019 NBC article which reports on a pregnant mother using an AR-15 to protect her family during a home invasion by armed intruders. When her husband was being physically assaulted, she took up arms and fired one shot causing the intruders to flee, saving her husband's life and protecting her 11-year-old daughter.

Let us also be reminded of the definition of a criminal: someone who decidedly does not follow the law. Recall the Prohibition era in the early 1900's in which alcohol was effectively banned (manufacturing, transporting, and selling, specifically). What did people do? They resorted to the illegal trade of alcoholic beverages, allowing gangsters, smugglers, and bootleggers to run wild and flourish. A more recent example in Hawaii is the banning of aerial fireworks. Despite this legislation, every New Years, there is a fireworks display all across the island---more importantly, it is a display that bans do not work. Criminals will be criminals, and should there be a ban on semi-automatic rifles only criminals will have access to these weapons while law-abiding citizens will be left defenseless.

Not only this, but banning semi-automatic rifles would not prevent gun violence at all. According to this 2020 report by the State of California's Department of Justice, semi-automatic handguns---not semi-automatic rifles---were used in the majority of violent crimes. Of the 82 firearms they positively linked to a violent crime, 75 guns or 91.5% of them were handguns. Because of this, I can draw no other conclusion other than this ban on semi-automatic rifles is

purely performative to appease the layman who believes that the AR-15 is a military-grade assault weapon just because it looks the part.

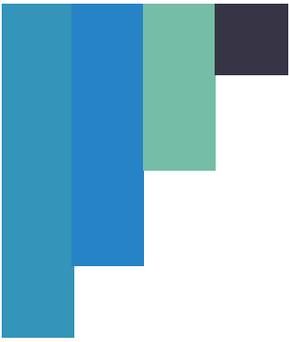
Rather, gun violence is due to the government's unwillingness to properly address the mental health crisis in America. Even in high school, I saw my classmates and friends unable to get the help that they needed due to poorly-implemented programs and apathetic staff. When I tried to refer my friend and future assailant to my former highschool's Teen CARE, the staff member I spoke to stated that "he has to get worse before he gets better." This was the response to my pleas for his drug use and mental health issues to be taken seriously. This was what happened when I reached out to authority figures like I had been told. This was the epitome of apathy. The utter carelessness and disregard displayed by employees of the state is a signifier of the bigger issue at hand---indifference towards the mental health of citizens.

If the goal here is to reduce violent crime, I say punish criminals and not law-abiding citizens. Stop letting offenders off easily and increase punishments for crime rather than strip the people of their natural Second Amendment rights as U.S. citizens. Those with an affinity for violence will always find another way to bring harm to others, and a semi-automatic rifle ban is nothing more than haphazardly slapping a bandaid on a gushing wound. Take the mental health crisis seriously.

I implore you all to oppose SB3196 for the safety of the people, especially for women like myself. No one should ever have to run for their lives. No one should ever have to live in constant fear. No one should ever have to be hopelessly defenseless. No one should ever have their Constitutional rights violated by their own government. Once again, please oppose SB3196 and create positive legislation. No more of these lackadasical bans. Do something useful.

Thank you,

Kelly Sato



February 23, 2024

Dear Judiciary Committee,

I am a constituent of Senator and Committee Member Rhodes.

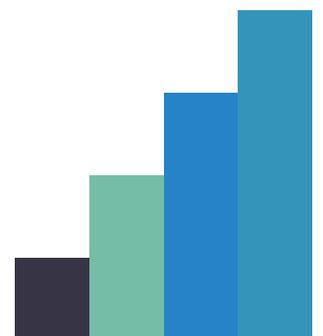
I have the following critiques of this bill that the members of the Senate might find palatable to change.

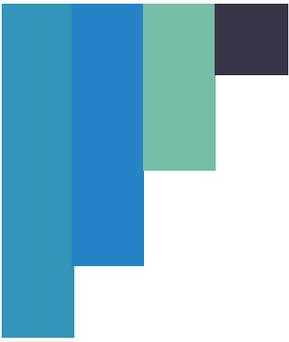
1. Many of the most popular 22LR handguns made since 2005 have had threaded barrels by default. These are small caliber training models of standard handguns which are not dangerous. As an example, the Glock 44, Sig Mosquito, Smith and Wesson M&P22 Compact, and many more come with threaded barrels.



Smith and Wesson Victory 22 (Left), Ruger Mark IV 22/45 Lite (Center), Glock 44 (Right)

The bill as written would ban thousands of 22 pistols already in Hawaii or force their owners to pay to swap the barrels at a not insignificant cost. This would impact me personally as I own a target 22LR pistol, the Smith and Wesson Victory which came from the factory with a threaded barrel. To replace the barrel with a non-threaded model is about \$80 plus labor.





Three solutions:

1. 134-4(e) needs to have the dates updated to match the dates in 134-4(f) (July 8, 2024).
2. Edit the following sentence: “A semiautomatic [centerfire](#) pistol that accepts a detachable magazine and has [~~two~~] one or more of the following characteristics”
3. Remove the following sentence: ~~(B) A threaded barrel capable of accepting a barrel extender, flash suppressor, forward hand grip, or silencer;~~

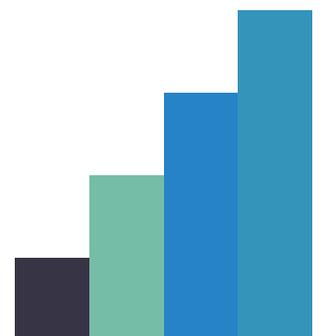
2. “Assault Weapon Attachments” was poorly defined when Illinois came up with that term, and it is still confusing residents of that state. My recommendation is to follow California’s model and do not include this language.

This would impact me because if I remove the threaded barrel from my 22 target pistol to keep it from becoming an “assault pistol”, I need to know whether or not I am allowed to keep it or whether I have to mail it to the mainland.

**Tax Credit Buybacks for “Assault Weapon Attachments”** at full MSRP would ameliorate many of the concerns while avoiding potential “takings” lawsuits. The buyback could be in the form of a state tax credit to avoid needing specific budget items. We could turn them in in June, get a receipt of what was handed in, and take the money off of our state taxes for 2024.

3. Magazines over 10 rounds should be allowed if they are usable for the Curios and Relics which are being exempted.

It should be fine to keep possessing World War II era magazines that were used by the brave men of the 442<sup>nd</sup> Regiment such as the soldier below with an M1 carbine with 15 round magazine.





The revised text in 134-8 would read: “The manufacture, possession, sale, barter, trade, gift, transfer, or acquisition of detachable ammunition magazines with a capacity in excess of ten rounds [~~which~~] that are designed for or capable of use with [~~a pistol~~] any firearm is prohibited. ... [This subsection shall not apply to magazines usable in curio or relic firearms as those terms are used in 18 United States Code section 921\(a\)\(13\) or 27 Code of Federal Regulations section 478.11.](#)

Regards,

**Ian McMahon**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 6:19:45 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
allan almeida	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TO THE HONORABLE SENATORS OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

Sen. Glenn WAKAI [D] Sen. Stanley CHANG [D] Sen. Jarrett KEHOKALOLE [D] Sen. Michelle KIDANI [D] Sen. Malie SHIMABUKURO [D] Sen. Sharon MORIWAKI [D]

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY:**

My name is Allan Almeida. As a long time, firearms owner of semi-automatic firearms, in addition to being a former NRA Law Enforcement Firearms Instructor with over 15 years of service of firearms instructor training in semi-auto firearms in pistol, shotgun, and rifles.

I respectfully submit in strong opposition of SB 3196 in reference to prohibitions within this bill that goes against the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution.

Classifying all Semi-Auto Firearms as assault weapons is not correct. In order for a firearm to be labeled as an assault weapon...it must be capable of selective fire- as an example.

Moreover, the wording of an assault weapon is entirely made-up, by anti-gun groups...with the stated purpose of alarming people and confusing them...in my eyes, is wrong and incorrect.

My Glock 17 that fires 9mm ammunition in a ten round capacity magazine is a semi-automatic pistol and not an assault pistol/weapon.

As a firearms owner, I pride myself in my safe handling of my firearms. I take owning a firearm very serious as every firearms owner should.

In closing, with Hawaii already having some of the strictest firearm laws in the United States, I strongly oppose SB3196 due to constitutionality of SB3196.

Thank you for your time,

/s/ Allan ALMEIDA

Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii



**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 6:46:23 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Calay Flippo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. Not only does it go completely against our constitutional rights, it also does not lower crime rate. Although we do need to work on reducing crime, this is not the answer. Instead, it just ties our hands even further when trying to protect ourselves when we are law abiding citizens. Shall not be infringed upon means SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED UPON. Your oath is to protect and serve according to the constitution. This bill directly goes against your oath in office.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 6:56:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Keith Lamon bruins	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill please do not pass this bill I don't think it's fair or right to violate normal citizens second amendment right to bear arms. Your only hurting normal citizens not criminals

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:12:53 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Malcolm Yee	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**INTRODUCTION:** My name is Malcolm Yee, an active Supervisory Police Officer with the Department of Navy. I am also a retired Hawaii Army National Guard Staff Sergeant who deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

**STATEMENT OF POSITION:** I oppose SB 3196 in its entirety.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** Hawaii already has one of the most stringent firearms laws in this Nation. I firmly believe SB 3196 will just be another useless bill which will only serve to infringe on law abiding citizens like myself. How many times across the Nation has "assault weapons" bans been introduced and failed to produce any real results in keeping the public safe but to infringe on the 2A Rights of law abiding citizens. Criminals and evil people will not abide by any so called ban. They will use what ever means necessary to commit criminal or evil acts. One can use a U-Haul Rental truck and mow down a bunch of people just as easily as a so called "assault weapon" can.

SB 3196 must NOT BE PASSED just because certain types of firearms and attachments look like Military grade assault weapons. Military and Law Enforcement in which I have personal experience, use fully automatic weapons. The weapons and attachments you are trying to ban are not automatic fire weapons. Law abiding citizens can only legally own semi automatic weapons which means only one round is fired with the depress of a trigger.

**PERSONAL STORY OR CONNECTION:** As an active law enforcement officer with over 23 years of experience, I can personally tell you that criminals have no regard to any laws or regulations, hence is why they are criminals. Statistics show that majority of criminals who commit violent crime with a firearm are not going to use a legally purchased firearm to commit violence. That would just be plain dumb. It is the person, not the object that we should focus on. We should hold violent criminals accountable and issue harsh punishments to serve as a deterrent. We also need to focus and provide more awareness and assistance with mental health issues.

**CONCLUSION:** I reiterate my position to oppose SB 3196 in which would be another futile bill that is politically motivated and all it would accomplish is to infringe upon the rights of law abiding citizens.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:23:12 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Neal Fujii	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please oppose SB3196.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:24:34 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Martin Marcello	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill because it will only hurry law abiding citizens. Criminals will not abide by your laws and will still have their weapons and high capacity magazines to continue their criminal activity. Where as us law abiding citizens will not be able to defend ourselves or loved ones. With as much violence we have on this island already,I would like to be adle to defend me and my family. And it also infringes on our second amendment rights

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:36:56 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Robert Garcia	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB 3196.

In my honest opinion, firearms are tools of the trade that are essential for various tasks whether it be for lawful sporting purposes such as target shooting and hunting; or for the lawful conducting of duties as mandated by Law Enforcement or Military. Firearms are also utilized as tools by countless law-abiding American Citizens in their right to self-defense against those who intend to do harm to life and limb – most often without a shot being fired.

The terminology “Assault” followed by “Weapons” is an extremely vague and unfortunately a popular term associated to firearms in general by folks who do not have a basic understanding on the principles and operation of firearms. Would you use the term “assault” followed by “automobile” for a drunk driver who killed someone in a hit and run with the vehicle? Would you use the term “Assault” followed by “bat” for a crime committed by unlawful person hitting someone? I do not recall our local or national news media stating that an “Assault Vehicle” or “Assault Bat” was used during the crime.

Whether you use the word “Assault” as a noun or verb, from what I gathered on Webster’s Dictionary, the word “Assault” in general means a violent physical or verbal attack. I do not recall any instance in my years of existence on God’s Green Earth when a firearm in and of itself physically or verbally attacked a living creature.

Firearms are tools and just that – tools of the trade utilized in the commission of lawful day-to-day taskings.

Lawmakers and law-abiding citizens should work together to address the root of the issue of crimes committed with firearms and work constructively to prevent unlawful use of firearms by those in need of help. There are definitely lots of moving parts to this issue. The need to address mental health and preventing folks who must not have access to firearms has always been suggested and measures have been initiated and implemented, however there is no one-stop answer to this issue and banning these so-called “Assault Firearms” is not the answer to lower firearm violence.

Thank You –

Mr. Garcia

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:39:58 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
kalani fukumoto	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

oppose this bill as unconstitutional

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:43:57 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Romeo Yadao	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose bill 3196 as it's a false premise to ban civilian type firearms (which includes but not limited to semi-auto actions) that are in common use for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self defense in the home. This will violate District of Columbia V. Heller 554 U.S. 570 (2008) and will only affect law abiding Americans who already met the criteria of mental/health checks, background screening, and etc. to obtain permits to acquire firearms.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:44:07 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Linda Legrande	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The horror of mass killings by AR15s must be stopped. Please support SB3196. Thank you,  
Linda Legrande

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:48:21 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Regino Patague	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill and it will make mant law abiding citizens criminals overnight and still do nothing to reduce actual crime.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 7:59:10 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Marc Machado	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill because these types of firearms are rarely used in crimes. We use them to defend ourselves, our property, and our livestock. In addition to sport shooting and hunting purposes, these weapons keep me and my family safe. There are more crimes committed by handguns than "assault weapons". According to the FBI website, it said that more people get attacked or die from fists and blunt objects than they are by these types of weapons.

If this ban takes effect, criminals will still have access to these weapons. They don't follow the laws. But people like us, responsible gun owners, have to risk our lives, protection for our property and livestock, lose the means to feed our families, or give up a sport because of this ban. It's our constitutional right to keep and bear arms. Do not take this right away from us.

-Concerned, Big Island resident, husband, and father

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:08:08 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
TJaye Forsythe	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

## Second Amendment

The [Second Amendment](#) of the [United States Constitution](#) reads: "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."

Im also also subsistent hunter gatherers that uses semi-auto AR-15 type rifles.

I am a law abiding citizen with a crystal clean record.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:13:07 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kahaokamoku kahalehau	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:16:23 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sterling Michael Hao	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this measure as it is an infringement on my constitutional right. I have firearm to protect myself and my family I'd the need should arise, just as if I gave fire to xtinguishers in my home should the need present itself and it is also a great mean to bond with family on a day out on the range. This is also a means to provide food on the table to nourish my family. Please do the right thing and keep our constitutional right in tact and standing strong

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:16:31 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Austin	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill and support the freedoms of my fellow Hawaii residents.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:18:18 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tabbrie Machado	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill because I have the right to keep and bear arms. I am a mother of three, a grandmother, and a wife. The weapons ban would take this right away from me and my family. We use these weapons for hunting purposes which provides for my family. This ban would be taking food off of my table. Are you going to provide for us?  
In addition to our livelihood, what about our protection? I also use these weapons for protection, not only for myself, but also for my family, and my livestock. This ban would not help to keep us safe. Please reconsider this bill and what it would do to us responsible gun owners.  
- Concerned citizen, mother, grandmother, wife

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:19:26 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Shon Uekawa	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The proposed bill undermines the ability to travel out of state for competitions and hunting. It also prohibits me from passing down my firearms to my children. I oppose this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:28:57 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Catherine T. Hopf	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:32:03 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Matthew D'Arton	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This applies to the most common firearms, and that would take away my ability to protect my family.

Most home break-ins are done by groups. Limiting round capacity affects my ability to properly protect my family if that were to ever happen.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:38:36 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Thomas C Randle	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB 3196 as currently proposed. Specifically for what are being called assault shotguns. I suggest a more appropriate identifier is to call it what it is, a semi automatic shotgun. These shotguns, with currently legal clips, are an example of what some Hawaii residents legally own for home self defense equipment. Don't take this freedom to protect family and property away. I believe that our current gun laws are adequate, they just need to be strictly enforced. The current laws are already restrictive on ownership transfers and transportation of firearms. Don't make them more onerously restrictive but instead make enforcement of the current laws a top priority.

I humbly ask you to Not Pass SB3196. Mahalo for your consideration of my request.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:41:13 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Randy Gomes	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hi my name is Randy Gomes, I oppose this bill SB3196, I've lived here on the big island all my life and hunting with these type of weapons since I was 12, now 39! ITS MUCH MORE TO ME AND MY FAMILY THEN JUST THE 2ND AMENDMENT! We eat all the game we shoot! Here's a list turkey,erkel,chukar,quail,pheasant, kalij,pigs, goats, and sheep! My family has grown to love the way of life as well, we go hunting with these tools/weapons in which we live by! We understand what guns do to flesh and respect it 100%. A big part of our lives and many others lifestyle would change drastically and possibly for the worst!The percentage of gun violence here to the percent of people who owns guns, is definitely a really small percent! We don't have private land big enough to shoot our tools/weapons!

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Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:48:26 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kiani Baring	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hi my name is Kiani Baring and I oppose this bill SB3186 because, as a newbie hunter I have been hunting and bringing home food to feed my family and with this new bill the gun that I am currently using for hunting will become illegal. This sport that I enjoy, and love will be taken away if this bill passes.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 8:54:47 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ayla	Testifying for The WHOLE HAWAII LOCALS WHO HUNT	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

It's sad to see how corrupt our government is that 80% of the people opposed this bill but we still have no say cuz the government DOESNT LISTEN TO ITS PEOPLE. I strictly use guns to hunt now it will be harder to acquire the parts I need for my gun IF THIS BILL SHALL PASS. O

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 9:03:32 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Casey lindsey	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 9:06:54 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
PHILIP LAPID	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB 3196. This bill is pro-criminals and is anti-law abiding citizens. This will destroy people creativity, businesses, and passion. People have different sports and passions. Guns are for sports and hobby too. Guns are tools wheather it is set up to look good and nice. A gun is a tool that is used to shoot a projectile to hit a target. Just like a spoon, fork, and chop sticks are tools used to put food in the mouth. People die of health problems most. It is petty to ban these tools right? When a gun is used for assault or a crime, the persons mental status is orchestrating and the gun is merely a tool for that. An assault riffle/ assault pistol? It is the persons state of mind and psychology that needs to be addressed not the tool. I oppose the proposed bill SB3196. Right to bear arms shall not be infringed. #Guns for self defense and sports.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2024 9:11:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Shamar kelii sarme ii	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Shamar Sarme. I was born on the big island, and am currently living here now. I grew up hunting and firearms have always been a necessity. I understand that the bill is not for all firearms, but many of rifle's thats going to be prohibited has been used for generations among ranches and hunting, to take that away will definitely have a big impact. I also feel like , and I'm certain many will agree that its are right to own firearms responsibly wether for harvesting food, working on a ranch, and even self protection.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 9:11:41 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Geomar Cantorna	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

i oppose the bill, I am a hunter and i use semi automatic rifles to hunt. I am a law obiding citizen that uses semi automatic rifle to hunt. instead of making a bill that makes it illegal to own a semi aoutmatic rifle. we should consentrate on those that illegaly own pistols/rifles period!! I, like many citizens that own semi auto rifles have no intentions to "assault" any other citizen with our rifles. our only objective is to gather "game" legally with our rifles.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 9:31:19 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Thai	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Today I write in opposition to bill SB3196 relating to firearms. My name is Thai Gomes, and I am 19 years old. I am a graduate of Kamehameha schools and currently attend UH Hilo pursuing my bachelors in environmental science. I have been around and used guns for most of my life, and it is a part of me and my families lifestyle. We hunt a variety of animals including sheep, goats, birds, and pigs. Hunting and gathering is a means of providing, bonding, and understanding my family and the island we live on. This bill is another step toward the removal of my lifestyle, my fathers lifestyle, my grandfathers lifestyle, and the many generations before him. The second amendment is a constitutional right, and it is an essential aspect of our country. Even at 19 I can realize that this bill and many others relating to firearms will only restrict access to good law abiding citizens like myself and my family. Those that do not follow the laws will still find access, leaving us helpless. This bill will not promote safety, it will not reduce violence, and it will not help to uplift our community.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2024 9:38:59 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jazzlin	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I am in strong opposition to this bill. Hawai'i is ranked as the 47th out of 50 US States as the third lowest number of gun deaths. This bill is poorly written and states things that are already illegal (stabbing someone with a bayonet). Making a bayonet mount illegal is not going to solve the problem you're "attempting" to solve. How about you focus on building affordable houses, and helping our homeless population instead of taking our Kanakas second amendment that lets us protect ourselves against what you FAIL to protect us against?! My mother is a schizophrenic, bipolar, depressed and multiple personality diagnosed person who is currently homeless and I've been trying for the past year to get her housing. I've taken care of her since I was eight! I just turned twenty!!! I am a full time College student and work 32 hours a week! I cannot afford a house of my own I'm staying at friends houses!! You need to be focusing on HELPING OUR PEOPLE!! Not taking away our rights!!! My boyfriend and I go with his family hunting sheep, bird, pig, anykind! EVERYTHING we shoot we eat! Down to the bones for soup broth! We use the fur hides for numerous things like clothing, bags, and blankets! We mount our horns and also use them to make knives, arrows, etc!!!! Hire more police officers, pay your prosecutors enough so that the criminals that you're using as an excuse to pass this law are put behind bars!!! AND STAY THERE. Focus on the growing drug community in Hawai'i! Where are these drugs coming from???? WE ARE ON AN ISLAND WHY ARE YOU FOLKS NOT MANAGING WHAT COMES ON AND OFF OF IT?! Our keiki are being drugged!! Elementary students are ODing on Fentanyl!!! DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT. We use these guns to feed our families because all the meat I get from my hunts would be hundreds at the grocery store!!! We are being PRICED OUT!!! Hawai'i will not have kanaka maoli left in what could be in our lifetime and you're worried about guns??? In a state that DOESNT HAVE A GUN PROBLEM????! So shame, is this what we vote for? This is what we pay taxes for? If I wanted to be under dictators I'd move to North Korea.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 9:39:49 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Daniel Richard Pacheco	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I certainly oppose this Senate Bill. It removes rights from lawful, peaceful, and most importantly, self-sufficient citizens. This willfully detracts from their ability to not only defend themselves within the statutes of the law against Offenders and Criminals, but takes away freedoms for them to enjoy the arts of Firearms Marksmanship.

This Bill would turn me, a community member, a worker deemed "critical" during the Pandemic, a former Navy Sailor, an outstanding member of my Home and Work Communities, into a criminal for simply owning firearms that were already reasonably managed, monitored, and lawfully used under previous Hawaii Firearms Laws.

Please, please, please... do not take away my rights, do not take away the rights of so very many of your constituents throughout the State. Do not punish the innocent over fear of those who mean harm. SB3196 does nothing to prevent them from procuring, carrying, and using whatever they please... as they likely already do not obey the other laws and guidelines of our Community. All this does is severely handicap our ability to deal with threats the "professionals" couldn't possibly respond to in time.

Mahalo for your time, and thank you for your commitments to the Community, including the commitment to ensuring our ability to provide, protect, and share joy with each other.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 10:19:26 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jordyn H	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I just started hunting with my in-laws and found a true passion for what it comes with. We get to spend quality time together as a family while bonding over the new guns we recently purchased. It's a way of connecting yet exploring the different uses of each type of firearm. Taking this opportunity of growth and connection saddens me.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 10:24:37 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jeffrey Eshelman	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 10:25:04 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Samantha Richardson Gomes	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**Aloha,**

**Today I write in opposition to SB3196 Relating to Firearms. In section 1 of this bill you stated that Hawaii has some of the strongest gun laws and has one of the lowest gun deaths. Logically this means that our current gun laws are sufficient. As a result this bill unfortunately appears as nothing more than just another power grab.**

**The US Constitution's 2nd amendment protects individuals rights to own and bear arms. It is well known that legal and responsible gun ownership helps to protect individuals against unlawful violence. As an aging woman residing in a rural district with a significant crime rate, and whose police force is severely understaffed and overworked, I see assault firearms as the most effective means of protection during a violent, life threatening crime. This bill robs me of this option to protect myself and my family. Furthermore the vaguity of the language used leaves too much to interpretation and could result in a gross abuse of power and subsequent lawsuits.**

**While I appreciate this legislature's concern for public safety, I ask that you instead turn your attention to social services and our police force. They both need significant investment and systemic support.**

**Mahalo for your time and consideration of my testimony.**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 10:30:24 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Alan Urasaki	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please vote no in this measure. Thank you.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 10:38:36 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
K tanabe	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Kassie,

I am a nurse and I work to save kids lives every day I am at work. I wish to ad a quote from a smart politician and give you my stance on this unnecessary gun control.

"How a politician stands on the Second Amendment tells you how he or she views you as an individual... as a trustworthy and productive citizen, or as part of an unruly crowd that needs to be lorded over, controlled, supervised, and taken care of." - Suzanne Hupp, survivor of the 1991 Luby's Massacre who became a State Representative in the Texas legislature. - Smart lady who knew what she was talking about

Thanks,

Kassie

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Submitted on: 2/22/2024 10:39:22 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kapono Kapaekukuiokahilina'i	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To whom it may concern:

As a United States Marine Core Veteran, and a current Adult Correctional Officer I stand in **STRONG OPPOSITION** to this bill SB 3196. I have been around all kinds of firearms my entire life and have never had the urge to do commit any type of illegal activity involving any type of firearm. This bill has zero effect on criminals but a huge impact on law abiding citizens, hunters, and recreational shooters alike. I fully understand safety of the community is paramount. With that being said firearms are used for gathering purposes and also in self defense situations. If this bill is passed it will not have any effect on crime but only to those that abide by the law.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify against Senet Bill 39196

Kapono Kapaekukuiokahilina'i

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 10:39:51 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Davis Nguyen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Hawaii SB3196, which proposes significant amendments to existing firearm regulations. While I understand the intention behind the bill is to enhance public safety, I believe that its provisions unfairly penalize law-abiding gun owners without effectively addressing the underlying issues of gun violence.

- 1. Impact on Lawful Gun Owners:** This bill imposes stringent restrictions on firearms that are commonly used for lawful purposes, such as self-defense, hunting, and sport shooting. The broad definitions and prohibitions outlined in the bill could inadvertently criminalize standard practices among Hawaii’s responsible gun owners, impacting our rights and traditions without a corresponding increase in public safety.
- 2. Vague Definitions and Excessive Restrictions:** The definitions of assault weapons and high-capacity magazines as presented in the bill are overly broad and encompass a wide range of firearms that are rarely used in crime. These sweeping categorizations do not differentiate between firearms used by criminals and those utilized by law-abiding citizens for legitimate reasons.
- 3. Alternative Solutions:** I advocate for alternative approaches to reduce gun violence that do not infringe upon the constitutional rights of law-abiding citizens. These could include measures such as improved mental health services, more effective law enforcement strategies, and community outreach programs that address the root causes of violence without restricting the rights of responsible gun owners.
- 4. Constitutional Rights:** The Second Amendment protects the right of the people to keep and bear arms. This bill’s restrictive measures could infringe upon this fundamental right, impacting law-abiding citizens more than deterring criminals. It is crucial that any legislation respects the constitutional rights of Hawaii’s residents.
- 5. Cultural and Recreational Impact:** In Hawaii, firearms are a part of our cultural and recreational heritage, especially in rural areas. This bill threatens to undermine these traditions, affecting not only hunters and sportsmen but also ordinary citizens who rely on firearms for personal safety and property protection.

In conclusion, while I support efforts to enhance public safety, I urge lawmakers to consider the broader implications of SB3196 and to seek solutions that target the actual sources of gun violence without infringing on the rights of law-abiding citizens. I respectfully request that this bill be reconsidered and that more balanced, effective, and less intrusive measures be developed.

Thank you for your attention to my concerns.

Sincerely,

Davis T Nguyen

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Submitted on: 2/22/2024 10:43:31 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dodge Kawaiola Turner	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a native Hawaiian, I am a very active outdoors man. I have used firearms my whole life and these laws being proposed are starting to infringe my rights to bear arms. And would start to limit my ability to provide and use the outdoor resources of my home. I am in opposition of this bill for many reasons. One of the main reasons is this bill is starting to inhibit the 2nd amendment of the constitution. Stating that attachments and ammo capacity makes any firearm an "assault" firearm. Thus making them illegal to own. Attachments and modification you mentioned like "forward hand guards and grips" or "shrouds" does not make a firearm any more or any less more lethal and dangerous. It is the owner and shooter behind the firearm is the real determining factor. Not only are these regulations making things a lot more complicated to understand. Instead of trying to oppose banning of firearms and labeling them as dangerous, why not instill stricter background checks. The firearm is only as dangerous as the shooter wielding the firearm. Another reason of opposition behind this bill is that police and military get exceptions to these laws. It brings about many questions and loopholes that they get to exploit. Can ex-police and ex-military personnel be still allowed exceptions to these laws even though they are not active? Can police and military still be allowed exceptions even though they have official diagnosed PTSD and other service-related mental issues? This makes absolutely no sense. It can create loopholes and many sticky situations in the future. Instead of focusing on slowly banning firearms in whole, why not allow them to only be accessible through background checks and shooter safety classes to know the owner and shooter are safe and mentally well-rounded individuals?

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Submitted on: 2/22/2024 10:46:12 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Eric Matsumoto	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To my Senate leaders,

My name is Eric G. Matsumoto and I wanted to submit written testimony of the opposition to SB3196 regarding the right to bear arms. The U.S constitution which is the law for this great country the U.S.A. The writers of this great constitution had given us this inalienable rights to bear arms. As Senate leaders your responsibilities are to pass laws that support our bill of rights and not to circumvent these God given laws. Banning the right to bear arms from law abiding citizens is what your law is doing, instead it should strengthen state laws from such a thing to happen. The firearms are not the culprit in these shootings, but the individuals that possess these firearm legally or illegally. By having this bill come into law will it stop these violent crimes that are committed with a firearm from happening? You are foolishly mistaken! SB3196 will not stop the person that wants to commit a crime with a firearm. The culprit will use whatever means that is available to get a firearm. States that have gun laws that allow people to possess and carry firearms on person have a lesser violent crime rate with firearms involved. This makes the individual who wants to use a firearm against another individual to think twice before using that firearm.

Thank you for taking the time to read my written testimony.

Eric G. Matsumoto

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 10:50:31 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dustun Gomes	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha I'm writing in opposition to bill SB3196 - firearms

My name is Dustun Gomes a resident of the State of Hawaii for all my life, I'm a law abiding, tax paying government employee with no criminal record. I do have a few questions.

1. Why are we not able to vote on this bill being that this is an election year?
2. How does this bill NOT infringe on our 2nd amendment?
3. The opening statement mentions how WELL we're doing as a State... So why the need for change?
4. Was there an impact study done for the families that rely on wild game hunted to offset the rising cost of food?

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 10:53:56 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Harold Koh	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

How will you plan on preventing criminals acquiring AR style rifles and 10+ round magazines?

Why disarm the people that choose to acquire them legally?

Yes we have the police for our protection but, what happens when your life is about to be taken from you in a matter of seconds?

We have fire fighters but still buy fire extinguishers due to response time. Same goes with firearms.

Why must you stray away from the federal government?

Is Hawai'i not apart of the United States?

Is the second amendment not important?

Senator Jarrett Keohokalole  
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## IN OPPOSITION OF SENATE BILL 3196 ON FIREARMS

Aloha, my name is Leeya Chun. I am currently a student at Kamehameha Schools Kapālama and I am writing in opposition of senate bill 3196. I oppose this bill because it takes away a right guaranteed to me by the constitution. In my house, we have guns to keep us safe and the guns we own would be made illegal and we would no longer be able to keep them. Having these guns are especially important when my dad works because we are home alone for 24 hours at a time. During this time my mom is responsible for 3 young children, myself, and my 102 yr. old great grandma, and having a gun available makes us safer.

The second amendment in the constitution states, “the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed” (“Second Amendment | Browse | Constitution Annotated | Congress.gov | Library of Congress,” 2024). This bill infringes on my right by creating restrictions and limitations that should not be made. California has the strictest gun laws in the U.S. with no open carry. In 2021, they accounted for 2,197 homicides with only 406,306 registered weapons (“Murders in the U.S. By State 2022 | Statista,” 2022). In comparison to Texas, who has more lenient laws, allowing for most people over the age of 21 to carry a handgun without a permit both openly and/or concealed, accounted for 2,020 homicides with about 1,006,555 registered weapons (“U.S. - Number of Registered Weapons by State 2021 | Statista,” 2021). Texas has more than double the amount of registered guns, yet still trails California in homicides. Despite their strict gun laws, California was ranked first for total amount of school shootings from 1970-2020 (“Number of K-12 School Shootings by State U.S. 2020 | Statista,” 2020) and also ranked first for total number of homicide in 2022. Result from a survey taken by the FBI showed that California placed 7th in most “reported violent crimes” where as Texas placed 13th (“Reported Violent Crime Rate in the U.S. By State 2022 | Statista,” 2022). In 2023, over 41% of active shooters were stopped by an armed citizen (RW, 2023). With gun ownership sharply increasing, 77% of people think that crime rates have risen when really they have gone down. Crime in almost every category went down in 2023. Violent crime was down 8%, property crime was down 6.3%, and murder was down 12.7% (NBCNews.com, 2023).

This bill would not promote the greater good for society (general welfare) because it will not do anything to reduce crime, and could possibly increase it. At the same time, removing rights from citizens and reducing vulnerable people’s abilities to protect themselves. Mahalo for this opportunity to share my testimony.

Leeya Chun  
Kula Waena o Kamehameha ma Kapālama  
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**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 11:00:18 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kekuamakana Lewis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill affects a lot of different communities of people that utilize these types of rifles. With living in Hawai'i already having it's economical challenges law abiding citizens who utilize these rifles especially for subsistence living shouldn't be punished with a bill that doesn't truly address the issue of gun violence and crime.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 11:16:19 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Charissa Kelekolio	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose bill SB3196. The only people that this bill will affect are law abiding citizens and not criminals. These firearms are use for gathering food for local families.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 11:30:27 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
William Noxon	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill further infringes our 2nd Ammendment rights. With the possibility of an external attack from multiple unknown enemies, keeping Pearl Harbor in mind, I believe it would be wise to not cripple citizens chances to defend themselves.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/22/2024 11:55:36 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jimmy Mills	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Jimmy Mills.

I'm a retired veteran and a retired civil service employee, US Army.

In Hawai'i, it has among the most stringent laws with firearms in the nation and is among the lowest regarding firearms related crimes.

I OPPOSE SB 3196 completely and in its entirety.

Our founding fathers knew what they were doing when they wrote the constitution, bill of rights. I believed they were truly inspired by God with wisdom and knowledge in doing so.

The majority of citizens who own (or wish to own) these firearms, attachments, and magazines stated in SB 3196 are of good standing, and law-abiding citizens like myself.

I hope and pray that the members of our legislature, will reconsider these purposed changes to my 2nd amendment right, here in Hawai'i. If enacted into law, SB 3196 will effectively infringe on my Second Amendment right to keep and bear the arms listed all because such firearms (in accordance with SB 3196) appear to resemble "assault rifles, pistols, and shotguns" to include their attachments and magazines. SB 3196 must NOT BE PASSED just because these semi-automatic firearms, attachments "look like or resemble (but are NOT)" the true assault weapons used by the military and law enforcement (which have a significant difference in being capable of fully automatic and/or burst fire). I own a AR15, that is not an assault weapon. No country in the world would supply their military with this. It's not capable of automatic fire, or can attach a bayonet, as in the current military and police assault weapons. I have followed all the laws of this country including state laws registering my firearms, and carefully handling and securing them in a gun safe at all times.

I feel very confident with the security of knowing that with a with a handgun, rifle or shotgun I can physically protect myself and family from those who seek to cause harm or death to me or to my family, I am not physically able to fight off a serious intruder, that intends to possible kill me or my family for a monetary gain. I believe firearms provide the best security for me and my family. I love and support our police, but the police don't live with me, or beside me, or can they physically protect anyone, until a given time that they are notified, and respond to location,

which in many times are too late. I've seen crime and theft, happen to often in our neighborhoods, even armed robbery in someone's house not far from where I live.

I would be outgunned and/or disarmed by the provisions in SB 3196. Whereas the criminals will never follow rules, laws, and will always find a way to obtain weaponry illegally. In conclusion I OPPOSE SB 3196 which will severely infringe on my 2nd Amendment Right to defend myself, my family and home, and the false categorization of perfectly legal semi-automatic firearms, attachments, and magazines by CURRENTLY EXISTING and already stringent Hawai'i firearms laws, only to make them illegal and banned by SB 3196 just because they look/resemble (but ARE NOT) true Assault weapons. I served my country in military and in civil service for almost 50 years, in combined service. I took an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States which includes the 2nd Amendment. Please DO NOT infringe on it. The semi-automatic firearms, attachments, and magazines I legally own, and safely possess and secure (which will be categorized as an "assault" firearm and banned if SB 3146 is acted upon), was the only immediate deterrent I had in line with my 2nd Amendment rights of which I could protect my family and home if need be. How would one person defend against armed gangs/thugs (especially if there are multiple threats)

I humbly ask please do not take away my 2nd amendment right to bear arms. I'm a legal American of generations, who fought for this country and for all our rights, that the constitution was written for.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/23/2024 12:04:28 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Pono Kaeo-Okimoto	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/23/2024 12:06:29 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Adhinn Magusara	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Adhinn Magusara and I am a law abiding citizen of our beloved state of Hawaii. Over the last decade I have watched my home island spiral out of control. Gun violence is on the rise and illegal gun ownership is all too common in the district I reside. My family and friends do not feel safe and I have felt helpless for years without a means to protect the ones I love.

I decided recently to make a stand and enroll in the process of becoming a legal firearm owner. I took the necessary steps, paid the dues in long hours and hard earned funds. Even in doing so I was met with struggle after struggle during this process. I had completed both my gun safety written course, ccw course, and logged the range hours only to hear the devastating news from HPD on New Years Eve that my affidavits were no longer valid and needed to be redone in the new year 2024.

This was an extremely discouraging moment for me. As illegal gun owners run wild threatening lives and taking lives, me and my family could not feel safe in our own home. I bit the bullet and redid my classes, paid again, and spent the hours. Finally as of February 2024 I am now legally registered to own both pistols and long guns.

This experience has not been an easy one. Even so, it has brought peace and ease to myself and the ones I hold dear. I now offer that security and comfort to my family and friends. I love my firearms and I treat them with the utmost respect. I train often and I study to educate myself and those who are open to learning. Not only to practice safe firearm handling but also to do so the RIGHT way. The LEGAL way.

I am here today writing this testimony in hopes to be heard. As a resident who loves their home, their family, and their life. I humbly ask that you do not pass this bill to ban our means of protection. I beg that you do not punish those of us who have bent and stretched ourselves to follow the laws and do things the correct way. I plead that you do not pass this bill because it will steer the people away from doing what is right. I can only hope that the hardships I have faced were not for nothing.

I have met amazing people on this journey. The gun store owners, my safety course classmates, the HPD firearms crew, and military buddies who serve for us. We all share the same beliefs and

we will all suffer from this bill. Please consider us in your decision.

With all my respect and best wishes,

-Adhinn Magusara

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/23/2024 12:24:15 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kualii Makaneole	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**I oppose SB3196**, banning commonly owned rifles and shotguns by instituting restrictions based on the name of the firearm and a "single-feature" test is outlandish in Hawaii. Law-abiding gun owners are being stripped of their 2nd Amendment rights every day in Hawai'i, with more added restrictions from lawmakers on restricting law-abiding gun owners from owning many different specific firearms (rifles, shotguns, and handguns), who have no clear understanding of the true meaning of the rights of the 2nd Amendment given by our founding fathers of the United States of America. In fact, according to a study at the University of Chicago, one in five US households bought a firearm from March 2020 to March 2022. That means one in five households has made it their mission to become the ultimate defender of their families. As violent crime rises across the country, Americans want to protect themselves and their families. We are committed to defending your Second Amendment Right to make that happen. Hawai'i may seem to be safe. However, every lawmaker is blinded to the rising criminal activity in Hawaii. "In 2020, There were a total of 1,328 reported aggravated assaults: 513 other dangerous weapons that were used in aggravated assault cases; 392 knives or cutting instruments that were used in aggravated assault cases; 233 Firearms that were used in aggravated assault cases; 190 Strongarm weapons (hands, fists, feet, etc.) that were used in aggravated assault cases"; Crime In Hawaii, April 2023.

**Dennis M. Dunn**

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RE: SB 3196, Relating to Firearms

HEARING: Friday, February 23, 2024, 9:30 a.m., Conference Room 016

Good morning, Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Senate Judiciary. My name is Dennis Dunn, and I am the retired Director of the Victim Witness Kokua Services in the Honolulu Prosecuting Attorney's Office after 44 years of service. Prior to that I was a volunteer Victim Advocate for People Against Rape. I am testifying today **in strong support of SB 3196.**

Too often during my career in victim assistance I have had to console victims of gun violence or their surviving family members. We hardly need to be reminded of the immense destructive power of assault weapons as we are constantly made aware of the death and suffering cause by them by the virtual daily litany of mass casualty incidents that are caused by these weapons. There is no legitimate purpose in a civilized society for devices whose only purpose is to rapidly administer death and serious bodily injury to human beings. I am uncertain as to why our current firearms statutes fail to outlaw to encompass assault rifles and shotguns, but the time to change that is now. Given the increases in gun crimes, even in Hawai'i, this is a critical legislative need. Our statutory defense against assault weapons must be airtight with no loopholes. The stakes in the battle against gun violence are high and every resource in preventing assault weapons anywhere in Hawai'i.

Please support SB 3196. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Mahalo!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/23/2024 12:52:18 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Trevor Manago	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is written in such a broad way that would prohibit law abiding US citizens from the acquisition of a majority of modern firearms due to their inclusion of one or more prohibited feature(s). This is in direct conflict with the rights afforded them by the constitution's second amendment. Though the second amendment may seem like a vestigial trait from an ancient time, consider the political turmoil in the past decade. Things may have turned out alright, but consider an alternate timeline where they did not. Time may make that a reality.

Furthermore, many of these prohibited features do not inherently make a firearm any more dangerous. The M1 Garand has no pistol grip or folding/telescoping stock, yet has undoubtedly killed or wounded hundreds of thousands if not millions during WWII. I also can't recall the last time a rifle chambered in .50BMG was used by a civilian in the commission of a crime.

I'm not against laws that keep guns out of the hands of those unfit to own them. This is a feel-good bill that only serves to punish law-abiding citizens while doing little to keep more "traditional" firearms, that can also do considerable damage, out of the wrong hands. The passage of this bill leads us down a slippery slope to the wrong side of history with no way to climb back up. For these reasons, I oppose SB3196.

"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." - 2nd Amendment to the United States Constitution. 1791

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/23/2024 1:34:25 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Eric Kim	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196. Criminals are not supposed to possess any firearms, yet they still are available to get them illegally. This bill only hurts the law-abiding citizens. Violent crimes are on the rise and the citizens should have the right to protect themselves from these violent criminals. Criminals do evil things to people but why punish millions of people because of what a handful of evil people do?

A great leader would go and see for themselves what they are taking away from their constituents before making any decision. Any politician who supports this bill should go to the gun range and learn about the firearms that they are trying to take away from the citizens. Talk to the people in the gun community. Arrange to go to the gun range with a gun group and learn from them and they will gladly teach you how to handle a firearm and let you shoot their guns. The gun community are friendly and helpful. Don't let the criminals represent what the gun community and the law-abiding citizens are about. Taking away people's rights because of a select few and not seeing first-hand what they are taking away from the citizens, is irresponsible. Thank you for your time.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/23/2024 1:32:01 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
James Jett Ragasa	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello everyone. I'm James Ragasa and I strongly oppose the passing of bill SB3196 respectfully. Growing up here in Hawaii from back when I was a baby, I believe in Aloha. However, if you notice how things are nowadays, people that illegally obtain firearms don't care about "Aloha" and it's not fair for us as law abiding citizens, that have gone through the training and continue to prove we are responsible gun owners, to lose our rights to own firearms of these sorts due to the actions of those that would continue obtaining illegal firearms regardless. Realistically, I do not feel safe on an island that takes away a method of self defense from us especially when we can prove that we are indeed responsible for owning said firearms. Please stop this bill from being passed. That way we can practice our God given rights and keep ourselves and those around us protected in some type of way. Mahalo.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/23/2024 1:35:45 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jon Paul Santos	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a resident of the State of Hawaii, I oppose this bill. In attempting to tackle criminal behavior SB3196 unjustly targets the moral and law-abiding citizens of the state. This bill would negatively affect myself as an individual, in addition to causing greater harm to the community in terms of safety, excessive monetary loss to individuals & to the State of Hawaii, and would outright be a violation of the 2nd Amendment to the US Constitution (backed by multiple set precedents).

SB3196 outright bans multiple categories of legally acquired firearms in common use, therefore it would put myself at risk of being unable to defend myself against violent/deadly crime or risk being criminally prosecuted by the state. By revoking my ability to legally maintain ownership of firearms defined by SB3196, those of which are in common-use (defined by District of Columbia v. Heller, 554 U.S. 570), this bill would effectively disarm me and my family, and inhibit my ability to effectively exercise my right to self-defense. This would also disarm a large portion of the community who are moral and law-abiding citizens, thus leaving them vulnerable to becoming victims of crime as well. This bill weakens the safety of the good people of the state and disproportionately empowers & emboldens violent criminals. Advocates of the SB3196 could argue that the overall increased presence of firearms does increase the overall number of firearm related incidents, specifically increases in gun crime, but what might be overlooked and/or ignored is the data on the statistically higher volume in lawful employment of defensive gun uses than gun crime itself (CDC Study on Defensive Use of Guns).

The implementation of SB3196 would bring about irrevocable monetary damages to myself, other individuals of the community and to the State of Hawaii. The effective enforcement of this bill would mandate that I forfeit my legally acquired property at a significant monetary loss, due to the cost of training, licensing/registration, parts, and the cost for the firearms themselves. The state basically forced its citizens to pay hundreds, if not THOUSANDS, of dollars in mandated fees/training and ultimately have nothing to show for it. Additionally, the State of Hawaii will be forced to not only expend taxpayer funds to enforce SB3196, but to also defend it in court. As it currently stands this bill is similar in nature to bills that fail the test set forth by District of Columbia v. Heller, 554 U.S. 570 AND New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc. v. Bruen, 597 U.S. 1. (Violating the protection of arms in "Common Use" AND fails test that mandates "History and Tradition" for such laws to be constitutional).

When analyzing the specific parts of SB3196, the intent to bar legal ownership of firearms based on characteristics of a rifle, pistol or shotgun has no bearing on public safety. While firearm

characteristics and features change the ease of use for the user it doesn't make the weapons definitively more dangerous. Having such features would more likely increase public safety because it enables the proper and safe employment of such firearms for self-defense, hunting and/or recreational purposes. Preventing lawful usage/ownership of firearms containing such features/characteristics would give criminals a disproportionate advantage, and solely place the burden of responsibility on citizens that operate within the moral confines of society and the law

I, personally, do not believe bills of this nature are effective, and there are national statistics that support my argument. I also do not believe that the cause for Hawaii's historically low rate in gun-crime is due to the state's strict legislation on, but due to a tight sense of community. Therefore, I ask you to listen to the community as we advocate for our inalienable rights to continue to be respected and protected. I do NOT support this bill, and hope the senate does NOT support this bill either.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/23/2024 1:57:58 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Wilfrey Santos	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose the measure curtailing our 2nd Amendment Rights which state "The Right Of The People To Keep And Bear Arms, Shall Not Be Infringed."

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/23/2024 6:15:40 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Joseph Routon	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We the people have a right to self preservation and how we choose to defend ourselves and loved ones. The "Spirit of Aloha" will not stop criminals from harming us and the people we love. It did not stop the shooting at the illegal chicken fight, nor did it stop the underage perpetrators from possessing firearms illegally. This is just one example of criminals not obeying the laws, and now you seek to make it harder for law abiding citizens to defend themselves. I heavily suggest you take the time to learn about the firearms you are proposing to ban. By this I mean take a firearms safety class, go to a shooting range and see for yourself. Thank you for your time.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/23/2024 6:24:54 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sabrina Ongos	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE this bill!!!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/23/2024 6:28:03 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Edmund	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose any form of infringement on my 2nd amendment rights to bear arm. Any law maker and/or politician who is in support of Bill SB3196 or any Bill likewise should be immediately arrested, jailed and fined for violating their oath of office of defending the U.S Constitution' aswell the seats they hold should be revoked from them immediately and permanently and forbidden to serve as public servant's in the future.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/23/2024 6:29:20 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Earl Kalawaia	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha mai,

My name is Earl Kalawaia of Hilo, Hawai'i. This is a written testimony, opposing SB 3196 regarding firearms. I oppose this bill as it infringes on my second amendment right to have arms. I am a hunter and recreational shooter that enjoys as well as rely on these types of firearms to ensure a sustainable life style and personal freedoms.

mahalo,

Earl Kalawai'a

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/23/2024 6:33:30 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kaleo Ah Sam	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill SB 3196

**John T. Ichikawa**  
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23 February 2024

TESTIMONY FOR Record

SUBJECT: SB 3196 Firearms; Assault Rifles; Assault Shotguns; Assault Pistols; Assault Weapon Attachments; .50 Caliber Rifles; Magazine Capacity; Prohibition

**1. Introduction:**

- a. My name is John T. Ichikawa, I am a 62 year old retired SFC veteran with 32 years of military service to our country. I served in the Hawaii Army National Guard both part time and full time and I deployed twice to Iraq in 2004-2005 and 2008-2009. I am currently a member of the Puuloa Rifle Club, VFW Post 8616, and a director in my apartment's Board of Directors. This is the first time that I am submitting testimony.
- b. The reason for my testimony is to voice opposition to this Senate Bill. I am a responsible, law-abiding gun owner, and the primary purpose I own my guns is for sport shooting and for self-defense. I am also a member of the USCCA (United States Concealed Carry Association), a national organization which educates gun owners on responsible gun handling and provides legal support in the advent of a gun related self-defense situation.

**2. Statement of Position:** Although I applaud the Senate's desire to stop gun violence considering continuing gun violence going on in our nation, I feel that the way that this bill is crafted will not accomplish this goal but instead will unnecessarily punish responsible gun owners and future gun owners like me. The reason I say this is because I own a legal AR-15 and the reason why I purchased it was that I need this weapon in order to compete in CMP matches both here and possibly on the mainland. Passing SB 3196 will make my weapon illegal and future sport shooters also won't have the opportunity to own their own weapon to compete in gun tournaments. What I don't want to see is us becoming like other countries that ban rifles and competitors must go out of country in order to practice their sport.

**3. Background information:** The CMP matches that I compete in require military issue type weapons, like the AR-15 and Barretta 92F which have high-capacity magazines; for the AR-15, a standard magazine is either 20 or 30 round capacity and for the Barretta 92F it is a 15-round magazine. Currently, I can buy a 10-round magazine for my AR-15 at the MCX in Kaneohe. This already is an "inconvenience" for me because the course of fire requires magazine changes, and the lower capacity magazine requires me to adjust to more frequent magazine changes, which eats up precious time in the competition.

**4. Specific Arguments and Evidence:** I believe that current gun laws in Hawaii are adequate, they just need to be enforced. It is no secret that Hawaii already has some of the strictest gun laws in the country. For example, just recently a 17-year-old hunter was charged for a fatal shooting in West Oahu. I'm sure that all the details will come out at trial

later but, did that hunter take the prescribed hunters education training and was the firearm purchased by a licensed 21 year or older gun permit holder? Why is it that frequently, felons are in possession of weapons? The man who shot two HPD officers back in January, Sidney Tafokitau, was a convicted felon out on bail, and was “using an unregistered AR-15 type rifle, police said in a statement.” (Associated Press). Of course, felons are not allowed to possess firearms at all, right? All of us registered gun owners had to take the required training and background checks and, in my case, because I was a minor when my parents got divorced, I had to go to court mandated psychological evaluation, which initially disqualified my gun permit application until I could locate and get my former psychologist to write a memorandum to HPD allowing me to acquire a firearm. HPD actually wanted her to certify that I would not in the future shoot anyone, which is ridiculous because how can she predict a person’s future actions? Also, the way the Senate Bill is crafted, there will be a ban of any accessories that could be used to make a firearm an assault weapon a.k.a. repair parts for existing weapons, like mine. So, if my weapon breaks down, I have to throw it away because I can’t get the repair parts here? Or, do I have to spend extra money to go out of state to get my legal weapon restored? As I mentioned in the Statement of Position, I don’t think that this SB 3196 is crafted correctly and that we already have adequate laws in place already.

5. **Conclusion:** I hope that this testimony has adequately illustrated that the need for SB 3196 is not necessary and that the enforcement of existing HRS 134 Firearms, Ammunition and Dangerous Weapons is sufficient enough. SB 3196 would unnecessarily punish law abiding AR-15 owners and future owners who need this type of weapon to compete in sanctioned CMP competitions. Especially service personnel, prior service personnel and retirees who have significant expertise and training in these type of weapons the banning of the weapon would seriously infringe on our Second Amendment rights.

6. The POC for this memorandum is John T. Ichikawa at 808-722-1821, or email at [jtichikawa@aol.com](mailto:jtichikawa@aol.com).

  
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SFC (R), USA

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/23/2024 6:44:30 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
MATTHEW GRIFFIN	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Matthew Griffin  
Hilo, HI  
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23 Feb 2024

Subject: Strong Opposition to S.B. No. 3196

Dear Representatives,

I am writing to express my vehement opposition to Senate Bill No. 3196, following its progress through the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs.

Firstly, I appreciate the comprehensive summary provided in the committee report. It is evident from the diverse range of testimonies that this bill has elicited passionate responses from various stakeholders in our community. The legislative process is at its best when it reflects the voices and concerns of the people it serves.

It is concerning, however, that despite a clear 5 to 1 opposition-to-support ratio and testimony from over a thousand individuals, legislators seem determined to push forward with S.B. No. 3196. The fundamental principles of democracy require elected officials to listen and respond to the needs and concerns of their constituents. Ignoring such overwhelming opposition raises questions about the democratic process and representation.

While I understand the importance of addressing gun violence prevention policies and modernizing our state's assault weapons ban, it is crucial to do so with a balanced approach that respects the rights and opinions of law-abiding citizens. The fact that Hawaii, with its existing strong gun safety laws, had the third lowest number of gun deaths per capita in 2021 is a testament to the effectiveness of current measures.

I urge you to reconsider the advancement of S.B. No. 3196 and to ensure that any changes to existing legislation are made with careful consideration of the diverse perspectives within our community. It is essential that our democratic processes uphold the principles of representation, transparency, and accountability.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I trust that you will take into account the concerns expressed by the constituents in your decision-making process.

Sincerely,

Matthew Griffin

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/23/2024 6:58:01 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Alexa Manago	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is written in such a broad way that would prohibit law abiding US citizens from the acquisition of a majority of modern firearms due to their inclusion of one or more prohibited feature(s). This is in direct conflict with the rights afforded them by the constitution's second amendment. Though the second amendment may seem like a vestigial trait from an ancient time, consider the political turmoil in the past decade. Things may have turned out alright, but consider an alternate timeline where they did not. Time may make that a reality.

Furthermore, many of these prohibited features do not inherently make a firearm any more dangerous. The M1 Garand has no pistol grip or folding/telescoping stock, yet has undoubtedly killed or wounded hundreds of thousands if not millions during WWII. I also can't recall the last time a rifle chambered in .50BMG was used by a civilian in the commission of a crime.

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**SB-3196**

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Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jun Patrick Butay	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB3196.

The said mentioned items are just tools for the firearms.

Civil Rights are BEING Violated.

Why are you making qualified personnel for said firearms FELONS by owning the said items.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/23/2024 7:09:20 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Shari Ishii	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I would like to express a strong stance against SB 3196, primarily because I believe it would infringe upon the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens in Hawaii and restrict the ability to make protective and ergonomic adjustments to legally owned firearms.

Additionally, you argue that the term "assault weapon" is often misunderstood, as it originally referred to "assault rifles," which are fully automatic firearms, rather than the semi-automatic firearms targeted by current gun control efforts.

Per the findings from the Council on Criminal Justice, crime trends in US Cities from 2019 – 2023, Gun Assaults (aggravated assaults committed with a firearm) peaked in 2020 (post pandemic), and the rate fell by 7% from 2022 to 2023, representing 1,586 fewer incidents in the study cities. Compared to the same period in 2022, gun assaults decreased by 7% in the first half of 2023 and by 7% in the second half of the year.

For the law-abiding citizens who take the necessary steps, classes and training to be responsible firearms owner, passing this bill would be a "knife in the back."

In closing, for the above stated reasons and statistics, I strongly OPPOSE this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/23/2024 7:15:02 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dawnelle Forsythe	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB3196. Focus your efforts on housing and the high cost of living in Hawaii instead of further restricting our rights that are Constitutional protected. People are forced to move out of Hawaii not for their fear of guns. But for their fear of not being able to provide food, clothing, and shelter for their families. These are the basic necessities of a humane life. Even prisoners keep these basic rights in Hawaii. But your honest working class family suffers while criminals thrive? The people of Hawaii are not running away from bullets of these arms your trying to ban. Instead, they are running away to survive the wrong shots and calls you as lawmakers are making when focused on the wrong priorities. House, cloth, and feed your people first. Any US citizen deserves that much dignity.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2024 7:24:51 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Rogelio Lazaro	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this unconstitutional bill. Do not pass this!

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Submitted on: 2/23/2024 7:43:33 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dain Christensen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

Please note my strong opposition to SB3196 relating to firearms. Please also consider the intent behind the 2nd amendment of the US Constitution. Finally, please consider the very clear and strong language ..."the right of the people to keep and bear arms, **shall not be infringed.**" I hope the ladies and gentlemen of this session can see that on the surface, SB3196 violates that right and will be met in court if passed, essentially wasting tax payer dollars.

Please ask yourselves if you can clearly define an "assault weapon."

My final point, please consider if SB3196 is passed and unchallenged, would those who wish to do harm to the communities of Hawaii (bad guys) even know the law exists let alone obey it? Currently it is illegal to traffic people and drugs. Yet our streets still have huge influx of drugs, destroying communities, and underground trafficking still prominent.

A free and responsible Hawaii is the vision. Protect our rights that so many have fought and died for. Vote NO for SB3196.

Mahalo,

Dain

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Submitted on: 2/23/2024 7:44:33 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Thomas mckinley	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Thomas McKinley, I am a federal small arms repairer and this is my testimony. All the rules, regulations, and laws that are being proposed are completely unjust. Having firearms is a constitutional right and by putting these rules, regulations, and laws in place they violate my constitutional rights. I should be allowed to own the types of weapons I choose per the constitution and by inhibiting these actions goes against that right as an American citizen. If the legislature chooses to continue on this path the citizens of Hawaii that are pro firearm will come together and sue the state of Hawaii and HPD. By proposing all these bans only puts more of a burden and stress on the people and small businesses that own and deal in firearms. Also it will make hundreds of people instant criminals due to the simple fact that most people legally own firearms now but if this bill goes through it will instantly make them criminals. This bill will only open the door to infringe on the peoples rights even more for all the people. The public of Hawaii needs to be able to protect themselves per the constitution and by implementing this bill it will unjustly interfere with that right. Hawaii has a very low gun crime rate compared to the mainland, but once you start prohibiting law abiding citizens from being able to defend themselves those crimes will only grow. Just because there are laws put in place it doesn't mean that criminals will abide by them. Criminals don't care if they can't have this or they can't do that, either way they will have weapons they're not supposed to have. And by taking away and prohibiting the weapons that law abiding citizens can have you basically let the criminals win. These new laws also deny men and women the right to buy ammo until the age 21, which in itself makes no sense. They can purchase a weapon at the age 18 but not ammo? That would be illegal in itself per the constitution, they wouldn't be able to have the right to bare arms. That goes back to when 18 year olds couldn't vote, they could go to war and die but not vote? So they can go to war and die but not purchase ammo? It makes no sense whatsoever to prohibit the sale of ammo to a 18 year old. As I stated before this bill infringes on the rights of the citizens and should be dropped. Thank you for the opportunity to speak my mind and submit my testimony.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2024 7:45:45 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Thaze Gomes	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Today I write in opposition of SB 3196 Related to Firearms. Coming from generations of native Hawaiian hunter gatherers I recognize the negative impact this bill will have on an ohana's ability to sustainably source meat. This bill also puts legal, law abiding citizens at risk as it does not address the guns that criminals possess. Assault weapons are a more efficient means to hunt and to protect life in a violent situation. Ultimately this bill diminishes an individuals ability to self sustain, a skill that is quite necessary when living on and island in the middle of the Pacific ocean.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2024 7:53:20 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Maikai	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Further restrictions on responsible gun owners only makes instant felons out of law abiding citizens, further jeopardizes people's safety and their Constitutional Right to bear arms and defend themselves, and empowers the criminal – who is not listening to the laws to begin with. Gun control penalizes the citizens who are listening to and following the law in a State that is already one of the most restrictive on this issue

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Submitted on: 2/23/2024 7:56:39 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Joy Frances Pagan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196 as it is poorly written and riddled with infringements upon the second ammendment.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2024 8:11:58 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lipine Muraki-Griffin	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Senator,

My name is Lipine Muraki-Griffin and I am writing to you as a spouse of a special operations veteran with multiple combat deployments who has found solace and sustenance through hunting in our beautiful state of Hawai'i.

Firstly, I'd like to express my gratitude for your service and dedication to our community. Your commitment to making informed decisions that impact the lives of your constituents is greatly appreciated.

I am compelled to address Senate Bill No. 3196 currently under consideration by the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs. While I understand the need for continuous evaluation and improvement of our state's policies, I wish to share a perspective that seems to be underrepresented in the discourse surrounding this bill.

My spouse, as a special operations veteran, has served our country with honor and courage, undertaking multiple combat deployments. Coming home, hunting has become more than a past time for our family; it is a means to put food on our table in the face of Hawaii's high cost of living. The skills acquired during military service, including marksmanship and a deep respect for firearms, are applied responsibly in the pursuit of sustenance.

Hawaii's unique geographical and economic challenges make hunting an essential and practical way for families like ours to access quality, locally sourced food. Any legislation that seeks to impose additional restrictions on firearm ownership and ammunition sales has a direct impact on our ability to provide for our family sustainably.

I understand the importance of balancing the need for public safety with the rights of law-abiding citizens. I humbly request that you consider the unintended consequences that S.B. No. 3196 will have on many families like ours, who rely on hunting not only as a way of life but as a means of survival.

I trust that you will take into account the diverse experiences within our community and make decisions that reflect the best interests of all. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Lipine Muraki-Griffin

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Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
John D'Adamo III	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose

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Submitted on: 2/23/2024 9:52:39 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Seth Proctor	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill as a violation of the Second Amendment.

Thank you.

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Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
countrybuilt	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Oppose sb3196 Im a law abiding citizen in hawaii i feel this bill will not do anything about the individuals that doesn't follow the laws set in place already and will still some how get there hands on this type of firearms as well as anything else thats unlawful. This bill is going against our second amendment rights we already have one of the strictest processes to legally obtain a firearm in the state of Hawaii by doing double background checks before obtaining a permit to acquire a long gun and also a pistol safety certificate to obtain and handgun there for i fill this bill is not doing anything to keep our people safe in the state of Hawaii. Individuals the are committing this firearm related crimes are most likely not allowed to possess a firearm in the first place. By passing this law it's only going to up the value and production of black market and ghost guns that will make it alot more dangerous in our communities. I feel that there is alot more important and relevant issues that our state has to be concerned about like our housing,homelessness, cost of living etc. thats going on in our state. Our local families are forced to move away just so they can make it in this crazy world we live in.

Thanks for letting me voice my opinion on this bill 👍

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Submitted on: 2/23/2024 10:24:07 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/23/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Joelle Seashell	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is in direct violtion of the highest law of the land. Your wayward and unamerican legislative ways are not acceptable.