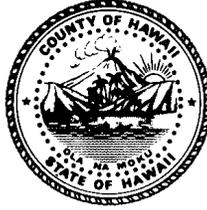


**HEATHER L. KIMBALL**  
**COUNCIL CHAIR**  
Council District 1 (North Hilo,  
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## HAWAII COUNTY COUNCIL

25 Aupuni Street, Ste. 1402.  
Hilo, Hawai'i 96720

February 12, 2024

Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs  
Honorable Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair  
Honorable Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair

RE: **Support of SB 3196**

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs:

As the representative of Council District 1 at the Hawai'i County Council, I thank you for the opportunity to submit **testimony in SUPPORT of SB 3196**, relating to firearms.

As a concerned citizen deeply invested in the safety and well-being of our communities, I strongly believe that enacting such legislation is crucial in ensuring the protection of our citizens and preventing tragic incidents of gun violence. The proliferation of assault rifles and pistols with large capacity magazines has significantly contributed to the escalation of mass shootings and other violent crimes across the country. These weapons, designed for military use, have no place in civilian hands and pose an imminent threat to public safety. SB 1396 takes the necessary proactive measures to reduce the likelihood of such devastating events occurring within our state.

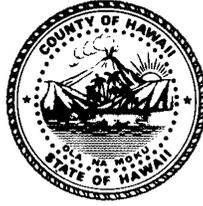
I urge this committee to move SB 3196 through the legislative process. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony. If you would like to discuss my knowledge of this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Heather Kimball'.

HEATHER L. KIMBALL

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## HAWAI'I COUNTY COUNCIL - DISTRICT 2

25 Aupuni Street • Hilo, Hawai'i 96720

DATE: February 13, 2023

TO: Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

FROM: Jennifer Kagiwada, Council Member  
Council District 2

SUBJECT: SB 3196

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, 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'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jenn Kagiwada

Statement of  
**Brigadier General Stanley J. Osserman Jr. (USAF Ret.), President**  
Tigershark, LLC  
Before the  
**Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs**  
14 February 2024  
3:00 pm  
State Capitol Conference Room #225  
In consideration of  
**SB3196**  
**Relating to Firearms**

Chair Wakai

9 February 2024

Vice Chair Elefante and Distinguished Committee Members:

I stand in strong opposition to this bill.

As the former Honolulu Police Officer (President of the HPD 74<sup>th</sup> Police Recruit Class) and 2013 graduate of the FBI Citizens Academy, as well as an Officer in the Hawaii National Guard for 35 years, I continue to serve our state by promoting solutions to our state's challenges. This testimony is NOT being given for compensation of any kind from commercial, political, or private sources. I am presenting to you today as a concerned "Life-Long" citizen of the State of Hawaii with extensive professional experience in energy systems, retail and wholesale business, military matters, military support to civil authorities, international commerce, aviation, construction, maritime operations, and public safety, among others. My goal is to help our government leaders make good strategic choices.

If Hawaii has an "A- rating by the Gifford Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence" and ranked 47<sup>th</sup> out of 50 U.S. States with the 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest number of gun deaths per capita in 2021, I must question why we need a long, poorly written law that only invites legal challenges and probably violates the U.S. Bill of Rights? This bill is replete with arbitrary barrel lengths, over-all length, magazine capacities, special exceptions and exemptions, and irrelevant lists of specific makes and models of weapons being classified as "assault". Accessories that the author of this bill has no real understanding of the utility or lethality of, things like: "Flash suppressors", "thumb hole stocks", "bayonet mounts", "forward hand guards or grips", "shrouds", "grenade launchers". Seriously, we already have laws that make grenades illegal and stabbing people with a bayonet is a felony. Having a bayonet mount doesn't make a rifle or shotgun more lethal? Target rifles often have thumb hole stocks, and for that matter, in civilian target competition virtually all of the guns used today in shooting competition fall into prohibited firearms in this bill. I know, I was a civilian competitor at Camp Perry Ohio in 1978! I could go on in great detail over the gross flaws in this bill, but anyone who knows the Constitution, the statutes of our state, and our county ordinances as well as I do, could not possibly take this bill seriously as a

needed statute to decrease firearms injuries or deaths in our state. Let's try putting violent criminals in prison and let the law-abiding citizens of Hawaii defend themselves as best they can against the increasing threat from the real criminals.

Fix our highways, build affordable housing, hire more police officers, and pay your prosecutors enough so that we put more career criminals behind bars, PLEASE!!! This bill, if passed, will put several businesses out of business, and probably over a hundred people out jobs and careers. This bill is simply a "Virtue Signaling" waste of legislative time and has 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> order effects that put our law-abiding citizens at risk as victims, particularly the elderly. How about helping us Senior Citizens instead of handicapping us.

Brigadier General, Stanley J. Osserman Jr. (USAF Ret.)

President, Tigershark, LLC

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 4:51:46 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kevin J. Cole	Testifying for NRA	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

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.

Kevin J. Cole Mililani

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 8:35:02 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 bill on the grounds that it infringes on my Constitutional rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 8:51:14 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Martin	Testifying for Koffin Wurks	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196. This proposed bill does nothing for public safety and will just further create mistrust between the government and its law abiding citizens . Trying to reclassify commonly owned firearms as "assault weapons, assault pistols" in hopes to ban them will just turn average firearms owners into felons overnight and will just lead to more lawsuits by gun owners .

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:18:23 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

To the Honorable 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

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:47:42 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose 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 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 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.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:58:57 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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

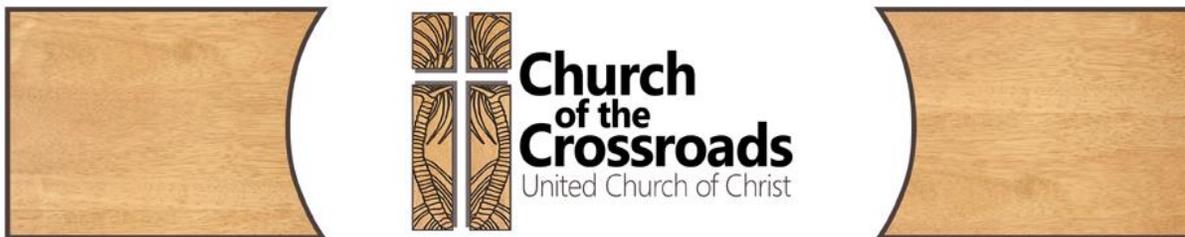
Epowersports is a retail seller of air-soft guns and related accessories in Hawai'i. We oppose SB3196.

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.

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.



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

**Testimony of the Church of the Crossroads IN SUPPORT OF SB 3196  
To the Senate Committees on Public Safety  
Hearing: February 14, 2024, 3:00 pm, CR225 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 12, 2024

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 12:00:47 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ilima DeCosta	Testifying for Moms Demand Action	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice-Chair Elefante 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 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 Hawaii 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 the next committee for a hearing.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 12:06:36 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
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: 2/12/2024 1:17:16 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Alberta Lono	Testifying for surfing4truth	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 3:11:28 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Deborah Nehmad	Testifying for Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:



Testimony of Deb Nehmad, Chapter Lead, Brady Hawaii

Before the Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

SUPPORT FOR SB 3196

February 14, 2024

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

**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. Limiting the access of individuals under 21 to ammunition is a commonsense approach to making Hawaii's keiki and the rest of us safer.

**Brady strongly supports HB2854 and urges this Committee to pass this bill without delay.**

Sincerely,

Deb Nehmad

Chapter Lead, Brady Hawaii

The Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 4:26:00 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gena Whitten	Testifying for Moms Demand Action	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Assault Weapons are the devil in our country and the weapon of choice for mass shootings. There is no place for them on the streets. They are a weapon of war, please make it impossible for ordinary citizens to acquire assault weapons of any kind in our safe state of Hawaii. KEEP HAWAII SAFE. THANK YOU.

TESTIMONY - Senate Committee on Judiciary

SB3196, RELATING TO FIREARMS

Wednesday, February 14, 2024, 3:00 PM  
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

The Federation OPPOSES 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.
4. Any restriction is considered an infringement on our 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: 2/12/2024 8:23:58 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

**INDIVISIBLE HAWAII STRONGLY SUPPORTS SB3196**

Hawaii has traditionally been one of the states with the lowest levels of gun violence. While we have banned assault pistols, we have failed to ban assault rifles and shotguns. This bill corrects that deficiency. Military assault weapons are designed to kill the greatest number of targets in the least amount of time. Civilians do not need to own or carry assault weapons, either handguns or long guns, and we do not need large-capacity magazines for any firearm. These are the weapons of choice for mass murderers, and should be off our streets and out of our state.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:25:36 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 had a meeting.

“A wolf killed one of us with his teeth. Teeth are bad; Therefore, we should pull out all of our teeth.” Duh! How about looking the sheep for a change!

Please kill this bill!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 6:53:52 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 of SB 3196 (assault Weapon ban) and any other firearms-related bills discussed on the day. You will be taking away part of our 2nd. Amendment rights for our everyday law abiding citizen. It will not help to lower gun violence in my opinion. The firearm itself is not the problem. Need to look further into to SB 3196 before proceeding.

Mahalo, Michael Tokunaga



**ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:**  
SB3196, RELATING TO FIREARMS.

**BEFORE THE:**  
Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

**DATE:** February 14, 2024      **TIME:** 3:00 p.m.      **LOCATION:** Conference Room 225

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Chair Wakai 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.



**SB-3196**

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Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 DB3196

This proposed legislation is broad overreach and effectively bans nearly all semi-automatic firearms with detachable magazines. It only serves to punish and further restrict 2nd Amendment rights of law abiding citizens. Especially those who have been lawfully exercising 2nd Amendment rights and responsibly participating in shooting activities for decades.

## TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 3196

**TO:** THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

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

**DATE:** FEBRUARY 13, 2024

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Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs: 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.

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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Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chris Marvin	Testifying for Everytown Veterans Advisory Council	Support	In Person

Comments:

Because of the Bruen decision, acquiring and carrying a firearm in public in Hawai'i has never been easier than it is right now. This Legislature worked hard in the last session to update our laws on permitting regulations and sensitive places. Now it's time to re-address what kinds of firearms are legal and illegal to purchase and possess in the state.

There is a glaring loophole in current Hawai'i law—something most voters are likely not aware of—that allows civilians to own military-style gas-operated semi-automatic rifles. Because we do have a law on the books that prohibits “assault pistols,” our state often gets grouped into the list of states that ban assault weapons. **That is dangerous, because it makes our citizens think that guns like the AR-15 and other military-style assault weapons are currently banned, when they are not.**

Our current law fails to address assault rifles, the more common and much more deadly form of assault weapons, which have been used in the deadliest mass shootings in the country. The carnage we have seen at Parkland, Newtown, Uvalde, Lewiston, El Paso, Las Vegas, and too many more, is the result of easy access to these weapons. New York, California, Washington, Massachusetts, and five other states, plus DC, all prohibit these assault-style weapons. And, Rhode Island, Maine, New Mexico, Colorado, and Virginia are all considering similar bills this year.

Before the Bruen decision, the assault rifle omission wasn't nearly as dangerous as it is today. Back when the state was allowed to determine our own rules to keep our citizens safe, we had a rigorous process to keep guns out of the hands of dangerous people, and law enforcement had a lot of latitude to ensure assault weapons didn't proliferate across the islands and show up in public places. The firearm permitting process today, while still as rigorous as the Supreme Court will allow, makes it frighteningly easier to acquire and carry an assault rifle in public, if only by default.

**That means that civilians with little training can get their hands on essentially the same firearm that I carried in combat in Afghanistan.** A gas-operated weapon that instantaneously loads round after round of 5.56mm ammunition, so that soldiers can suppress and kill the enemy, en masse. These rifles don't belong outside of the battlefield or the well-trained hands of the military. They are a poor choice for hunting game and are awkward for at-home self-defense.

**Make no mistake about it, military-style assault rifles are built for one thing—killing humans quickly and efficiently.**

I applaud Senator Wakai, the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, and the State Legislature for taking up this bill. We know the big gun lobby will fly people in from the continent to cry foul, as they always do. But they don't speak for the people of Hawai'i, who have long enjoyed a social existence that is relatively free from gun violence and mass shootings.

You would think this law would breeze through the hearings and the floor votes because of the enormous favorable public sentiment in favor. Yet, I worry that because so many people think this law already exists, that this bill might not get the attention it deserves. **Please know that this law is the will of constituents—if only because they think it is already in place.**

Pass this bill and ensure that Hawai'i can once again be a leader in gun safety. We owe it to ourselves and to our kids.



*Submitted via web portal*

**RE: SB 3196 (Wakai): Relating to Firearms - SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, 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,



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**SB-3196**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sec Manager	Testifying for Security Equipment Corp	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This testimony is concerning SB3196 on behalf of a local gun store.

We strongly oppose this bill.

Viewing this bill from a purely business perspective it would devastate us. By extension, it would be bad for every firearm store in Hawaii. 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.

The content of the bill does not make sense to us either. The power of a rifle is determined by the cartridge it shoots not the features on the outside of the firearm. The bill seeks to ban several firearm platforms but only accounts for a small portion of platforms that shoot the exact same cartridge. The cartridge for those firearms is one of the most commonly used in the nation. The stated goal of trying to keep the public safe, the contents of this bill do not seem to be targeting what would be effective.

Assault shotgun is a new term. According to released statistics shotguns are even less used in mass shootings. Even combined with the percentages of rifles it doesn't even come close to the percentage of handguns used in mass shootings. Again, none of the listed features make the gun itself any more deadly than the allowed counterparts.

Assault pistols from the listed firearms all look like pistol variants of rifles. Those as far as we know, are already illegal and not allowed for ownership in Hawaii. The description portion is

vague enough and so inclusive of features that it seemingly would ban a large majority of common pistols.

All in all, the bill would not affect the main culprits committing the crimes. The people who do not care about laws. Looking at the stories that make the news there is an abundance of alleged criminals that have unregistered firearms or firearms that are outright illegal. Not to mention felons in possession of a firearm when they are not supposed to be. Regular citizens would not want to lose their right to their firearms and would be highly doubtful they would break the laws.

The exemption section is a bit confusing as well. There is a list of authorized people who can possess assault weapons, but the section concerning possession only allows them to have the firearm in certain places. No exception for law enforcement or the military? I would want either of them to have their rifles/shotguns if they are trying to protect the public.

We would be in support of firearm bills that would make consequences harder on those who break the law. And/or give more support in enforcing our numerous firearm laws. And/or give more resources to our understaffed, overworked law enforcement.

For the listed reasons and many more, we strongly oppose this bill. Thank you for your time and we hope you can put your energies toward bills that would be more effective toward the problems we are facing.

**SB-3196**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
amy agbayani	Testifying for Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Amy Agbayani, co-chair Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights support this bill. This is an issue that our state cares about and that a ban on assault weapons is supported by the majority of our state. The rights of individuals to own guns which can only be used to inflict harm to others on a large scale should not take precedent over our right to live without fear for ourselves and our children. Please support this bill.

**SB-3196**

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Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Brian Cabreira	Testifying for Instructor - NRA and USCCA	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill, the firearm community opposes this bill. Since 2013, I have had approx. 700 students. 200 was from 2020 alone. From Jan 1st 2024 until today, 64 students. We are all law abiding citizens and your constituents. We oppose the classification of "assault weapons", a term made up to incite fear. Like the term gun violence. It makes it sound as though it's people hurting other people, but are you aware that about 64% of deaths with a gun are suicide. But the numbers inflate the "gun violence" stats to incite fear. Do you know the total of knife violence? Vehicular violence? We, as a society, need to focus on mental health, rather than on these laws in which criminals don't obey anyway. Work on poverty instead of wasting this time, money, and effort. You hinder law abiding folks, who have a right to be armed to protect themselves from evil and tyranny. This bill will empower criminals. You should not impose these types of laws based on your limited knowledge of firearms or on how evil people use them. Have any of you taken a training class? Come learn how time is what get body counts for a "mass shooter", not magazine capacity. Since 2022, we've had hundreds of concealed carry holders, walking amongst our communities. None that I've heard of went out and started hurting others.

If this bill passes, my classic 1974 hunting rifle would be targeted. This bill is completely unfounded and over reaching.

OPPOSE SB3196

regards,

Brian Cabreira

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

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**NRA**

February 13, 2024

The Honorable Glenn Wakai  
Chair, Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 407  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Wakai:

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel Reid".

Daniel Reid  
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**SB-3196**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Rachel Logan	Testifying for Moms Demand Action - Hawai'i Chapter	Support	In Person

Comments:

Aloha,

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 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. These assault rifles produce gun fire that is not survivable—one shot can render a child's body unrecognizable. The AR-15 was designed to kill many people in a short amount of time and was intended for military use. This weapon should not be available to civilians. There are plenty of other firearm options that meet the need for self-defense, these assault rifles have no place in our streets or in our community. Research shows that prohibiting assault weapons can prevent mass shootings and we must be proactive to ensure that we're doing all we can to prevent a tragic mass shooting event in our Aloha state. We have some of the strongest gun laws in the country, we need to immediately address this dangerous gap in Hawai'i law by supporting SB 3196.

Mahalo,

Rachel Logan



February 14, 2024

Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs:

Chair Glenn Wakai  
Vice Chair Brandon J.C. Elefante  
Sen. Carol Fukunaga  
Sen. Karl Rhoads  
Sen. Brenton Awa

Re: SB3196 Relating to Firearms

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs:

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>

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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/>



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.](#)<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/>

**SB-3196**

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<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 14, 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. 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.

A ban on firearm types or magazine limitations will effect the legal firearm owner, while doing little or nothing to curtail the actions of the criminal. Hawaii has been under a handgun magazine limit for decades, yet you would be hard pressed to show how it has significantly lowered our crime rate. If anything magazine capacity and firearm type are additional charges for individuals who have already committed a crime.

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.

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**SB-3196**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Erica Yamauchi	Testifying for Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, Chair, Vice Chair and Members of the Committee:

My name is Erica Yamauchi, I serve as state co-lead for the Hawai‘i chapter of Moms Demand Action, with local groups on O‘ahu, Kaua‘i and Hawai‘i Island, am the mother of two young children, and am a survivor of gun violence.

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 how they are 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. 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.

SB 3196 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-grade 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.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Peter Carvalho	Testifying for Kona Guns and Ammo LLC	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am submitting this testimony in opposition to SB3196. Hawaii already has some of the most strictest gun laws in the nation and this bill seeks to solve a problem that does not exist. The recent gun violence is being committed by prohibited persons. This bill will not do anything to stop this violence. All this bill will do is to futher curtail the rights of law abiding citizens. This will be as succesful in keeping guns out of criminal hands as the prohibition on cyrstal methamphetamine and illegal aerial fireworks. How will this be administered by already overburdened county police departments? This does nothing to make us safer.

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. This amendments as well as the other fire arms restrictions are a clear infringement on our 2nd amendment rights. We can see clearly gun violence increasing and so far all of the cases of gun violence the criminals either did not have a permit to carry or the guns were not even registered. Gun violence is clearly increasing and you are taking away not only our 2nd amendment rights but our ability to protect ourselves and our families. The language in this bill stating that gun violence is decreasing is false.

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

Comments:

This proposed legislation will do nothing to prevent crime but criminalize and punish legal gun owners. Why does the Legislature target the law-abiding citizens every year? In order to purchase firearms one must be heavily vetted, more so than the rest of the population. Legal firearms owners are not the problem. This is not pono.

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

Comments:

Aloha, my name is Bronson Teixeira and I am born and raised on the island of Maui and grew up in a family that have owned firearms since the plantation era. I would like first thank you for hearing me and for allowing me to voice my opinion with senate bill 3196 and other bills that seek to make us law abiding citizens feel punished.

Growing up in a family with firearms and has hunted in the beautiful HC&S plantation fields when they were thriving we were always taught proper firearms safety like muzzle awareness and trigger control/awareness and to never have ammunition around the firearms if we were cleaning them. We were taught that once a bullet leaves that firearm there is no taking it back.

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.

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. The attack on firearms seems to be the lazy man’s approach to find a solution.

I appreciate your time for reading this and if you have and 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

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

Comments:

Strongly oppose this bill as it is overly broad and is a waste of resources and does nothing to reduce crime. Many ordinary people will unknowingly be affected if this passes

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<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 firing 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 firearms 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.

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

Comments:

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

Comments:

I opposed this bill, this bill would ban common rifles that are widely used by law abiding citizens. Banning these rifles will not cause crime to drop, instead it will neuter law abiding citizens from protecting themselves. Any ban, weather rifle, pistol, or magazines, is an attack on the second amendment and our rights. I kindly ask that you don't support/pass this bill

Thank you.

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill because i believe it is unconstitutional and is an infringement on our 2nd amendment rights

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

Comments:

Aloha all,

my name is Benjamin Rowe and I strongly oppose this bill SB3196 as it relates to its intent to ban popular firearms including semiautomatic firearms. In brief review of the bill it is a tremendous over reach and it violates second amendment principals and values . The bill is malicious in its effort to restrict modern firearms to qualified law abiding citizens who have achieved what is stated in the bill as the ability to lawfully own firearms in a State with some of the most restrictive gun laws. The attempts of this bill will do nothing to curb gun violence in Hawaii. They will only serve to strip law abiding responsible gun owners of there rights. In scrolling to the end of the bill I am not able to read the signature of the authors or sponsors of this bill so I am not able to address them by name.

with respect to gun safety and gun violence efforts I strongly suggest that the authors use their time to support law enforcement and prosecutors abilities to remove the criminals freedoms who illegally hold carry or use firearms who are not supposed to by current laws, If you were to point at recent highly avoidable gun violence incidents specifically the island wide chase with an armed suspect who was recently freed from custody and went on a days long crime spree. Use your efforts to allow the police and law enforcement entities to implement things like stop sticks spike strips and other effective means of controlling situations that warrant such tools and training so that they can effectively stop the threat. Praise to all law enforcement who responded that day for their tremulous restraint in not returning fire when fired upon. drop this bill as it will not withstand the expensive law suits it will draw and that will surely overturn. Instead use your time wisely in office to make positive change for the people you represent with that thank you for your career choices to serve the community please serve all the community and favor law abiding citizens who contribute positively to the community

Aloha

Ben Rowe

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

Comments:

I strongly disagree with this bill, and it's not gonna prevent law breakers from breaking the law, and they will continue to disregard any new or old law you folks try to enforce. The only ones that are being affected by this, are us legal gun owners, who in the end, are being punished for being law abiding citizens. Please focus on stiffer penalties for these illegal gun owners, and stop making stricture gun laws that they won't follow anyways.

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

Comments:

As a law-abiding U.S. citizen and resident of the State of Hawaii, I believe there are adequate federal and state laws to effectively deal with the unlawful possession and use of firearms by any perpetrator.

I support legislation that mandates a consistent, swift and appropriate penalty for any illegal possession or use of a firearm.

I do not support any effort or legislation that infringes upon the right of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms. I do not support legislation that increases fees on citizens seeking to exercise their right to self-defense.

In addition:

This testimony is provided through the Hawaii Chapter, Safari Club International, regarding SB3196 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 SB3196 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 SB3196 to allow use of these rifles.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gavin Heideman	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill in it's entirety. Our state boasts such low firearm related crime rates with the listed attachments and firearms already in possession by citizens. The financial burden placed upon us to ship our firearms out of state comes at a time when many fire recovery victims are not exactly in the best position to be spending hundreds of dollars and losing money invested in lawfully purchased equipment, anything purchased in Hawaii is typically more expensive than the same item would cost in almost any other state. So a person would have to sell their firearm for a fraction of what they paid for it, as well as pay FFL transfer fees, shipping and postage insurance. This bill would also drastically diminish or eliminate the firearm sales market putting people out of work, jobs will be lost and revenue gutted. The rights of law abiding citizens should not be infringed as a result of criminals who will disregard laws as they always do. It will put innocent people at a disadvantage, our police force is understaffed and response times are much higher than that of other states. We already have some of the strictest gun laws in the country, why tighten the vise even more? Why force people to give up their property when they had never, nor intended to bring harm to another law abiding person? Why step on the rights of the people? If health and safety was a really concern why are fast food restaurants still allowed to serve poisom with zero restriction? Toddlers are drinking soda and are obese! Why are cigarettes at every gas station and grocery store?? Why is alcohol served everywhere? Why are criminals released within hours of arrest, or not arrested at all? Why is phycological care freakishly expensive and not offered to the people? Drug addicts roam the streets with no laws being imposed on them, why punish us lawful citizens? We want to protect our families, and our fellow people. Don't make us more vulnerable and defenseless.

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

Comments:

This bill is far overreaching. As the beginning of the bill states, Hawai'i's gun crime is the third lowest in all the states. This bill was introduced, not to reduce crime, but to get a good anti gun rating. No major crimes have been performed with any so called assault weapons. This ban seeks to make the most commonly used firearms illegal. The courts have struck down unconstitutional laws like this one down. The tax payers like myself should not have to shoulder the lawsuits of fighting an unjust, and unconstitutional law. Instead, the focus should be on bolstering our law inforcement and punishing the real criminals with harsher more meaningful sentences. Parts of this bill have already been found unconstitutional and thus unenforceable. Shotguns with a capacity of 5 or more are common and thus protected. The AR15 is the most commonly used firearm in the United States and has been cited by many courts as protected under the 2nd ammendment. 10 magazine bans have recently been deemed unconstitutional. Please kill this bill, it is too far reaching and hawaii does not have a problem with guns. It has a problem with criminals. If you take the law abiding citizens ability to defend themselves away. The criminals will still have guns. This bill seeks to classify all commonly used firearms as assault weapons by painting them as more than what the are. Ghost guns are more of a problem then the legally own weapons that this ban is trying to vilify.

Please vote on to this bill. Thank you for your time.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kyshia Marie Bugarin	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill would put hardworking lawful people in a really tough spot. People who don't obey the law will not be affected. However our homes and businesses will be vulnerable to criminals. Also gun shops would be out of business, they'd be out of work at a time that people are struggling already. Alcohol and cigarettes are responsible for far far more deaths, but since they bring in tax dollars you let that slide. It's completely unfair to us and it sets a precedent for future constitutional infringement.

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

Comments:

Aloha, my name is Michael Kekaha and I am one of hundreds of law abiding citizens in Hawaii that own firearms. As I write this, I am confused as to why so many members of the Hawaii Legislature are so hell-bent on penalizing legal firearms owners. After reading this proposed bill, it is clearly intended to prevent law abiding citizens from purchasing firearms deemed by you, legislators as assault rifles/shotguns. If we were to apply your logic to other items, all hammers should be banned in Hawaii also, as they are too used to commit assaults. This bill will be in direct violation of the Second Amendment of the US Constitution. As sworn representatives, it is your duty to uphold the US Constitution. You should concentrate on holding the criminals who use firearms in the commission of crimes responsible and stop laying their crimes at my feet as I do not violate the law yet, through bill like this one, I am held responsible.

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

Comments:

I strongly disagree with this bill. This doesn't change anything for the unlawful gun owners. Villans will continue to obtain firearms ILLEGALLY regardless of the laws set in place. Banning firearms is unconstitutional and if this bill were to pass, my confidence in our state lawmakers will continue to decline. As a law abiding citizen, I feel like the one being punished for the crimes and nonsense of criminals.

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

Comments:

Completly OPPSE this bill.

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

Comments:

Strongly oppose. This is unconstitutional and a waste of everyones time. The legal firearms being erroneously discribed as "assault weapons" are merely firearms that look like military type firearms. At most they are SEMI-AUTOMATIC which is a widely and historicly accepted action used by target shooters, hunters and collectors alike as well as for home and personal defense. There are already harsh penelties for modifying and possesing firearms to function like actual military grade firearms.

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

Comments:

Hello-

My name is Dave. I was born and raised on Maui. I left Maui for Honolulu to go to school and work. I raised my family here. One child is moving away permanently next month because she can't afford to live here. Another child moved to Las Vegas for the same reason and also because he likes to go shooting just like his dad. I've been shooting guns for 60 years. ..Ever since I was 7 years old. I've taught all of my kids how to shoot guns safely.

I just retired and a big part of my happy retirement plan was to go to the shooting range with my other old retired friends and enjoy the hobby that we and so many other friends love to do. It is completely outrageous to me to hear about this paranoid legislation to solve a non-existent problem when we obviously have a REAL problem driving away the people of this state. I have seen so MANY members of my family move away to Vegas, Utah and other states. All of my grandchildren live on the mainland now and that really hurts and angers me. Some of my old friends have moved to Texas, Arkansas and Tennessee.

So I will say this to whoever proposed this useless legislation: Stop wasting MY time, money and resources and get to work on the real problems plaguing this state. Do your job!

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<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.

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<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 10th, 2024

Subject: Strong Opposition to Proposed Firearm Regulation Amendments

To whom it may concern,,

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,  
Wayne Asam

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

Comments:

This bill is an infringement on our 2nd amendment rights and will effectively ban the vast majority of semi automatic firearms. It will negatively affect law abiding citizens to exercise their rights. I strongly oppose this bill.

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

Comments:

This bill is an infringement on our 2nd amendment rights and will effectively ban the vast majority of semi automatic firearms. It will negatively affect law abiding citizens to exercise their rights. I strongly oppose this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 6:45:25 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha, this State has no right to ban any firearms! It is our constitutional right to bear arms and that shall not be infringed upon! And the supreme Court has already made that ruling! Maybe if this state and this country would take a tougher stand on criminals we would not have such a rampant problem. Why should law abiding citizens have to suffer for what criminals do!?! With the state of this Country our 2nd amendment right are more important then ever! You people need to wake up and realize that one day that firearm you are trying to ban, could save yours and your lives!

Aloha and thank you!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 6:47:45 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 7:05:09 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill is Unconstitutional.it will make every gun owner outlaws.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 7:46:57 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I Oppose taking away guns of law-abiding citizens

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 7:52:02 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this .

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 8:45:49 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Oppose. Infringement on 2nd amendment

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 8:47:27 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 is a vagrant violation of the 2nd amendment and the Constitution! These restrictive laws will not stop lawbreakers from obtaining weapons. Stop punishing law abiding gun owners!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 8:58:29 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I opposed the bill because banning firearms would not make a difference for criminals they will always get guns from whatever criminal interpris they seek out. As a citizen who supports the right to bear arms finds this bill very unconstitutional and furthermore violates it in every way supreme courts ruled out many's times it's unconstitutional to ban fire arms. With all this active crime happening now days it's better to protect our self's from the criminals who sole purpose is to either cause bodily harm to inocent civilians. This will leave mostly all law abiding citizens defenseless. This bill shouldn't even pass and full hearted don't support this only benefit the criminals and crime will rise up even more because once you start taking away our rights the criminals don't care about the law they break every law I believe this state should crack down on the illegal firearms that comes through our ports how are kids obtaining guns as such a young age focus more on that instead leaving the people defenseless. I can use a example from when hamas attacked Israel they went door to door brutally abused women and children while all the citizens were defenseless. **Crime doesn't sleep and crime does not discreminate elderly young homeless** so please do not pass this bill

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 9:05:30 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill is very detrimental to citizens rights for sporting purposes. These types of firearms have always been allowed. Hawai'i does not have a gun violence problem. Just look at actual data on firearms incidents compared to drownings and traffic accidents. Will you attempt to ban those activities also?

in the county of Maui, we have an axis deer problem (and opportunity). Many of us kupuna use AR type firearms for harvesting deer for the meat and sport of it, and we use AR type rifles because they are much more lightweight and easier and safer for us older folks to handle. Dont take this away!

and for no reason.

spend time and political capital on things that matter, like affordable housing, wildfire prevention, ocean safety etc. this juice is not worth the squeeze!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 9:26:16 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

It is my belief that restricting gun laws more will not solve any problems. The true issue at hand is that people who don't follow laws will always be able to obtain restricted things, no matter what. The population that follows the laws should not be restricted because of it. If these individuals who don't follow the laws grow stronger in firepower than the population of law-abiding citizens, they will take advantage of it. When they take advantage of that, they will believe it is safer to do more harm than good with the knowledge, knowing that they will have an easier time doing these things.

You can't solve a problem by restriction if the ones who must be restricted cease to follow said restrictions. The way this is going, we are empowering criminals when we restrict law-abiding citizens. Don't leave good individuals defenseless.

Thank you.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 9:28:05 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 9:30:40 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
justin	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I am going to open with an amendment from our constitution

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 is our 2nd amendment granted to us by our creator undeniable and inalienable. Inalienable and undeniable rights of 1% can not have it taken away by the 99% The constitution proves and was made for this reason. these attacks on our constitutional rights both state and nation wide is absolutely absurd and is not only disgraceful to our culture but to our ancestors as well.

I am here today as a law abiding citizen of Hawai'i with the hopes of becoming a legal firearm owner within the state Furthermore I intend to help prevent any measures from passing that will remove our rights to firearm ownership. I come representing the next generation of law abiding citizens of this nation like myself, who would like to practice and protect our 2nd amendment right. I am here today in opposition with intent of having recognized as unconstitutional, this bill is effectively ending a cornerstone to the 2nd amendment right to bear arms within our state. I have come to testify that This Bill shows complete disrespect to the people of this nation, to the constitution and the 2nd amendment. The founding fathers who risked life and limb to found this country and ensure our freedom recognized the necessity of the people having the right to bear arms as a crucial piece to our democracy; a ban or restriction on any weapon, part or caliber, no matter how small, or large is unconstitutional. A restriction on these firearms also prevents and would infringe on our rights to protect our lives, for the people to be able to ensure liberty from threats abroad or domestic, and finally to myself and many others, greatly infringe on the pursuit of happiness and enjoyment of using these items at the range. It also shows utter disrespect to the soldiers of this nation who have fought and died for our county and constitution

Finally a restriction on these firearms only incriminates currently law abiding citizens of This nation It also sends a negative message on how the the organization respects our constitutional and natural rights. When a law is introduced or passed, it is supposed to be for the people, of the people, by the people, protecting their life and freedoms as well as granting them security and liberty by helping to ensure our collective safety, and freedom to live as we choose Which this bill fails to accomplish Suggested bills and or laws should not be incriminating, disarming, or destabilizing the American people and laws like this do not speak for me nor does it have the

benefit of the public in mind. As it clearly states, "In God We Trust," on the American dollar bill, for they knew then and today that we should entrust that the right to bear arms shall not be infringed.

Thank you for your time today and I urge you all to please consider the people of this great nation who wish to preserve our freedoms and to the the future generations who may or may not be able to practice these rights as the result of your actions today and beyond

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 9:37:54 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

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.

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.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 9:56:50 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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: 2/10/2024 9:58:04 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

What exactly does banning the items in the bill do other making law abiding citizens like myself instant felons. Have there been crimes committed with threaded barrels, parts or 50 cal rifles? Will banning detachable magazine stop criminals or just make me one?

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 10:14:19 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it is completely flawed in every way. It doesn't apply any of the current legal precedents set forth in recent history at all. And it also doesn't present any logical argument as to how it will achieve the purpose for which it is being proposed.

the recent Hawaii Supreme Court ruling about the second amendment is symptomatic of the greater problem we have in some people's attitudes towards lawful gun ownership and usage. The aloha spirit is a powerful force but if someone is coming at me with a gun I want an advantage and not have to depend on mercy from my enemies.

Any law that blatantly disregards the standards of the US Supreme Court Bruen, Heller and other related decisions should not be considered because it goes against the highest law (supremacy clause) of the land and represents an infringement on the fundamental rights of all citizens not just those who choose to exercise it.

You cannot arbitrarily ban any firearms that are in common use for lawful purposes. This includes all parts and other accessories that are needed in order for all the said firearms to function. Parts kits, magazines, etc. The Second Amendment allows us to keep and bear arms which also includes acquire and maintain I will expand more on the aspect of acquiring firearms a bit later.

There are no direct correlations between gun control laws and crime prevention including mass shootings. Look at the analysis done by Aaron Brown (statistician) he concludes that there is no direct relationship between attempts to restrict lawful use of firearm and the activities carried out by criminals including gang activity and the acts of mass shooters. Criminals don't follow or care about your laws. They are gonna have the upper hand if you pass this.

The published work of George Town Professor William English which seems to suggest that lawful use of firearms may actually lead to greater prevention of crime. The challenge is that many of these incidents go unreported because there was no need if it didn't happen. Somewhere between 500,000 to 1 million annually.

Prohibiting certain firearms (50 cal guns) or what you term high capacity magazines as an attempt to prevent criminals from obtaining them is ludicrous. Criminals are gonna get these firearms or firearms accessories anyway and the only impact this law will have is limiting lawful people whose use all these things for lawful purposes from obtaining them. You cannot

categorically ban any firearm that is in common use for lawful purposes. To say what a free citizen needs is not for you to decide especially if you don't have any evidence to back up any claims. You do not have the right to say a citizen doesn't need an AR 15 with 30+ rounds or to say someone doesn't need a 30 cal or 50 cal rifle is not for you to determine. Again a categorical ban is unlawful and unconstitutional.

It amazes me when an argument that keeping guns from lawful people or preventing the free commerce of such is gonna lead to more 'gun violence' if anything it stands to reason that the opposite is probably true. There are estimated to be well over 400 million firearms in the US one would think that our homicide rate would be through the roof. Well guess what? Our homicide rate world wide is extra low not even in the top ten. May be it's because Americans have guns and there are a lot of attempted homicides that go unreported simply because the potential victims brandish a firearm and the assailant runs off.

If you want to have an impact on public safety put money towards crime prevention and going after those who are actively involved in criminal activity.

Put money towards helping private citizens learn how to safely operated and otherwise handle firearms for lawful self defense.

Put money toward building and operating a public range in west Oahu so residents in the leeward side can have better access to a place where they can safely train to be more proficient in use of firearms.

As a resident of West Oahu specifically Waianae which has had an 80% increase in firearms crime I want you to do what is Pono and allow us to be protectors of our families and our communities. Quit doing things that give criminals the upper hand and do something that's helps hardworking lawful people do what they need to do to protect what is theirs.

Put some money towards increasing a police presence on the West side to deter criminal activity. Allow police to be able to process those that they arrest out here so they don't have to leave their patrol area to do it. I support our men in blue.

but even if there is increase police presence there is a saying the police are minutes away when seconds count. I still want the ability to protect my self with whatever firearm I choose to do so with. As a lawfully permitted citizen I ask you to do the right thing and donot make it more difficult for me to be that protector that I need to be.

thank you for your consideration.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 10:34:15 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Violating our 2nd amendment right

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 10:34:35 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill District 29 Chair.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 10:37:25 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

**STRONGLY OPPOSE!!** Criminals will always have assault rifles with more than 10 round magazines. As a Husband and Father charged with protecting my family, why would you want to limit the law-abiding citizens!?!?

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 10:37:35 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Good Morning,

My name is Robert Doi and I am a law-abiding firearms owner in the State of Hawaii. I am writing today to voice my fierce opposition to SB3196. Not only is the premise of this proposed bill unconstitutional and only serves to punish law-abiding firearms owners. This bill is a deliberate and underhanded way of prevent us from travelling with our firearms as well as having the freedom of purchasing replacement parts needed for maintenance.

This bill only serves to be challenged in the court of law which will be likely deemed unconstitutional, overturned and only expend taxpayers funds in attorney's fees. Similar bills to this have already been overturned accross the country and relevant to Hawaii in the Ninth Circuit of Appeals. I ask that this committee to not advance this bill and instead address the violent crime and career criminals who are the real endangerment to society.

Thank you for your time.

-Robert Doi

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 10:40:18 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This is a blatant infringement of the 2nd amendment and our constitutional rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 10:46:37 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I *strongly* **OPPOSE** bill **SB3196**. If you're not going to respect the *Constitution* that you swore to uphold...leave your position and let someone who will uphold it take your place.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 10:50:08 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Stop trying to put measures on our firearms. We operate within the law. Respect that. Understand that. And move on.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 10:51:14 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Stop trying to put measures on our firearms. We operate within the law. Respect that. Understand that. And move on.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 10:52:10 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Stop trying to put measures on our firearms. We operate within the law. Respect that. Understand that. And move on.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 10:52:55 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I'm strongly opposed to the proposals outlined in SB3196. As a hunter and competitive shooting enthusiast I find the proposed limits to semi automatics and capacity changes to be completely arbitrary and serving no real purpose in public safety for law abiding gun owners.

Outside of simply adding yet another financial burden to owners these measures impose yet another infringement to our 2nd amendment rights. If lawmakers really want to impact public safety there are other root causes that should be addressed rather than penalizing law abiding citizens.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 10:55:47 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

To whom it may concern:

I oppose this proposed senate bill on the basis of it violating the people's second amendment and the State of Hawaii's constitutional rights to bear arms. The act of banning "assault" style of weapons is a grave mistake to all the people of hawaii because it strips our right to defend ourselves. In addition to that there are many more uses to "assault" style weapons ,individuals use it to hunt, competition, recreational/practice shooting., de-stress, socialize and bond with family, friends, significant others and coworkers. I personally exercise my rights to practice/recreational shooting, hunting and bond with friends and family. With this bill it will take away my rights and strip away the bonds I have made.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 10:59:48 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Dear HSL,

SB3196 will automatically turn law abiding citizens into felons and do little or nothing to reduce criminal activities in our state, Criminals by nature ignore laws. A better approach would be to target gang and illegal firearms trafficking/ownership and provide stiffer penalties for those that use firearms in crimes. Penalizing the law abiding hunting and shooting sports community is a step in the wrong direction and violates the 2nd amendment of the Constitution. Increase policing, make arrests and deal with the criminal element in the Aloha State.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 11:00:17 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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: 2/10/2024 11:00:44 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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: 2/10/2024 11:02:14 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Carl Matthew Jellings	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill, due it being unconstitutional

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 11:04:04 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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: 2/10/2024 11:04:45 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Chase Pa'aluhi Kaneakua	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

As a Kanaka, father & law abiding citizen of this nation I strongly oppose SB3196.

SB3196 is a disgusting infringement on our constitutional and God given rights. Any elected officials who had a hand in drafting, proposing and or supporting this bill is in direct violation of upholding their oath they swore to uphold the constitution and should resign immediately.

Don't forget you work for & represent your constituents, We The People.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 11:05:41 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I vehemently oppose this bill. The state doesn't not have the authority or right to opposed the United states constitution or the laws of this nation. What you are attempting to do, not only with this bill is impose laws that you as elected officials have authority to impose against the citizens of the United states and it's constitution .You obviously do not listen to what your citizens have to say, it is our God given right to own fore arms and it is stated on the United States Constitution pretty clearly. The supreme Court of the United States has said that our 2nd amendment "IS NOT A SECOND CLASS RIGHT".

“The constitutional right to bear arms in public for self-defense is not ‘a second-class right, subject to an entirely different body of rules than the other Bill of Rights guarantees,’” the Supreme Court emphasized. “We know of no other constitutional right that an individual may exercise only after demonstrating to government officers some special need. That is not how the First Amendment works when it comes to unpopular speech or the free exercise of religion. ...And it is not how the Second Amendment works when it comes to public carry for self-defense.” Supreme Court of The United States

This quote from the ruling

NEW YORK STATE RIFLE & PISTOL ASSOCIATION,  
INC., ET AL. v. BRUEN, SUPERINTENDENT OF NEW  
YORK STATE POLICE, ET AL.

This applys not only to carrying and they are several cases running through several federal court districts, including the 9th that are dealing with the constitutionality of such bans that your are trying to impose on United States Citizen in the state of Hawaii.

I OPPOSE THIS BILL



**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 11:06:00 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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: 2/10/2024 11:09:34 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Honorable Members of the Hawaii Legislature,

My name is Davis Trung Nguyen, and I stand before you today not only as a concerned citizen but also as a Warrant Officer for the Hawaii Army National Guard. In my role, I have dedicated my life to the safety, security, and freedom of our community and our nation. I am here to express my strong opposition to SB 3196, a bill that seeks to significantly expand the prohibition on certain firearms, including assault rifles, assault shotguns, .50 caliber rifles, and assault weapon attachments, among other measures.

The Second Amendment of the United States Constitution guarantees an individual's right to keep and bear arms—a fundamental right that is a cornerstone of our national identity and personal freedom. The proposed legislation, while aiming to enhance public safety, infringes upon the rights of law-abiding citizens, imposing broad and severe restrictions that affect responsible gun owners disproportionately. This bill, in its essence, is prejudiced against all responsible gun owners in Hawaii, casting a wide net that unfairly encompasses individuals who have shown nothing but respect for the law and the safety of their community.

As someone who loves and holds the safety of my community in the highest regard, I understand the importance of measures that protect public well-being. However, the bill's approach, which broadly categorizes and bans commonly owned weapons used for lawful purposes such as self-defense, hunting, and sport shooting, penalizes individuals who responsibly own and use their firearms.

It is essential to recognize that the effectiveness of firearm bans in reducing crime is highly questionable. Criminals do not respect laws; as such, restrictions like those proposed in SB 3196 serve to disarm law-abiding citizens, not those who pose a threat to our safety. We must instead focus on targeted measures that address the root causes of violence, including enhanced mental health support and community engagement, rather than enacting blanket bans that infringe on constitutional rights.

Moreover, the ability to defend oneself and one's family is paramount. The restrictions proposed by this bill could hinder law-abiding citizens' ability to protect themselves effectively in critical situations. As a member of the military, I understand the importance of having the right tools for defense, and this legislation threatens to limit those tools for civilians without just cause.

In conclusion, while the intention behind SB 3196—to safeguard the public—is commendable, the means to achieve this goal are misguided and infringe upon our constitutional rights. I strongly urge you to reconsider the implications of this bill on responsible gun owners and to seek solutions that genuinely address the challenges of public safety and crime without compromising our freedoms or discriminating against law-abiding citizens.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Davis Trung Nguyen

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 11:10:20 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose bill SB3196. How do you make rules for law abiding citizens, without first setting rules for people breaking the law and possessing unregistered firearms? The focus should be on setting up real laws to protect our community, and not limit how we can protect ourselves from these people who don't follow our laws. This bill is unconstitutional, and will only lead to lawsuits costing our state tax money that could be used for more important issues. Thank you for your time.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 11:12:11 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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. The reason is because this takes away the 2nd Amendment of the Constitution we are sworn to protect. There are people out there getting firearms without proper paperwork and using them for crimes. Criminals will always find a way to cause harm and effect. Yet the law abiding citizens who want to protect their ohana can't because our right to bear arms are being taken away. Make the penalties harder for the criminals, its their choice to use a firearm, they must deal with the consequences of their actions not the law abiding citizens.

we go through so much paperwork and processing for just one firearm yet we have criminals just getting what they want and that is not fair to the rest of us.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 11:16:45 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 unconstitutional.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 11:17:42 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this measure. Hawaii has been without restrictive laws like this for a very long time and this measure would do nothing more than limit firearms enthusiasts such as myself. Basically all gun crimes are committed with stolen/unregisters handguns, or by individuals that should not possess a firearm in the first place, such as the incident on Jan 1 2024 with the guy running all around the island. Someone like that is not going to follow this new measure, the only people that will follow it are law abiding citizens. If you want to protect society from guns then draw up harsher restrictions and penalties on those that break the law while using a firearm. Maybe no bail or mandatory minimums with violent firearms offenses or when used in a robbery. This would better serve the public that you represent rather than just restricting hardware like magazine capacity and model restrictions.

Mahalo

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 11:18:50 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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. Would our monarchy have been overthrown so easily if we had taken a stand with our firearms in hand? I would argue that it wouldn't have.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 11:19:03 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill and the reason why is because this will not help and take away the guns and violence in the state of Hawaii. There is many young kids finding ways to buy what they call ghost guns and fully loaded handguns from people around the island. Unfortunately this bill will not help the crime.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 11:20:16 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I do not believe in this bill being put forth in the state legislature. In my personal opinion I state in my testimony against this bill I believe this bill will only do more to create more violence rather than prevent it. This bill only proves to the criminal underworld that they have ultimate control through violence upon the people of the state of Hawaii. I'm a firm believer in the 2nd Amendment. And I believe that any and all dangerous bills such as this one will only create more harm than good.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 11:26:11 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill this hinders our 2ad amendment and criminals will not fallow this law anyway

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 11:31:29 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill due to its blatant disregard for the rights of the people. This bill is an insult to free Americans with the unalienable rights protected by the bill of rights. This bill would instantly make all legal and law abiding citizens who happen to have firearms criminals over night for no other reason then the fact that certain people in government wish to take away guns. This has been proven unconstitutional in court quite a few times. There is no reason for this bill to exist.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 11:32:44 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I'm highly against infringing on our 2nd amendment and constitutional rights, overreaching of government policies and power of the public to be served. I oppose SB3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 11:34:08 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. This is a blatant overstep in a terrible direction for the 2nd amendment in Hawaii. With some of the strictest gun laws in the country as is this will only further hinder the law abiding citizens of Hawaii who own and practice with firearms responsibly from being able to protect themselves and loved ones. What will this do to the criminals who own and illegally acquire guns? Absolutely nothing, because they don't follow any laws to begin with. If this passes, does anybody who owns "assault rifles" become an overnight felon? This is a frightening measure- new Hawaii is not the Hawaii of old. Aloha spirit won't keep you from getting mugged, jumped, robbed, or even worse killed from already violent criminals that don't follow laws. Don't strip the red blooded American of their right to own guns- this would quickly lead in a downward spiral. I ask you, are the security guards that guard our government buildings and facilities unarmed? If not, does the aloha spirit keep the people who, it is their duty to protect, safe? We are all the security guards of our own homes and families-if federal and government entities can use deadly force to protect what they are lawfully obliged to, so can we. I ask that you strongly consider the repercussions of passing such a heinous bill could be.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 11:35:36 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose 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: 2/10/2024 11:39:32 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jeffrey Duquez	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Strongly Oppose this bill.

Its Unconstitutional in its base and takes away my ability to protect myself from armed criminals. I'm 5'5" 160lbs. Like most Filipinos in hawaii, we're not of big stature. Having the ability to lawfully own firearms gives us the ability to protect ourselves and family members in the event of a threat.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 11:50:39 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 this SB3196. This bill does nothing for the community. These anti-2nd ammendment bills need to stop.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 11:56:11 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

As a law abiding State of Hawai'i Citizen I oppose SB3196.

The Path Forward Should Be Focused on Supporting and Protecting Responsible, Law-abiding Americans and not Criminalizing and punishing them by supporting these new anti gun bills including the Banning of the so called "assault weapons". Sadly, feelings regarding the anti-gun bills would do virtually nothing to reduce crime or help more Americans keep their families safe. Almost all firearm crimes in Hawaii does not involve any so called "assault weapons" I urge you to seek facts rather than than feelings. If you are truly interested in advocating for commonsense gun law reforms that are grounded in reality rather than anti gun political ideology, I urge you to consider a new path with the goal of keeping Americans safe by defending the 2nd Amendment in its entirety and ensuring they can protect their families and loved ones at all times and have ownership of these recreational firearms. It has been demonstrated time and again that criminals, by definition, have no respect for our laws, and so the focus should be on supporting those lawprotect.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 12:02:55 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 in I am submitting my testimony in opposition to SB3196.

I believe SB3196 is unconstitutional because it would ban a large variety of firearms that are in common use. Amending the definition of "assault weapon" and "assault pistol" would ban most semi automatic firearms, which are commonly used by many Hawai'i citizens for both recreation and self defense.

Also, SB3196 seeks to expand the prohibition of magazines over 10 rounds. A majority of firearms with detachable magazine come standard with magazine capacities of over 10 rounds. Long gun magazines with capacities over 10 rounds are in wide use in Hawai'i already.

In summary, I believe SB 3196 is unconstitutional because it effectively bans certain handguns and so-called "assault weapons" and "large capacity magazines" that are possessed by law abiding Hawaii citizens who overwhelmingly use them for lawful purposes.

Thank you,

Paul Domingo

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 12:03:13 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I understand there is a call for strict gun control however what we really will be doing is taking away the right to bear arms for law abiding citizen and putting more power in the hands of criminals. All this bill will do is give criminals the power to terrorize, mass shoot, and express there power to rob, steel, break in at their will. It will not stop or remove semi-automatic/shotguns from getting into the hands of criminals.

For law abiding citizens it gives us the opprtunity to face adversity and protect our families from criminals that will realize that they can rob, kill, steal at will because they know that a law abiding citizen is unarmed and does not have the chance to protect themsleves and thier families.

This bill will put the power into the hands of criminals, I ask that you really take into consideration the decision you are about to make. this decision does affect you and your family as well. Imagine a criminal breaking into your home in the middle of the night and you have no means of protecting yourself, your wife/husband, and your kids. Imagine the power they will have to do at will to you and your family. Imagine how powerless you would feel...again gun control is not to put restiction on law abiding citizen who are punished because of the bad name criminals give to firearms. but to allow law abiding citizen to the right to bear arms legally for the protection of themselves and thier families as well as for gathering.

Thank you for considering my testimony. God bless America!!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 12:03:23 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing to strongly oppose this bill and urge the legislature, as our representatives to also oppose this bill.

No part of this will effect those who want to harm themselves or their fellow humans, restrictions of rights only serve to punish those who wish to comply and live within the boundaries of the law.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 12:05:32 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Quinn Thierbach	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

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 precedent 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.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 12:09:04 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marko Mijuskovic	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Marko Mijuskovic, 2/10/2024

To: PSM Committee

Dear PSM Committee,

My name is Marko Mijuskovic, and I am submitting this testimony to express my strong opposition to Bill #3196. While I recognize the importance of addressing concerns related to firearm regulation, I believe that the provisions outlined in this bill go too far and would have detrimental effects on law-abiding citizens without effectively addressing the underlying issues.

The proposed amendments to the prohibition on certain assault weapons, including assault rifles, assault shotguns, .50 caliber rifles, and assault weapon attachments, are overly broad and fail to differentiate between lawful firearm owners and individuals engaged in criminal activity. By categorically banning these firearms and attachments, the bill unfairly penalizes responsible gun owners and enthusiasts who use these firearms for legitimate purposes such as self-defense, hunting, and sport shooting.

Furthermore, the expansion of the ban on pistols with a detachable magazine with over a ten-round capacity to include any firearm with such a magazine is unjustified and arbitrary. This provision would unnecessarily restrict the rights of law-abiding citizens to possess commonly used firearms for lawful purposes, without providing any meaningful enhancement to public safety.

Additionally, the prohibition on bringing or causing to be brought into the state certain firearms, as well as the sale or transfer restrictions on assault rifles and assault shotguns, would impose undue burdens on individuals who may legally possess these firearms outside the state or who wish to engage in lawful transactions within the state. Such restrictions would not only infringe upon the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens but also undermine interstate commerce and the lawful transfer of firearms.

While I understand the importance of ensuring the safety and security of our communities, I believe that the approach taken in this bill is misguided and ineffective. Rather than focusing on arbitrary bans and restrictions, I urge the committee to consider alternative measures that address

the root causes of gun violence, such as mental health support, education, and enforcement of existing laws.

In conclusion, I respectfully request that the committee reconsider the provisions of SB3196 and reject its passage in its current form. Thank you for considering my testimony, and I am available to provide further information or clarification if needed.

Sincerely,

Marko Mijuskovic

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 12:11:14 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

It's our constitutional right to bear arms no matter what type of firearm

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 12:14:04 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 on a behalf of the people oppose this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 12:14:32 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am in opposition to this bill due to the fear mongering of terms used in this bill. There is no such thing as an assault rifle/shotgun/pistol. This bill is unconstitutional and bills passed like this one in other states have increased crime and gun violence. We as Americans have the right to bear arms and should freely be able to attach modifications to said arms freely.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 12:18:47 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

As a responsible firearm owner and someone who follows the laws and compliant in the recreational use of my firearms - I strenuously oppose this proposed bill

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 12:18:54 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am strongly opposing this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 12:21:41 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose bill sb3196. It aims to ban many firearms and firearm accessories that are already owned by a vast majority of civilians and are in very common use. It also blatantly encroaches on people's rights to keep and bear arms which is one hundred percent unconstitutional.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 12:27:16 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose the bill SB3196. This bill is a blatant attack on individual and constitutional rights as American Citizens; Period. I feel embarrassed for the legislators who attempt to abuse Citizens rights in the name of communal well being.

This bill claims Hawai'i to be one of the safest states to live in, with regards to firearms violence/crime; yet this bill is to expand restrictions. How can a state be one of the current safest places, yet need to enact the most restrictive legislation to ever be put forth? Zero logic in this bill. If the laws worked currently, why would we need to expand them to extremes. Clearly, by the facts stated in the bill itself; Hawai'i citizens are not slaughtering eachother in the streets with so called "assault" weapons, nor could it be inferred that these regulations would better the community. It's just not rooted in logic.

Hawai'i is one of the only places in the United States to come under direct attack from an outside military force. Yet the current government seeks to disarm and punish its own people for even attempting to defend themselves from threats that jeopardize "The Spirit of Aloha".

This bill is rooted in political ideology and vertrue signaling and is comically negletable.

I hope my testimony is considered by those who are willing to review.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 12:30:42 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill as it would violate my inalienable constitutional rights.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 12:36:27 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 12:59:00 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196. As a law abiding citizen in the state of Hawaii of the United States of America I have the 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. You must allow law abiding citizens our second amendment right.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 1:01:19 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. It is unfair for people who enjoy recreational shooting and follow the laws and procedures to own semi auto firearms. Being unable to get parts to repair or maintain firearms is also unfair since being able to buy a replacement is not an option either.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 1:07:44 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 because it is unfair to everyone who goes thru the proper training and procedures to be firearm owners. Hawai'i already has more requirements than other states and to now say that we cant buy or repair any semi auto firearms is insane. Not being able to enjoy recreational shooting is unfair.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 1:13:04 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Being a female recreation shooter and collector, I feel that this bill is unfair to all of us law abiding citizens. We've proven that we can buy and own firearms by going thru all the precedures set by the State of Hawaii and Honolulu County. This is like saying that cars are being banned because of a few drunk driving incidents.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 1:13:20 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

My right to bear arms shall not be infringed ! strongly oppose

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 1:14:56 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Criminals with any weapon are a problem. Honest citizens with any weapon are not. Recent SCOTUS decisions and current legal thinking is that bans such as enumerated in this bill are unconstitutional, and if passed, will burden the State for years, fighting a losing battle in the courts. Often the features cited in this bill make a firearm more suitable for defense, which is why they are included in many modern designs. The ten round magazine capacity is also under legal scrutiny, and likely will not stand. This bill wants to erase over 100 years of firearms development and refinement, as well as the rights of Hawaii's citizens. It should not be passed.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 1:18:41 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill is so unconstitutional and against our rights as a free people.I strongly urge you representatives to oppose this bill it's just another step towards socialism

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 1:20:32 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I do not support this bill! Stop trying to ban firearms.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 1:20:33 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am against this bill because it's unconstitutional. All of these types of bills/laws are currently being challenged in court on the mainland because of that. I don't believe HPD could enforce it anyway.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 1:20:50 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Rajan Baliaris-Salvi	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is a direct infringement on God given rights of self defense, protection of oneself and family.

The banning of 'guns' never has, and never will work to deter criminals from obtaining and using guns, which is the goal. All this bill will do is make good citizens whom choose to own guns, unable to obtain their guns and accessories. Gun bans have not worked, and will never work. Guns belong in the hands of of law abiding, good citizens. The onky way one can protect themselves against a bad guy with a gun is to be a good guy with a gun.

The committee should be ashamed for bringing forth such a Bill, to infringe on ones rights quoting 'Aloha' as the reason. Showing ZERO Aloha for the citizens and their beliefs, and their property.

This bill should be thrown out and cast away, as any other Gun Ban bill should.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 1:22:04 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I'm opposing this bill because it's violating my 2nd amendment rights. These bills being made is always towards law abiding citizens but not towards these criminals who don't follow the law and hurt people.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 1:24:50 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose this bill! It's against the constitution! We as citizens should be able to bear arms.

thank you

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 1:25:38 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE THIS BILL

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 1:27:23 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I'm writing in opposition of this legislation.

I am a liberal gun owner, hunter, and farmer. I use an AR15 every week to eradicate feral hogs that are destroying our landscapes.

Features like a pistol grip help me make humane, accurate shots.

Being able to hold my rifle with two hands helps me make humane, accurate shots.

Furthermore, by arbitrarily labeling these features as assault features is highly deceptive to the public. I do not believe banni these features will make anyone safer. Please oppose this legislation.

Thank you

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 1:32:20 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am writing in today to submit testimony in opposition of SB 3196. This bill would devastate the law abiding firearm owners of Hawaii. Bills like this have been attempted in the past but this is essentially the most all around disgusting attempt to take away the 2nd amendment right of American citizens within the state of Hawaii. There is not one single point within this bill that would be acceptable to me. I would pursue legal action against the state if this bill were to be made into law. I would show that I have followed all laws and acquired my firearms legally and should NEVER be forced to give them up as long as I am a good citizen and follow the current laws. I sincerely feel attacked every year when bills like this are proposed and it does hurt my family every year. My father and I both would have firearms that would all of a sudden become "illegal" yet they have not ever and never will be used in the commission of a crime. I am not the dangerous person to worry about or to take away rights from. The criminals that laws like this supposedly are meant for are not going to be deterred by laws if they are determined to do illegal or dangerous things. I will be losing way over \$20,000 worth of firearms, parts and accessories if this were to pass. I will not be turning anything in and I will simply take my tax dollars elsewhere and be forced to take my family and move away from the state where I grew up, have raised my children and love to call home. I will not tolerate being subjected to illegal, unconstitutional, absurd and laughable bills like SB 3196. I will pursue any legal action I can against all who are involved in these "assault bills." This type of bill is submitted every single year and is designed to harm my freedom, my family, my finances, and my pursuit of happiness. The only assault here is the direct attack on American citizens by those who participate in the creation and submission of bills like SB3196.

I am opposed to this bill and feel it is a direct attack at my freedom as an American Citizen. I will not back down and will pursue every legal action I am able to ensure bills like this are stopped. This unnerving sensation that these bills cause for the citizens of Hawaii is directly by design and intended to hurt people. I am informing you of my serious concerns and you cannot continue to act as if these bills like SB3196 are for good and not intended to delay, harm, dissuade and convince firearm owners to give up their 2nd amendment right. I will say one last important fact. Myself and vast amounts of citizens in this country will never give up our second amendment right.

Here is the 2nd amendment since certainly all involved in this bill have forgotten or do not know of it: "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."

Please re-read that last part of the second amendment when you analyze this bill and similar ones put forward this year and likely every year to come. You have NO right to infringe on my rights and I should not have to spend so much time fighting for my freedom and for my pursuit of happiness. This bill should be tossed out in its entirety and anything like it should never be allowed to be heard ever again after years and years of failing over and over. I feel like I'm on continuous repeat every year when I have to again submit testimony over bills that repeat the same things denied the year prior. The scary fact is that those involved with writing of bills like this are arguably as determined as I am to keep my rights, but are actively working to take our rights away. That is so unbelievably un-American and treasonous actions like that are likely inspired by foreign entities who work to destroy the greatest nation the world has ever known. Please do not force good people out of Hawaii. Please do not force us to choose between our homes and our freedom. Please stop attacking law abiding Americans in order to attempt to pass unconstitutional, un-American bills like SB3196

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 1:44:15 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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. Elements of this new Bill would label me a criminal.

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.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 1:49:46 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly disagree and oppose SB3196

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 1:51:42 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I vehemently oppose SB3196. This is a political bill not justified by specious "safety" calls.

This is a useless bill that only alienates the group of Hawaii citizens that it would affect. I have owned arms included in this bill for 20 years without incident. I was trained by the US government in the safe and proper operation of them.

There is no reason for this bill other than to apparently be fashionable within the scene. We have no issue with the firearms being addressed in this bill, and never had.

Thousands of Hawaii residents currently own these firearms with magazines and use them for sporting and potentially defense. Use them safely and within the law.

Hawaii already requires registration, rather onerous compared to mainland states. This is simply piling on further restrictions for no other than clearly political reasons.

Please do not travel further down the road of criminalizing anything politically unfashionable. We have too many un-addressed state issues to be playing games passing unneeded laws for the sake of keeping up with a political agenda.

Robert mcCarthy

Kailua Kona

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 1:52:03 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am writing to express my absolute 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,  
Martin Dixon

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 1:54:45 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Good Evening.

It is my hope to dispell the various myths surrounding the Civilian ownership of rifles the bill purports to be a solution to.

The very notion that Assault rifles are especially dangerous weapons that need regulation is firmly rooted in fantasy.

The United States experiences fewer than 600 homicides in a given year, where the murder weapon was a Rifle, and in the year 2019 that number was Just 364 (out of a population greater than 330 million individuals) committed with a rifle, of any variety.

That Variety includes every AR-15, every AK-47, every semi automatic rifle in existence, every manually operated rifle in existence, every "snipers" rifle, every .50 caliber rifle, every anti tank rifle, every military surplus rifle from the 2nd world war.

Im going to compare for a moment a Nation praised worldwide for its low crime and especially murder rate.

if we removed every other form of murder and only focused on homicide committed with rifles in the USA, then we would find that Rifles are represented in 0.00001 homicides per 100,000. Japan obviously has no access to firearms, so any murder committed must be carried out via blunt force trauma, cutting or stabbing, poison, suffocation or some other means.

Their homicide rate is 0.23 per 100,000.

Assault rifle owners in America commit less murder than the average Japanese citizen.

If we look at the Data provided by the Federal Government, we see an interesting pattern. Most states in the union have single digit amounts of homicide by rifle. This does not match up to the seemingly existential threat to the Hawaiian way of life the legislative body fears is under attack.

FBI's Homicide Data Table 20. <https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2019/crime-in-the-u.s.-2019/topic-pages/tables/table-20>

The governing body may want to examine why they believe such an obvious and easily debunked lie, that you are willing to deliberately violate basic human rights to prevent people from defending themselves with the most effective weapons available for lawful self defense.

On the subject of "assault" handguns. The most popular handguns sold are already immune from this. 10 round subcompact handguns are the current "hottness" in civilian concealed carry settings as is. When you place arbitrary ammunition restrictions, gun companies reduce their products in size to afford greater concealability, or they make products in larger Bullet sizes.

Even in states with no magazine restrictions, people carry 5 or 6 round Revolvers, subcompact pocket revolvers can be chambered in Calibers like .44, or .45 (both chamberings are well over 100 years old, and for reference, the common 9mm Luger round has a caliber similar to .38 special), many consider the gain in "stopping power" to eliminate the supposed benefit of greater capacity. In banning high capacity magazines, you would inadvertently increase the lethality of the average handgun. This same logic applies to Rifles.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I know that you are all intelligent people, you only want what's best for us citizens. But you cannot make this decision, it is not your right. The People must be free to exercise their rights unabated, what comes after that is not your responsibility; even if the exercise of those rights come with inherent risks.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 1:58:33 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 2:04:32 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Anderson j.k lindsey	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am against sb3196. It's not fair to law abiding citizens who go through the hoops Hawaii already has in place. Firearms are not bad it's the people who use them for bad don't punish the good ones.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 2:12:54 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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

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, among other reasons, an unbelievable government encroachment during the COVID pandemic. Many of those firearms are precisely the ones mentioned in this bill.

You, as state legislators that have taken a pledge 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 rely on to protect themselves and their families, This bill is nothing more than an attempt to criminalize millions of responsible firearms owners in 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 seek wealth and power, that’s a pretty scary proposition for law abiding citizens that simply want to be left alone to 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 makes 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.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 2:17:27 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 2:21:01 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am strongly opposed to this unconstitutional bill. A similar bill like this was just enjoined and ruled unconstitutional by the 9th circuit court which hawaii falls under. This bill is in direct defiance of the recent supreme court decision in new york state pistol and rifle association vs bruen. This unconstitutional bill and anything like it must stop infringing on law abiding citizens constitutional rights. I urge you all to uphold and honor your oaths to the consitution and kill this bill.

Thank You,

Bradd Haituka

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 2:23:33 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

You have no right to infringe on our 2nd Amendment right. This bill will effectively do so. You are all violating your oath to SERVE the people. I strongly oppose this bill.

There is common scuttlebutt that you will turn a deaf ear to our testimonies in order to serve those who pay you, There fore not serving those who vote for you. If you are in office, You have an obligation to uphold and protect our constitutional rights. If this bill passes you fail to do so. I hope you prove this common sentiment wrong and do the right thing.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 2:23:37 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE this bill.

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 my 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: 2/10/2024 2:24:38 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 is a waste of time as the Supreme Court of the United States has already shot down the 10 round magazine limit in California as unconstitutional. This is a complete waste of time and money.

Let's focus our efforts on the criminals and not on the law abiding citizens who believe in their 2nd amendment rights.

thanks for your consideration.

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

Comments:

This is an infringement on our roghts a American citizen's. Nothing in this bill will help to keep us safe. It is taking away safety and rights of the law abiding citizen and putting us in danger of the bad people out in the world. Strongly oppose this bill!!

**SB-3196**

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<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,

I am writing this testimony in **STRONG OPPOSITION** to SB 3196. This is a clear violation of our second amendment right as US Citizens to keep and bear arms. This bill is also just a way to not only ban but also confiscate what law abiding citizens purchased legally. I strongly oppose SB 3196 for these reasons.

Mahalo,

Samuel M Aquino Jr

**SB-3196**

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<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 a law abiding citizen and a gun owner. I opposed SB 3196 w/c infringing our second amendment rights to bear arms.and for self protection and for my family, I believe none of this bill will prevent any crimes nor stopping any

criminals for committing a felony.instead this will

affect a law abiding citizen to exercise our rights to defend ourselves against the criminals.

Respectfully

Iric Viscarra

**SB-3196**

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

Comments:

You guys say it's unconstitutional to prohibit foreigners from buying Hawaiian lands but also want to infringe upon the constitutional right to bear arms. Stay consistent. Uphold the constitution since you care so much. Mahalo

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 2:42:16 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
josh Stueber	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha!

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**

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

Comments:

This bill is against our constitutional rights. To bear arms from enemy's foreign or domestic. I have a God given right and it will not be infringed. With rising crime, drugs, open borders. Our 2nd amendment is more important than ever. Our government has an obligation to secure borders and its breaking the 14th amendment and you want to take away my only means of protection? I volunteered for military service straight out of high school. 11bravo infantry and I know first hand the dangers of firearms. Criminals will have guns and the government will have guns but the tax paying loyal American will be left hopeless. You shall not break the constitution 2a. And if somehow you do the people will not forfeit their Arms very easily. Aloha

**SB-3196**

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

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Micah Brigoli, I am a law abiding citizen, born and raised in the state of Hawaii. I am opposed to SB3196 which is a direct attack on our 2nd amendment right.

Mahalo,

Micah Brigoli

**SB-3196**

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

Comments:

SB3196 is another attempt to erode the Second Amendment Rights of the law abiding citizens of Hawaii.

There hasn't been a clear reason for enacting this bill. Law abiding citizens follow the law via the existing registration and storage requirements for all types of currently allowed weapons.

Hawaii has one of the lowest deaths by gun violence in the United States; the majority of gun deaths in Hawaii are from suicides, not homicides. Dangerous drugs are the primary gun traces performed in Hawaii, typically not the domain of the law abiding gun owqners in Hawaii.

Hawaii's existing gun regulations, including background checks and storage requirements, have been successful in maintaining a compromise between citizen's 2A Rights and Hawaii's desire to regulate firearms.

There is not a need for restricting the majority of firearms as proposed in SB3196.

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<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 bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 3:06:31 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andrew Wong	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear to all citizens of the United States,

I would like to say whether we are in positions to represent the people, law enforcement, military, or a law abiding citizen we have a duty and oath to this nation and the constitution that made this nation what it is. 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.**" which this bill infringes on and is unconstitutional. Banning "assault weapons" will not make this community safer but rather the opposite, it will make criminals bolder and law abiding citizens easier targets. In those moments when your community, law enforcement, or military is in danger those precious seconds count all the time. Firearms is a life saving tool whether it is the community, law enforcement, or military it is there for a purpose and that everyone should be able to bear. I would like to remind everyone that we have an oath and duty to protect this nation and it's people as well uphold the Constitution. Thank you.

[New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc. v. Bruen](#) (2022)

[Caetano v. Massachusetts](#) (2016)

[McDonald v. City of Chicago](#) (2010)

[District of Columbia v. Heller](#) (2008)

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lawton Takaesu	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Honorable Senators,

As a lifelong citizen of the State of Hawai'i, residing on the island of Oahu, I strongly oppose the measures proposed in SB3196. These further restriction and regulations have not materially been seen to reduce or stop gun violence. Referencing a study done by the RAND coroporation updated for January 2023, assault weapon bans have an inconclusive effect on overall mass shootingsand violent crime. Furthermore the ban on so called "high capacity" magazine likewise has a weak statistical link to any reduction in mass shootings or gun-related violent crime. (<https://www.rand.org/research/gun-policy/analysis/ban-assault-weapons.html>).

Furthermore the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and potentially the Supreme Court of the United States are currently handling lawsuits regarding Assault Weapon and magazine capacity bans. Enacting similar such laws in the state of Hawai'i without being mindful of existing case law or at the very least pending the outcomes of these lawsuits is frivolous, a waste of tax payer funds as it is taking legislative time away from Senators to consider other bills and measures which can positively and materially impact the citizens and residents of the state. Enforcement actions, which may or may not be legal pending the outcomes of said lawsuits would also be a waste of time for all agencies and officers who would be tasked for the bans.

On a personal level the very firearms with features the Senate would like to ban provide myself, as a private citizen that wishes to protect his family and love ones, the means to do so. I am law abiding, without any felonies, that wishes to provide and protect for my family. Training for a situation that I wish will never occur, gives me purpose to ensure I am bettering myself physically and mentally.

Again, I strongly oppose SB3196 and ask those on the Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committees stop this bill.

Thank you for your time,

Lawton Takaesu  
Resident of the State of Hawai'i

**SB-3196**

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

Comments:

I find this bill to be wildly unconstitutional and a political gesture that will have no meaningful effect on crime of anytime while removing the ability of law abiding citizens to effectively defend themselves. Also, as this and similar legislation has been found unconstitutional multiple times it is a waste of time and tax payer funds to allow politicians to continue to attempt to pass bills like this in blatant contrast to the rights of their constituents.

**SB-3196**

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

Comments:

I believe this bill is unconstitutional and should not be allowed to pass. This is an infringement on law abiding citizens second amendment.

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

Comments:

I testify against SB3196. This bill is in search of a problem that does not exist in Hawaii and goes against the second amendment and will turn many state citizens into felons over firearms and "features" that is already and has been common on firearms for many years and found everywhere. Hawaii has not seen any real issues nor enough of them to justify emplacing further restrictions on firearms which are used for sporting, hunting, and exercise of the second amendment right. This bill may aim to stop criminals especially those with malicious intent but will remain ignored and thus rendering the law moot.

The magazine capacity restriction does not have ground, as there have been no significant cause of loss of life in the state of Hawaii over magazines. Hawaii already has a restriction of 10 rounds for handguns but magazines for long guns are commonplace and found widely within Hawaii, which has posed no problems at all nor unlawful use.

Creating exceptions to law enforcement and military creates inequality and sentiment from the civilians who will not have access to commonplace items or features or firearms that do not augment a firearm to any meaningful capacity. The second amendment should not be restricted, and should not be afforded only by people of exception and instead should be accessible for all law abiding citizens.

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

Comments:

This violates our constitutional rights to bear arms

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill for infringing on the rights and freedoms we as American citizens have. This is an attack on law abiding citizens that will do nothing to stop criminals from getting their hands on whatever they want. There is so much wrong with the state, this is a waste of time and taxpayers money.

**SB-3196**

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

Comments:

It simply doesn't make sense restricting and prohibiting rifles and long guns in general when most crimes are committed by use of pistols. Based on research done by the FBI, the most common firearm in homicide cases are pistols making up 45.7% of the statistics, while rifles stood on 2.6% and shotguns with 1.4%. Hawaii is already as strict as it is on gun control, so how does it make any sense to prohibit long guns when they aren't the main issue?

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joshua Malunao	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Proposed Legislation on Gun Control State of Hawaii

Dear senator Glenn Wakai, Stanley Chang, Jarret Keohokalole, Michelle Kidwini, Maile Shimabukuro, and Sharon Moriwaki.

I'm in opposition to your proposed legislation SB3196. I served 13 years in the United States Military. I served with the Hawaii Army National Guard and Army Reserve. Deployed to Iraq and Kuwait in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom VIII (Convoy escort team).

The [U.S. Army](#) defines assault rifles as "short, compact, selective-fire weapons that fire a cartridge intermediate in power between submachine gun and rifle cartridges." [18] In this strict definition, a firearm must have at least the following characteristics to be considered an assault rifle: [2][3][4]

- It must be capable of [selective fire](#).
- It must have an [intermediate-power cartridge](#): more power than a [pistol](#) but less than a standard [rifle](#) or [battle rifle](#); examples of intermediate cartridges are the [7.92×33mm Kurz](#), the [7.62×39mm](#) and [5.56×45mm NATO](#).
- Its [ammunition](#) must be supplied from a detachable [box magazine](#). [5]
- It must have an effective range of at least 300 metres (330 yards).

Rifles that meet most of these criteria, but not all, are not assault rifles according to the U.S. Army's definition. For example:

- Select-fire rifles such as the [Fedorov Avtomat](#), [FN FAL](#), [M14](#), and [H&K G3](#) main battle rifles are not assault rifles; they fire full-powered rifle cartridges.
- Semi-automatic-only rifles like the [Colt AR-15](#) are not assault rifles; they do not have select-fire capabilities.
- Semi-automatic-only rifles with fixed magazines like the [SKS](#) are not assault rifles; they do not have detachable box magazines and are not capable of automatic fire.

The 1994 federal “assault weapons” ban shows us why a similar ban wouldn’t work today. Simply put, it had no impact in curbing violent crime.

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. [4] And a follow-up study found that “the ban’s effects on gun violence are likely to be small at best and perhaps too small for reliable measurement.” [5]

Later research conducted in 2018 also found no evidence that “large capacity magazine” bans and “assault weapon” bans affect mass shootings. [6]

Studies and research are helpful indicators as to why another federal “assault weapons” ban wouldn’t work, but let’s also consider some commonsense points:

- 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. [7]
- 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 AR is a platform. It can be a .22 cal, .308, 30-06, .223, or a pellet gun. It is a long gun, and unless illegally modified, can only fire one round at a time, regardless of how much ammunition one possesses, magazine capacity or the like. Since the long rifle is slated for longer distances, target-reacquisition takes more time than with a handgun, as the recoil is greater. Simply put, a long rifle is not an assault rifle. A “selective fire” rifle (aka: machine gun) is an assault-rifle and as you are aware – already illegal in HI, although the gang members and other criminals can and will still possess them.

So, when you think of an AR platform rifle, you visualize a military assault weapon. The two are not the same. As an example, while you may or may not like the look of a Harley Davidson with chrome wheels, loud exhaust, and the like, underneath it all, it is still exactly what it is; a motorcycle. It is the look and idea that makes legal weapon’s the target of scrutiny.

A ban on legal rifles owned by law-abiding citizens does not solve the problem.

Further restrictions on RESPONSIBLE GUN OWNERS only make instant felons out of LAW ABIDING CITIZENS, further jeopardizing people’s safety and their constitutional right to bear arms, and defend themselves. This empowers criminals who are not listening to the laws to begin with.

Gun control penalizes the citizen’s who are listening and following the law in a state that already has one of the most restrictive gun law’s.

Please understand this most important point: **THE CRIMINAL WILL FIND THE MEANS AND METHOD TO CARRY OUT THEIR CRIME, REGARDLESS OF WHATEVER LAW EXISTS!**

Respectfully submitted

**SB-3196**

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

Comments:

To Whom It May Concern,

I am against and will oppose SB3196 as it violates our 2nd Amendment rights in the Constitution. Not only as gun owners, but as law abiding citizens in the State of Hawaii. Gun control will not stop criminals from obtaining firearms. This bill will take away the rights for us to express our 2nd amendment rights. As a Army veteran, it is important for us to have the right to keep and bear arms in order to defend ourselves and protect everyone else from harms way.

**SB-3196**

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

Comments:

I oppose Bill SB3196. This bill would infringe on my U.S. Constitutional 2nd Amendment right and Hawaii State Constitution article 1, section 17 right, as a law abiding citizen of the United States of America and of the State of Hawaii.

**SB-3196**

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

Comments:

I am submitting this written testimony opposing this proposed bill. This bill proposes changes that are extremely restrictive, and infringes on the second amendment of the U.S. constitution. It is already incredibly difficult to acquire firearms in the State of Hawaii, and limiting our options will make it even harder for us law abiding citizens to acquire one.

According the document, the State of Hawaii had the strongest gun laws in the nation. Additionally your bill states that we had the third lowest deaths per capita due to gun violence in the nation. If we are already doing this well; why do need increased gun control laws? Why fix something that is already working? This seems counter-intuitive to me.

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

Comments:

I am opposed to this bill because it infringes on my 2nd amendment right. A firearm is just another tool like a knife or a hammer. You don't blame the knife when someone is stabbed, you don't blame the car in drunk driving accidents you blame the person responsible for the act. Why should it be any different for firearms? More laws won't stop criminals from doing wrong but they will turn law abiding citizens into criminals and making it harder/ impossible for law abiding citizens to defend themselves or put food on their table is unconstitutional. Guns don't kill people, people kill people.

As a constituent, I ask you to please oppose. Countless law-abiding citizens, such as myself, own and use magazines that hold more than ten rounds of ammunition. They are standard equipment for many of the most commonly-owned firearms in use for self-defense, competition, hunting, and recreational shooting.

Please don't restrict my ability to protect myself and my loved ones. There's no reason to believe that criminals will have any more respect for new gun laws that will only restrict self-defense rights of law-abiding citizens like me. Instead of exploring more ways to take away my rights, the Legislature should be looking to reduce crime by going after criminals and their illegal activities directly. Thank you.

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill

**SB-3196**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
elijah thierbach	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

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 precedent 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.

**SB-3196**

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

Comments:

Strongly oppose just stop limiting our 2a rights.

**SB-3196**

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill it is a far reach on our 2nd amendment rights to protect ourselves in this day and age with increased crime everywhere we need to protect our homes and families which we have worked hard to keep

**SB-3196**

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

Comments:

As a woman and as an American, this Bill is both an infringement on my rights and my safety. The police are overworked. How can I defend myself, should I come under attack?

I oppose this bill.

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

Comments:

This bill is far over reaching and is only a power move by our government officials in the state with the lowest gun crime and strictest gun laws.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Travis Fukumitsu	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As an advocate for Second Amendment rights, I firmly believe that responsible Americans should have the ability to own semi-automatic "assault-style" rifles, shotguns, modern "double-stack" high-capacity pistol magazines, and suppressors. These tools not only enhance our ability to defend ourselves and our loved ones but also uphold our fundamental rights as citizens.

Firstly, semi-automatic rifles and shotguns provide a crucial means of self-defense and protection. In situations where individuals may face multiple assailants or encounters at a distance, these firearms offer a necessary level of firepower to ensure one's safety. Moreover, they are important for sport shooting and competition, contributing to the rich tradition of marksmanship in our society.

Furthermore, modern "double-stack" high-capacity pistol magazines can significantly enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of self-defense handguns. In high-pressure situations, having access to more rounds without the need for frequent reloading can be the difference between life and death. Responsible gun owners understand the importance of proper training and safe firearm handling, which mitigates any concerns about the increased capacity of these magazines.

Additionally, suppressors, often inaccurately portrayed in media and popular culture, serve as valuable tools for hearing protection and noise mitigation. Contrary to misconceptions, suppressors do not make firearms silent but rather reduce the intensity of the noise, making shooting more enjoyable and safer for both the shooter and those in the vicinity. Their use should be encouraged, especially in recreational shooting and hunting activities.

It's crucial to recognize that gun violence is more heavily related to mental health issues than legal firearm ownership. Research consistently shows that the majority of gun-related crimes are committed by individuals with untreated mental illnesses or those in crisis. Therefore, addressing mental health concerns and improving access to treatment and support services are essential steps in reducing gun violence. Efforts should focus on early intervention, destigmatization, and improving access to mental health resources for those in need.

In conclusion, the preservation of Second Amendment rights, including the ownership of semi-automatic firearms, high-capacity magazines, and suppressors, is vital for maintaining individual freedoms and ensuring the ability of responsible Americans to protect themselves and their families. We must continue to defend these rights while addressing the root causes of gun violence, particularly mental health issues, through comprehensive and compassionate strategies.



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

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

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,

Michael Andres

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 3:56:33 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jaycee Baclig	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

**This bill is extremely unconstitutional.** Laws like these on the mainland are either being or already struck down by the courts. I can only wonder how those that have introduced such a bill sleep at night knowing that they further restrict the right of the people to protect themselves and those they love. Those that would harm others, criminals, murderers, rapists, have never and will never follow this law and will take full advantage of the law abiding citizen.

I should not fear the average criminal and I should not have to fear my own government's corruption and overreach.

Mahalo.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 3:58:26 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
DOMINIC CHOW	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. Our nation already has more mass shootings than there are days in the year. I support this legislation to ban these weapons from being used in these shooting.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 4:00:10 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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. The expansion of the restriction on “assault style” weapons is arbitrary. This bill would essentially ban all semi automatic rifles with a detachable magazine. 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.

This ban is an effective ban on all firearms disguised as an “assault style” weapons ban. How a firearm looks is not a reason for prohibition. 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. 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: 2/10/2024 4:01:22 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

In Hawaii we do not have a problem with these kinds of firearms. There are a lot of other things to be concerned about in hawaii instead of something like this. You keep trying to attack every law abiding citizen with all these rules and regulations instead of putting your efforts into all those that don't care about the laws or other people living in this world.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 4:01:41 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This Bill is a scare to scare people to think guns are some how evil and the bills language is using some laws that was already have for pistols but to ban so called assault rifles or shotguns which is a semi automatic rifles is beyond ridiculous also unconstutional

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 4:02:18 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

"...the right of the people to keep and bear arms, SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED"

"THE RIGHT OF SELF DEFENSE IS THE FIRST LAW OF NATURE: in most governments it has been the study of rulers to confine this right within the narrowest limits possible." (St. George Tucker)

*New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen*

*McDonald v. City of Chicago*

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 4:03:43 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose this bill because it is an infringement on our rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 4:06:46 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 of this bill. The 2nd amendment was created by our founding fathers for this specific reason, to protect the people from tyranny caused by the government. God save us all!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 4:07:36 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Shooting guns is a hobby of mine which includes an ar15. Don't ruin people hobbies because of other people mistakes. Guns aren't killing people, the person behind is doing it. You take away the assault rifles these bad people will find another why to kill. Don't Blame the gun! I also feel safer with my guns to protect me.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 4:08:20 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. There is the 2nd Amendment and it says every Americans had the right to bear arms It CLEARLY SAYS IN IT THE CONSTITUTION!! This bill is infringing our right to bear arms!! We have the right to protect ourselves from domestic and foreign enemies. If this bill pass then what? Last time i check criminals dont care about laws. This bill will hurt the law abiding citizens and put us vulnerable to the bad guys who dont care about laws. I have the right to bear arms! I rather have a semi auto firearm and not need it then need it and not have it to protect my family and my own life. This isn't about hunting, this is about my rights and my right to protect my self! Yet there are so many laws out there and yet lot of them being broken. What makes you think this law will solve any issues?? I oppose this bill 100%!!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 4:12:33 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Going against our second amendment rights. Unconstitutional

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 4:16:01 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 and spits in the face of the people's rights. This bill only will hurt law abiding citizens as criminals will not follow this law at all. The proposed bill also completely defies the rulings of Heller and Bruen. If you are for the people this must be vetoed.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 4:16:14 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha this testimony is in relation to S.B. #3196. My apologies if this sounds harsh or offends, that is not the intent. The wording as well as the choice of features and attachments gives me the impression that the people who put this bill together have very little understanding of firearms in general. If this is a law that will be passed that affects and let's be honest will be followed only by those who wish to follow the law, then I would like at the very least the bill to be put together by people who have experience with firearms not a surface level knowledge of them.

As far as attachments and features for a firearm they generally speaking have very little to do with the function of the firearm. The function of the firearm is generally speaking the deadly part. Features of the firearm generally make the firearm more comfortable for a person to use and therefore give more control, that is exactly what a law-following citizen would want. Good control of their firearm. You do not want to have to explain to a jury why you shot someone/something/another living organism unintended because you could not maintain good control of your firearm. Having good control of your firearm is directly related to safety, which is heavily pushed by the American gun community. Features also do not in a general sense make a firearm more deadly. The function of the firearm is what makes it deadly. Namely, the control explosion propelling a small piece of metal out the end of the barrel. The bullet portion coming out of the firearm at high speed is what makes the firearm deadly not the features. The ability to be able to hit something with a firearm is generally based on the person's skill and that takes practice.

On to some specifics: A rifle less than 30 inches is already illegal in Hawaii as that would make it a short-barreled rifle under Federal law and heavily restricted by the US government.

Having a tubular magazine would seemingly be something the bill would want. Wanting to limit the capacity of 10 rounds in a tubular magazine is antithetical to your desire to make rifles less concealable. A longer magazine tube means a longer and harder-to-conceal rifle. Tubular magazines are not quickly reloadable and need more physical involvement to reload.

The bill does not want detachable magazines. I can understand that but instead of banning detachable magazines, they want to limit them all to 10 rounds. That seems like the bill won't achieve what it wants because it is relatively easy to learn how to reload quickly.

A telescoping stock isn't for concealability it's for adjusting to the person. Humans are not uniform in size and an adjustable stock allows a firearm to be more controllable to a person with longer or shorter arms. A thumbhole stock does not change dimensions it simply is a full stock with a thumbhole in it allowing it to be sturdier for hunters. It is also none adjustable so it is uncomfortable for many people which is why they are not as popular. A folding stock I can understand the worry for concealability as the entire point of folding stocks is to make the firearm more easily stored or transported at the tradeoff of not being nearly as accurate with the firearm in its folded state.

A pistol grip and foregrip fall under the same issue of controllability. You would want your law-following population to have good control of their firearm. As well as they extend to any citizen that has any physical disabilities. It allows them to enact a similar amount of controllability as anyone else.

A flash suppressor only affects the person using the firearm. It redirects the muzzle flash so that it does not primarily go up toward the sights. This means regular citizens have a better ability to make sure they are shooting at what they want to shoot at. So they don't miss their target and have to explain to a law enforcement officer why they shot something they did not intend to shoot.

This shroud portion just baffles me. The description of this shroud applies to literally every rifle currently in existence to my knowledge. Rifles are long and heavy compared to a pistol. To maintain good control, you want a second point of contact further out so that you can be more accurate with your firearm. For a regular citizen not having anything near the barrel that you can hold on to, means you have a much harder time being accurate with your rifle. This again comes to controllability and being safe with a firearm so you don't shoot something you don't intend to. On a side note, I do not know of any common rifle that has a slide that encloses the barrel. That is normally a function of pistols which leads me to think again that the people who wrote this bill are unfamiliar with firearms.

Having a bayonet on a firearm isn't common and a knife doesn't make the firearm any deadlier at range. Also, it doesn't stop a bad person from just pulling out a bayonet or knife and stabbing you directly.

Grenade launchers are already illegal on the Federal level for citizens to own as is the grenades themselves.

Threaded barrels in pure function allow most rifles to protect the crown of the barrel. The crown is highly important in the accuracy of the round. If the crown is not protected by a device that is threaded onto it allows the crown to be damaged and then affects the stability of the bullet as it leaves the end of the firearm. Again, a citizen would not want to have to explain to an officer that they were trying to shoot their target but the round didn't go where he wanted it to at all. I am not sure why a barrel extender is bad because it makes it harder to conceal the firearm. If the goal is not to have a silencer/suppressor and a barrel extender suppresses the sound at all, then that would classify it as a suppressor, not a barrel extender. Barrel extenders as far as I can tell are simply to allow the barrel to extend past the handguard if you have a long handguard. It can look like a suppressor so I can understand the confusion but it doesn't act like a suppressor, because if it did, it would be a suppressor, not a barrel extender. On a related note, suppressors are not legal in Hawaii as we are not a Class III state and for states that do allow it, suppressors are heavily regulated by the federal government. Also having a legal bill refer to suppressors as silencers or doesn't even use the word suppressor shows the people who put the bill together are not familiar with firearms. Forward handgrip on the threaded portion of a barrel? As far as I know, those only exist for very small submachinegun-style firearms. Which again would be a short-barreled rifle and heavily controlled by the Federal government. For any regular rifle, a hand grip that far forward is nearly impossible to reach and no one would normally want their hand anywhere near the front of the barrel since that's where the explosion and bullet are firing out of.

Okay, the bill seems to have copied Canada's assault rifle ban by listing a whole lot of firearms they think are assault weapons. Why? They are all platforms to fire commonly available ammunition. Many other rifles shoot the exact same round but do not share similar visual characteristics or features as the listed firearm. All these other rifles are just as deadly as the ones listed but they aren't on the list? Not sure if the bill wants to ban what they consider deadly firearms because again, it's not the features but the action of the firearm that's deadly.

Assault shotgun features: seems to be a copy of everything from the rifle section, my previous statements apply the same to assault shotgun features.

Assault weapon attachments bring me back to the question of why the features or attachments are seen as deadly when the gun shooting the bullet is the deadly part.

I am also unsure why .50 caliber rifles are specifically chosen to be banned. They have calibers smaller and larger that can do the same damage or even more in the case of elephant/safari hunting firearms. That section gives no insight as to the reasoning for that specific caliber to be banned.

The assault pistol section contains nearly the same things as the assault rifle features. It also appears that this section isn't aimed at actual pistols but at pistol variants of rifles. As far as I know, pistol variants of rifles are already illegal in Hawaii. Hawaii only allows what they classify as a pistol or a full rifle, nothing in between.

The exemption portion toward the end is a little confusing. It exempts law enforcement officers but if they are in possession of what is considered assault weapons, they can only travel to specific locations with it? So, police officers carrying an assault weapon are not allowed to bring one to defend themselves outside of the approved location? I would personally want law enforcement or the military to be able to bring their assault weapons if they are trying to defend the population or themselves.

In the end, I would prefer a bill that is targeted at the lawbreakers. The people who use firearms in the commission of a crime. Not citizens who want to follow the law and do not want to lose their right to a firearm by breaking it.

I oppose this bill for the reasons in this statement. Thank you for your time and hopefully understanding.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 4:24:42 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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! Leave our second amendment rights alone! Use your time and effort's elsewhere and go after drugs and criminals!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 4:30:08 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Willy Colt	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Senators,

February 10, 2024

Vote no to SB3196.

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. Trust your heart...and your gut.*

Senators, are you making your decisions based on fear, placing blame, or scapegoating? Are you reacting because you believe what you've been told? 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. I contribute to social order by following laws. I am not a criminal.

Yet, passing SB3196 into law would make me a felon because of some of the guns I legally own. That would be poor judgment. Criminal behavior makes a criminal. A tool such as a hammer or scissors does not make the owner a criminal.

Do not allow SB 3196 to become law. Do not turn Hawaii into a Salem Witch Trial.

Best regards,

Willy Colt

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 4:31:01 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Dear Hawai'i State Legislators,

I am writing to express my vehement opposition to every aspect of Hawaii Bill SB3196. This proposed legislation, if enacted, would severely infringe upon the rights of law-abiding citizens, undermine personal freedoms, and fail to address the root causes of violence in our communities.

1. Amending the prohibition on certain assault weapons: By expanding the definition of prohibited assault weapons to include assault rifles, assault shotguns, .50 caliber rifles, and assault weapon attachments, SB3196 unjustly targets firearms that are commonly owned and used for lawful purposes such as self-defense, sporting activities, and hunting. This overly broad definition criminalizes responsible gun ownership without effectively addressing public safety concerns.
2. Modernizing the prohibition on assault pistols: The bill's proposal to include pistols with one or more prohibited features in the category of assault pistols is arbitrary and lacks justification. Such restrictions would penalize law-abiding gun owners for cosmetic features that have no bearing on a firearm's functionality or lethality.
3. Expanding the ban on firearms with detachable magazines: SB3196's expansion of the ban on firearms with detachable magazines with a capacity over ten rounds is a misguided attempt to address gun violence. Restricting access to firearms based solely on magazine capacity fails to recognize that magazine size does not determine an individual's intent or capability to commit acts of violence.
4. Prohibiting the importation and sale of assault rifles and shotguns: The prohibition on bringing assault rifles and shotguns into the state, as well as the restriction on their sale or transfer, unfairly targets law-abiding citizens while doing little to prevent criminals from obtaining such firearms through illegal means. These provisions would only serve to create barriers to legal firearm ownership without effectively enhancing public safety.
5. Exceptions for law enforcement and military personnel: While SB3196 creates exceptions for members of law enforcement and the military to acquire and possess prohibited firearms, it fails to recognize that all citizens have the inherent right to self-defense and the protection of their families and property. Granting special privileges to certain groups while denying others their constitutional rights is unjust and discriminatory.

In conclusion, I urge the committee to reject Hawaii Bill SB3196 in its entirety. Instead of enacting misguided and unconstitutional restrictions on firearms, I encourage lawmakers to focus on evidence-based solutions that address the root causes of violence and uphold the fundamental rights of law-abiding citizens.

Thank you for considering my testimony and for your commitment to protecting the freedoms and liberties of all citizens.

Sincerely,

Chelsea Cruz

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 4:33:06 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill is a violation of our 2nd amendment. Its hard enough to obtain firearms now by having a lot of hawaii residents retake a hunter's education class that most of us already took when we were much younger. What is the point of these new bills you all are thinking of? It just ruins it for the legal citizens who actually know gun safety and how to properly possess a firearm. It will ruin peoples hobby of simply using a semi automatic firearm for target shooting. No matter what bills/laws get passed, criminals will still find a way to obtain a semi automatic weapon. Its the criminals ruining it for everyone else that actually follow the laws and are educated with gun safety. Dont punish us because of them. Maybe do your jobs and keep them behind bars where they belong instead of letting them go to do bad again.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 4:34:17 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Land of the free, home of the brave. Stop infringing on American citizens 2A constitutional rights to bear arms.

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."

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 4:35:30 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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: 2/10/2024 4:36:52 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Hawaii's position in terms of states with the lowest number of gun violence incidents has fallen. While we are still in the top 5, if we are not absolutely vigilant we could suffer from the same senseless mass shooting incidents as we see on the mainland.

SB3196, if approved, will go a long way toward preventing deaths and injuries from assault weapons. These weapons are not needed to protect one's family or for hunting or other non-threatening firearm uses -- they are weapons of war.

Please help to maintain our relatively low incidents of gun violence by passing this important bill.

Thank you,

Jill Tucker

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 4:39:47 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jody Brissette	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing to show my opposition to SB3196. I am a Combat Veteran who served in the U.S. Army for 24 yrs. My career spanned mulitple deployments from Multinational Force Observers in Sinia Egypt, Bosnia, Kosovo, to combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

First and foremost, the term Assault Rifle, Assault Shotgun, and Assault Pistol are all made up terms used to induce fear and misunderstanding amongst the general public who do not have a working knowledge of firearms. This "Assault" term is widely accredited to Josh Sugarman a gun control activist, who in 1988, conducted a widely acknowledged flawed study where he "coined" this term. Two of his quotes about gun control are "[Assault weapons—just like armor-piercing bullets, machine guns, and plastic firearms—are a new topic. 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. In addition, few people can envision a practical use for these weapons.](#)" and "[You can't get around the image of people shooting at people to protect their stores and it working. This is damaging to the \[guncontrol\] movement.](#)"

These two quotes show a clear line of deceit utilized by Gun Control Groups and Legislators who demand "Gun Control". The Constitution of the U.S. and the Hawaii State Constitution guarantee the "Right to Bear Arms shall not be Infringed". Yet, here the state legislators are here to infringe on these rights. Banning standard capacity magazines for only 10 round magazines only give the illusion of safety. A law abiding citizen who follows all the laws will be put at a disadvantage against a criminal who, is not bound by any law passed in the past or future will be held accountable to. Where are the laws being passed to give greater penalty to those criminals who use illegally obtained weapons? With every homicide in Hawaii, the only course lawmakers take is to make it harder for those who are not committing said crimes to exercise their rights. Nothing in SB 3196 will prevent any criminal from committing violence.

Like most other gun control bills, like SB 3196 only serve one purpose, to give the illusion that lawmakers such as those sponsoring this bill are actually doing something. This is only eye wash, an emotional talking point amongst those who have no real knowledge about firearms to feel good about themselves. Instead of using valuable time to debate and pass laws that actually would better impact Hawaii such as education, homelessness, mental health, budgetary, tax relief or controlling the out of control house prices in the state; lawmakers choose to debate an

emotional talking point that will have zero impact on crime or the safety of people living in Hawaii.

As I mentioned before I have deployed in many capacities in the Army, but I am also retired from law enforcement, I have seen the negative impact that "Feel Good Laws" have had on law abiding citizens and criminals. The impact on law abiding citizens is much greater than that impact against criminals which is no impact at all.

SCOTUS has made multiple rulings on the 2nd Amendment, ones that Hawaii's government continues to act like a child in a car ride waving their hands an inch away from another child while claiming "I'm not touching you!" these actions are childish, unlawful and embarrassing.

I implore the Hawaii governing body to actually make and pass laws that are meaningful and lawful. Passing "laws" on pure emotional talking points is wasting everyone's time and money.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 4:41:14 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 4:41:20 PM

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<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 unconstitutional and infringe on my rights to have the best tools available to defend my self and my family.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 4:42:18 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Zachary	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: 2/10/2024 4:43:07 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

These weapons are not needed in Hawaii. Please support this important bill. Mahalo.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 4:43:18 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I vehemently oppose this bill. What needs to be done is not follow what California does and think out of the box. You are targeting law-abiding citizens rather than effectively trying to enforce existing laws on criminals. You're criminalizing people who follow all the ridiculous laws that are passed and the laws you pass do NOT reduce gun crimes in this state. Focus your efforts on keeping repeat criminals in prisons instead of stifling the people who abide by these already restrictive and stringent laws

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 4:43:27 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 4:45:52 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 4:47:25 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 Bill SB3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 4:49:44 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Strongly oppose

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 4:52:09 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 Hawaii 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 Hawaii, from hunting, to self-defense, to sport-shooting.

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 Hawaii before passing such a reckless bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 4:55:48 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Hello,

I am a six year veteran in the active Army as a Combat Engineer. Roughly three years ago I have recently began obtaining personally owned firearms for recreational use as a means of a fun hobby. I can understand that not everyone views firearms as merely a tool or a hobby however I shall explain. Firearms naturally do nothing unless in the hands of evil. A common criminal will always ignore laws that are implemented as it also is what gives these same criminals business. Drugs are illegal yet here we are currently dealing with overdoses and the very same drug problem that has been on going since I was a growing child here in Hawaii. Laws have not done anything to stop crime. Consequences of criminal actions is what stops crime. Keeping felons in prison, having the law abiding citizen with CCW permit the ability to actually defend ourselves when approached by life threatening danger will allow criminals to realize they cant get away with anything anymore.

Regardless of my opinions on the matter, imposing more laws that forbid the law abiding citizen from obtaining a "assault rifle" or a "high capacity" magazine WILL NOT AFFECT CRIME. Never in my life did I see or hear a criminal say "wait I can't rob this bank with this gun it's illegal and it has a high capacity magazine. Let me purchase a legal firearm first then I can rob this bank"

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 4:56:47 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Jarrod Uganiza and I am a US Army Veteran with 3 years of service and a law abiding citizen of the State of Hawaii.

Bill SB3196 is not only an unconstitutional infringement of the second amendment but also effects the people of Hawaii as well.

There are local businesses that earn their living here in our multi-million dollar housing economy and this bill will effect their profits in the long run making it harder for business owners to earn their living.

This bill also effects our communities by losing our rights to protect ourselves in a world that has gone hostile. At the same time it has brought people together as a whole. These are the same people that I even to consider them as friends and Ohana.

In conclusion, to the people of our Legislative system please reconsider this unconstitutional bill for the sake of the law abiding citizens of Hawaii.

Mahalo

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 4:58:26 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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: 2/10/2024 5:09:50 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha ,

As a law abiding citizen , tax paying contributor to the both Local and Federal Goverments , small business owner and legal firearm owner I strongly oppose these proposed regulations. Words such as "assault weapon" and "high capacity magazine" are fake and have no real meaning...these terms are used in the proposed new regulations in an attempt to limit law abiding citizens rights. Safety is the main concern of a legal firearm owner. Unfortunately, the same cannot he said of criminals ... while crime continues to rise and the laws the criminlas break and being prosecuted for our lawmakers propose new laws to limit law abiding citizens. Most lawmakers can't identify a Semi Automatic firearm ... it is time for these restrictions to cease and our lawmakers do their job and protect us from CRIMINALS! Stop making the citizen who contributes to society and obeys laws a better victim for criminals who are not being prosecuted for the laws that are currently on the books. Stop trying to make law abiding citizens better targets for criminals. Studies show the highest amount of attacks happen in so called "safe spaces" This clearly shows criminals do not care about laws that are not enforced. I propose prosecute criminals for the current laws .. this is the solutions. Stop infringing on our SECOND AMENDMENT rights .

thank you for you attention...remember if you choose not to carry a firearm arm that is your right...your right does not take precedent over my right to conceal carry

Al Janneck

Haiku Maui

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 5:09:59 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing to express my strong support for Senate Bill 3196. As an individual citizen deeply concerned about the safety of our community, I believe this bill is a crucial step toward strengthening Hawaii's gun control laws.

Hawaii is currently the only state in the nation with an assault weapons ban that fails to prohibit assault rifles and large-capacity magazines for those weapons. This is a glaring oversight that SB3196 seeks to rectify. By closing these loopholes, we can ensure that our assault weapons ban is comprehensive and effective.

Assault weapons, modeled on military weapons, are designed to inflict maximum harm on the greatest number of people in the least amount of time. There is no place for such weapons in our peaceful state. We do not need assault rifles and large-capacity magazines in Hawaii.

While organizations like the NRA and local gun clubs may be vocal in their opposition to this bill, it is important to remember that they represent a small minority. The majority of our community members understand the need for sensible gun control measures.

Our nation is already grappling with an epidemic of mass shootings, with more incidents than there are days in the year. It is our responsibility to do everything we can to prevent such senseless violence from reaching our shores.

In conclusion, I urge you to pass SB3196 and help keep Hawaii safe. Thank you for considering my testimony.

Mahalo,

Rich Bailey

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 5:12:41 PM

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

Comments:

Hello,

I am writing to **STRONGLY OPPOSE** SB3196. This is an unconstitutional bill that will criminalize Honolulu's law abiding gun owners, while carving special exceptions for law enforcement and military. Last I checked, we **ALL** pay taxes. We **ALL** are citizens of the United States of America. You took an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States. The Bill of Rights and the rights of the people shall not be infringed.

TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS 02-14-24

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair  
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair  
ON  
S.B. 3196 RELATING TO FIREARMS

by  
Scott W. Smart

Chairman Wakai and members of the Senate Committee on PSM:

I am testifying STRONGLY AGAINST S.B. 3196

This bill seeks to make it illegal to obtain and use various firearms in currently in common use for lawful purposes, including but not limited to, hunting and self-defense. The bill also seeks to make accessories which are part of the common use of these firearms illegal to possess.

The US Supreme Court has determined that the possession and use of a broad class of firearms is consistent with the founders' intent in ratifying Amendment II. The classes of firearms named in the bill fit within these classes. These firearms are in common use, as is obvious by the extensive list of models that would be specifically banned by this bill.

As such, this legislature is bound by its oath to the US Constitution to reject this bill, notwithstanding the views of popular television programs such as HBO "The Wire", the "spirit of Aloha" and prior Hawaii Kingdom/Republic law.

/s/  
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(808) 627-1220

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 5:17:40 PM

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

Comments:

I respectfully oppose SB3196, this bill will not increase public safety as it will only effect the law abiding public by turning those who responsibly use these existing firearms into criminals. When looking at the last high profile cases that included firearms, the weapons used were not registered and these weapons were obtained via black market means. Passing this legislation will not effect the criminal element as they naturally choose to ignore any law passed and the general public has safely used the firearms in question by this legislation without issue. More importantly this bill does not pass precedent or constitutional muster under the Supreme Court New York State Rifle & Pistol Association V Bruen decision. Passing this legislation will be in violation of the oaths that our elected representaives took when they promised to uphold the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 5:18:00 PM

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

Comments:

What part of Shall not be infringed has this state public servants forgot. The US constitution limits the government not the people. More importantly, the Hawaii State Constitution also reads shall not be infringed and also limits the government not the citizen. Therefore the state is trying to pass unconstitutional laws and wasting taxpayer money when this and any other unconstitutional law goes to court where the state loses and have to use taxpayer dollars to pay for court costs of the party the state lost to enough of wasting taxpayer dollars

Go reread what your are to uphold. You are doing a terrible job of abiding by the uS and more importantly the Hawaii State Constitution.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 5:19:23 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Abner Berrios Ramos	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello, my name is Abner Berrios. SB3196 is not only obviously unconstitutional, but also disrespectful to honest law abiding citizens. Creating gun control laws only benefits the criminals. Criminals don't follow the laws, hence the name. This puts law abiding citizens at a disadvantage. I strongly oppose SB3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 5:21:09 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I Kimo Gugudan, a concerned citizen of Hawaii United States of America, Oppose sb3196, Am appalled by the very nature of this bill. Sb3196 and all ideas like it conflict against the 2nd Amendment and the Constitution and the very reason why Our Founding Fathers wrote these Sacred Documents. Please remember "We the People" when proposing detrimental bills such as this.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 5:27:51 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jayme Kealoha-Dacuycuy	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose bill SB3196. It is unconstitutional that the government should impose or change the rights of the citizens. When it was a right given by the forefathers to protect themselves against a tyrannical government. This is what the Hawaii Government leaders and law makers have become by overreaching and stripping tge people of their rights. Leave our 2A rights alone!!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 5:29:44 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill is not fair to us as citizens! Basically take our 2nd amendment away from us. The 2nd states us as us citizens have the right to keep and bear arms! You guys are taking away so much for us citizens! I am against this bill!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 5:52:49 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill only affects law abiding citizens. Criminals will always find a ways to obtain what you want to make illegal.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 5:56:24 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I Alan Medeiros Sr, oppose SB3196. You people are liars. When you swore into office you swore to uphold the Constitution of the United States. Making laws against firearms is not upholding the constitution.

Taking away our 2Amendment rights is not protecting our constitution Instead you are tearing it apart.

I see a lot of shooting and violence here in Hawaii, we are coming like the mainland. How many of the guns used in the crimes are from legal gun owners here in Hawaii, that is never mentioned in articles in the news, why? Because they are instructed to omit that information.

Disarming the law abiding citizens is the wrong this to do, period

Again I Oppose bill SB9196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 6:13:45 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

ANY GUN LAW IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL. By limiting magazines capacity, you're limiting law abiding citizens the opportunity to defend themselves, their family and the community. You think a piece of paper with a politicians signature will saw criminals from obtaining weapons illegally? It will not. You "Politicians" of Hawaii are supposed to be smart and supposed to make the right decisions that's best for the community. You're more corrupt than the criminals you're supposed to stop. You're helping them than us law abiding citizens. Gun laws have never helped lower crime rates, only increasing it. Show me the statistics of how you're gun laws helped lower crime rates, you can't because it has never worked. You "politicians" are more concerned about your pockets being full than our safety. Once again, our state government is FAILING us LAW ABIDING CITIZENS.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 6:19:19 PM

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

Comments:

This bill clearly is a violation to not only law abiding citizens of Hawaii, it also violates the second amendment right of the State of Hawaii's constitution as well as the United States constitution as well! It's is outright infringement on the people that are legal firearm owners that exercise their second amendment right in general. If this bill is supposed to stop criminals from getting their hands on illegal firearms it is not! It's blatantly obvious that criminals do not care about what kind of bill is made to stop these crimes from happening in Hawaii. It is just another way for criminals to cause more crime, knowing that the normal everyday citizens are an easier target! So I impose this bill not only for the violation of the second amendment right, also for the reason of being tyrannical to the people that are law abiding citizens that follow the constitution!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 6:19:23 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
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 individual who comes from a Samurai lineage who believes in the Bushido code, 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.

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 who are Law-abiding Gun owners uses thier firearms responsibly protection/self-defense, hunting, sport shooting, 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 is the root cause of the crime and violence. It does not deter criminals from using any tool/weapon for thier crime. This bill only targets the Law-abiding citizens from having the proper tools to self-defend, hunt, sport shooting, 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. 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.

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  
Resident and Citizen of Honolulu since 1992.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 6:19:25 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill clearly infringes on our inalienable god given rights as United States citizens and the Hawaii state constitution you need to strike this bill out of existence we are a free republic this bill is tyrannical and should never have been considered and is criminal in it indoctrination so I oppose sb 3196 in entirety and future bills that are in simularity on infringing on our god given rights

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 6:29:03 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill SB3196. This bill goes against our 2nd amendment rights also I feel like our Hawaii State and County's are treating law abiding citizens like we're criminals. We pass Hawaii State and County requirements to show we can handle a firearm safely, we pass background checks and still you want to take away more of our rights. I really feel this is some kind of tactic to take away more of our choices and to make purchases even more difficult so that most people especially people that are new to firearms to get discouraged in ever owning a firearms and I feel very strongly about why Hawaii State and County's are doing all these new changes, in my own opinion I think Hawaii State and County's are doing so many changes to firearm laws just because they lost the concealed carry bill.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 6:30:27 PM

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

Comments:

I whole heartedly oppose this bill. This bill represents a significant increase in gun control that once again infringes on our second amendment rights even more than they already are. Where is the benefit to this and any of the other gun control bills. You are only taking away from the law abiding citizens who are not out there committing crime. Those who do not follow the law gain so much from bills like these. We as law abiding citizens become soft targets. Unable to defend the life of those we love and around us. I enjoy my firearms for hobby and I train for the event I have the worst day of my life and have to use them to defend life. As your constituents we hope that you hear the people and do what the people ask for.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 6:35:11 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill is a direct infringement of the 2nd ammendment of the United States of America.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 6:35:11 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Senators, I am writing in OPPOSITION to SB3198. I have been collecting firearms since 1980 and I can tell you that I believe Hawaii's gun laws are already restrictive enough. If you were to go to the Koko Head Shooting Complex on any given weekend you will see many enthusiasts lawfully and safely shooting many of the weapons that are listed in this bill.

Firearms owners, whether they are hunters, collectors, target shooters or enthusiasts are already among the most law abiding segments of Hawaii's population. The current restrictions and regulations regarding acquiring, registering and using firearms are already onerous enough.

Is the projectile fired from a so-called "assault weapon," be it a pistol, shotgun or rifle, any more deadly than one fired from a "regular" firearm? I don't believe so and here is why--using the same logic, is the truck that recently struck and killed a McKinley High School student any more deadly than a "regular" vehicle? Obviously not. Who is to "blame" for such a tragedy? Obviously, the operator. I believe that the State does a poor job of prosecuting and incarcerating firearms violators--until more is done to punish offenders/violators increasing the pool of prohibited firearms will not effectively reduce crime and that is why I am opposed to this bill.

Thank you.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 6:36:57 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Justin Arnold	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Stop infringing on my UNALIENABLE rights! Criminals don't obey laws, you're only hindering law abiding citizens. Absolutely useless at 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: 2/10/2024 6:52:21 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Hello first I would like to thank you for your time and the opportunity to submit testimony for this bill. I strongly oppose on Bill SB3196. We here in Hawaii are part of the United States of America. We have the full right to protect ourselves and exercise our second amendment right as the rest of the country. Our firearms are not only for self-defense. Many of us use them for sport hunting collecting and building. Taking away our second amendment right is taking away our right of life and protecting ourselves and family. Creating these bills does not stop criminals in any way at all. All you're doing is opening a window for them to keep continuing their crimes knowing that nobody can protect themselves. If you really want to stop all these shootings but you really need to do is focus more on punishment for these criminals causing the crimes. Stop punishing the law-abiding citizens that work very hard and follow the laws. Criminals do not always attack a person by themselves. How can we protect ourselves with less than 10 rounds? We live in a modern time and weapons are more advanced than they were when the second amendment was written but that does not mean that you should ban them and keep them from use. If military and law enforcement have the right to use firearms then why can't the people? No criminal is going to go through the process of training to receive permits to carry and purchase weapons legally just to commit crimes. This is the aloha State. But we are losing our aloha with all these criminals coming in and allowing them to keep doing what they do and blocking us from the right to protect ourselves from it. We are part of the United States of America. So please start treating us like it. And please start listening to the people of Hawaii and the rest of the United States. We do have the right to live and protect our families as any other person military police and civilian. I think you very much for your time and appreciate this opportunity. Aloha sincerely Joshua Drye

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 6:54:10 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
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 main stream 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: 2/10/2024 6:56:52 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill will merely make it harder for the Law Abiding Citizen to adequately protect themselves from Criminals who already possess these weapons and accessories; please put your energy and focus towards punishing criminals who use these weapons and accessories in illegal activities against the Law Abiding Citizenry.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 6:58:23 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support the sensibility of this Senate Bill 3196. Thank you, Linda Legrande

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 7:02:21 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Deanne R Robles	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing in opposition to SB3196. The expansion of the restriction on assault style weapons is arbitrary. In SCOTUS ruling of Heller it would be unconstitutional to ban semiautomatic rifles in common use by millions of law abiding citizens. In light of the V Bruen using interest balance is not allowed. This bill would essentially ban all semi automatic rifles with a detachable magazine. It would also make it impossible to even fix rifles that somehow don't fall under the new definitions in this bill because its parts could be construed as converting said rifle into an assault style rifle. Secondly, the expansion of the assault pistol ban would make practically every pistol and assault pistol with just one factor being needed to meet the definition. For example most pistols will not meet the weight requirement. 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.

This ban is an effective ban on all firearms disguised as and assault style weapons ban. There is no reason the people should not be able to outfit and defend themselves to the same caliber that police use to protect them. Therefore there should also be no police exemption. It is the right of the people to participate in their own defense. The average police response is longer that fifteen minutes whereas most violent crime takes less that five. Additionally a criminal in perpetuation of a crime cares not about gun law, only the law abiding citizen does. The very same citizens that can't afford to put food on the table with just one job, let alone hire private security to outsource their safety. No citizen can afford to just wait for the police to arrive. This ban severely restricts the rights of the people to defend themselves. But it disproportionately affects those with median to low income. The most popular and affordable options will be banned by this law.

Lastly, every part of this bill has been challenged and/or overturned in lower and higher courts across the country. Parts of this bill are just blatantly unconstitutional. I humble ask this bill be reconsidered on these grounds.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 7:09:19 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This is a horrible bill that takes away 2nd amendment rights. Hawaii continues to take away law abiding citizens rights. This is unacceptable for a law abiding citizen gun owners. I oppose this bill!!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 7:10:16 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I do not support bill SB3196.  
This bill is an act of tyranny and will infringe on every legal us citizens 2nd amendment.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 7:14:11 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This is an unconstitutional bill infringing on our second amendment rights. The restrictions trying to be put on law abiding citizens when it comes to guns makes absolutely no sense. You're only hurting those people who comply and those who aren't committing the crimes but also taking away our right as American citizens to stand up and defend ourselves against all threats foreign and domestic. There's arguments for each side but truthfully it goes against what this country stands for and our rights as Americans. The name "assault weapon" has been created by the masses. There is nothing more assulting about one gun than another. There's more functionality and ergonomics to modern day semi automatic firearms that those of older models don't provide along with the ethical uses in hunting as well as a more safe and non user friendly platform than a hunting rifle would provide. Thank you.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 7:14:48 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Oppose, this is another bill that infringes the 2nd amendment of the constitution.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 7:15:48 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I don't think this is right. As an American we have a right to own firearms. And don't think taking our firearms away would make a difference to the crime in hawaii

## Opposing SB3196

As a concerned citizen, I strongly oppose this bill that seeks to further restrict access to certain firearms. While I understand the importance of addressing gun violence, this bill takes a broad and sweeping approach that infringes upon the rights of law-abiding citizens.

Firstly, the inclusion of features in the prohibition on assault weapons lacks clarity and could lead to arbitrary enforcement. Additionally, expanding the ban on pistols with detachable magazines to any firearm with over a ten-round capacity is overly restrictive and fails to address the root causes of gun violence.

Furthermore, prohibiting individuals from bringing certain firearms into the state and restricting the sale or transfer of these firearms disproportionately affects responsible gun owners without effectively addressing criminal activity.

While exceptions are made for law enforcement and military personnel, this bill fails to consider the rights of ordinary citizens who may require firearms for self-defense or sporting purposes. Instead of implementing blanket bans, efforts should be focused on comprehensive solutions such as improved mental health support, better enforcement of existing laws, and addressing systemic issues contributing to violence in our communities.

In conclusion, I urge lawmakers to reconsider this bill and instead pursue evidence-based measures that balance public safety with the constitutional rights of citizens.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 7:18:07 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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, it is unconstitutional. The people who introduced this bill should take a gun class and familiarize themselves with firearms safety before jumping on the band wagon to make a few happy. Grow some balls and have a backbone.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 7:21:35 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this Bill!!! This bill infringes on our 2nd amendment!!! This does not do anything but limit those of us who ARE responsible firearm owners!!! This WILL NOT deter or stop criminals from from using firearms illegally or prevent them from obtaining firearms!!! While criminals continue to use illegal firearms to commit crimes responsible firearm owners continue to be limited in regards to protect ourselves against them. Simply put criminals DO NOT FOLLOWS LAWS!!! So this does not help deter anything but the ability of responsible firearm owners to use their firearms as intended by the 2nd amendment!!!

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 7:25:25 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nestor L Robles	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**.

Aloha,

I am writing in opposition to SB3196. The expansion of the restriction on assault style weapons is arbitrary. This bill would essentially ban all semi automatic rifles with a detachable magazine. It would also make it impossible to even fix rifles that somehow don't fall under the new definitions in this bill because its parts could be construed as converting said rifle into an assault style rifle. Secondly, the expansion of the assault pistol ban would make practically every pistol and assault pistol with just one factor being needed to meet the definition. For example most pistols will not meet the weight requirement. 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.

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Lastly, every part of this bill has been challenged and/or overturned in lower and higher courts across the country. Parts of this bill are just blatantly unconstitutional. I humble ask this bill be reconsidered on these grounds.

SCOTUS Rulings

NY State Rifle & Pistol Association,INC V. Bruen(2022)

When the Second Amendment's plain text covers an individual's conduct, the Constitution presumptively protects that conduct. To justify a firearm regulation, the government must

demonstrate that the regulation is consistent with the nation's historical tradition of firearm regulation.

Caetano V. Massachusetts (2016)

The Second Amendment extends to all instruments that constitute bearable arms, even those that were not in existence at the time of the founding, and this Second Amendment right is fully applicable to the states.

McDonald V. City of Chicago(2010)

The Fourteenth Amendment incorporates the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms for the purpose of self-defense. (In other words, the right is protected from state as well as federal interference.

D.C. V. Heller(2008)

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.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 7:37:10 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Our current laws fail to prohibit automatic long guns and rifles and therefore fail to protect our citizens. These weapons pose an unnecessary risk to all. Please support this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 7:43:23 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Strongly OPPOSE this bill being it attacks the 2nd amendment! My rights shall not be infringed upon as a US citizen.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 7:44:03 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ronald Lee Wallenhorst	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is so wrong , taking away ours rights .

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 7:49:58 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am against this bill for the simple fact that I violates my right as a citizen of these United States. As a hunter in this state I use firearms that is described in this bill to hunt with and God forbid to defend my home and family. I ask that it be taken into consideration this is a violation of the 2nd amendment of the Constitution of The United States of America, the same Constitution that all that hold political office in this country and this state swore to uphold. Thank you for your time and please do not pass this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 7:50:16 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 7:50:45 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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: 2/10/2024 7:58:32 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tyson Shimabukuro	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

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.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 8:00:02 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill as a legal, registered firearm owner. These type of meausres will not stop criminals from being able to obtain any of the listed as well as unlisted firearms and/or accessories. It will only make it harder for law abiding citizens to obtain these items and leave an unfair and unjust advantage to allow criminals to continue committing crimes.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 8:00:26 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

You should be ashamed of yourself. Infringing on god given rights because you can't get your state in order. The more you allow criminals out the less I have the right to protect myself? This is insanity. Meanwhile the governor and mayors get armed security?!?!? This should have never reached a proposal. The most common rifle in the country is a semi auto capable of 30 rnd magazines. This makes nearly every gun owner a criminal. Just stop

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 8:03:31 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 Hawaii 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: 2/10/2024 8:04:57 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Here we go again. Always picking on the law bidding citizen, that obeys the laws. Why not go after these people who actually abuse these gun laws. Banning these guns will not decrease the current crime rate. There should be laws with manatory sentences for people who commit these crimes using firearms.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 8:10:13 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I Charles Kenui-Lee,

Do not support this bill. Although a Native Hawaiian, my freedom to bare arms as an American citizen, and have the ability to practice my rights to use these firearms are important.

I will not support.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 8:14:22 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

It's a shame that law abiding citizens will have their firearms banned while people who have unregistered and illegal firearms will be still be out and about. I feel that people who have illegal firearms or weapons will use it for illegal actions. While people who follow firearm laws will be the ones to suffer.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 8:15:46 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I don't agree. I am a newly registered firearms owner and that's not fair for people like us that actually. Love the sport. You shouldn't condemn those that love this sport.

I pray on our father God and our savior Jesus Christ. With the power of his righteous you shall not condemn those of pure heart. For there righteousness shows testimony that the ammo in one's magazine does not show proof that evidence is allowed

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 8:23:34 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jacob Schneider	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:

1. **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.
2. **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.
3. **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.
4. **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.
5. **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,

Jacob Schneider

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<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 this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 8:37:03 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
John Pali Jr.	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Hawai'i State Legislature,

My name is John Pali Jr. 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 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,  
John Pali Jr.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 8:38:06 PM

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

Comments:

Guns are not the problem. Criminals and mentally ill people are the problems. Do not take away my God given right to protect my family from harm. The Constitution states I can bear arms. Period. As an American citizen, I should have the freedom to own any firearm that I want. The politicians in Hawaii have bigger issues to worry about. Stop trying to get votes by bringing up guns!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Trevor Saiki	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We're a part of the United States of America and we have amendment's to the Constitution, and this bill is **CLEARLY A VIOLATION OF THE 2nd AMENDMENT.**

What is the 2nd amendment of the Constitution?

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.**

<https://www.nraila.org/what-is-the-second-amendment-and-how-is-it-defined/#:~:text='A%20well%20regulated%20Militia%2C%20being,to%20keep%20and%20bear%20arms.'>

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Wayne K K Mattos Jr	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. 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. The problem is that there is no armed security and that the good guys are banned from carrying firearms to protect our children in schools. Madmen and criminals do not comply with 'gun free zone' signs. Nor do they care how many laws they are breaking in the midst of committing horrific acts of violence. What we need to do is work on the laws that prevent people who need help from getting it. We need to protect our children as we protect our banks, politicians, and corporations.**

**Some legislators, media, and anti-gun groups say things like, "These weapons are only designed to kill many people as quickly as possible." This statement is completely biased and untrue. In addition to self-defense (and the defense of others), firearms like the modern day AR-15 are used in competitive or recreational shooting, sporting and for other lawful purposes. I know many would refute this, but I ask If it were true that only people who want to kill large amounts of people quickly would need them - then why do our police have them? The answer is simple: Because the bad guys have them and law enforcement must be on equal footing as them. Criminals will not turn in their illegal firearms, nor will they register them. So, all these proposed bans, regulations and registrations would only affect the law abiding gun owner. The same people say, "You don't need 30 bullets to kill a deer." The hunting argument has been put forth for years as if that is the purpose of the second amendment. Hunting was not, and is not, the purpose of the second amendment.**

**The term "Assault Weapon" was invented by the anti-gun lobby to muddy the waters between military-style semi-automatics, which fire once per trigger pull, and selective-fire assault rifles, which can be set to fire continuously. Since the term has no meaning independent of the laws that define it, there is little sense in saying the laws should be changed to cover more "Assault Weapons." No firearm is an "Assault Weapon" until legislators arbitrarily decide they are. In effect, these rifles would be (as many already have**

been) banned simply because of their looks. These rifles all share ammunition with other traditional wood-stocked hunting rifles. According to the Anti-Gun lobby, those traditional rifles are "fine" (for now) even though they are no more or less deadly in the hands of criminals and madmen than these "Assault Rifles". The second amendment is constantly being whittled and chipped away at by those who believe it shouldn't exist. This is known among lawful gun owners as Incrementalism.

The end game of this is, of course, the eventual banning and seizure of all firearms. See: "How to Ban Guns: A step by step, long term process"(1) The horrific act that prompted this new wave of gun control bills and laws has prompted people to try to "do something." Unfortunately, guns, and lawful gun owners, are being blamed and punished for the acts of a single madman and his misguided mother. Lawful citizens are the only ones who are already paying the price. These people, like me, are not insane, deranged, or criminal and I would very much appreciate it if lawmakers stopped treating all law-abiding gun owners as if we were. We all know, but many seem to ignore, that if all firearms in the world were to suddenly disappear murders would not disappear with them.

Some bills and ideas being talked about are an increase in taxes, permit fees, renewal fees, shortening of times between renewals, new permits for shotguns and rifles, new permits to purchase ammunition, yearly fees on firearm ownership, new permits for rifles with a pistol grip, a ban on online ammunition purchases, and mandated liability insurance for all lawful gun owners. All of these bills are designed to discourage and financially limit (or outright prevent) the poor, struggling and lower class from exercising their Second Amendment Rights and placing undue financial burden on middle and upper class individuals who choose to exercise that right.

Should the poor and struggling citizens of Hawaii have less of a chance to exercise their rights and protect themselves than the wealthy? These bills only serve to financially penalize and discourage the lawful owning, carrying and use of firearms. Law abiding gun owners are not the problem - criminals and illegal guns are. They also are a tax on a fundamental right - something which is illegal and unconstitutional (example: Poll Taxes). Other bills call for registration of all firearms in the state. Lawful gun owners are against this for obvious reasons. The only reason someone would want to know where the guns were would be the eventual seizing of them. This has already happened in Canada, England and other countries, so it is not mere "paranoia". This seizure would, of course, not get the illegal guns out of the hands of criminals - since they wouldn't have ever registered their illegal firearms. Other bills, as I previously mentioned, call for the expansion of the "assault weapon" definition or outright ban of most modern day sporting rifles.

New York Times reporter Erica Goode notes that the rifle used in the Sandy Hook tragedy is modeled after the Colt AR-15, a civilian version of the M16, and that guns of this type are "the most popular rifle in America," with an estimated 3.3 million to 3.5 million sold since 1986. According to a 2011 survey of gun dealers by the National Shooting Sports Foundation, 49 percent of AR-15-style rifles were purchased for target shooting, 23 percent for hunting, and 28 percent for personal protection. These supposed "weapons of war" clearly have legitimate uses, which far outnumber criminal ones. Goode notes that rifles of any kind were used in less than 3 percent of all homicides last year. Recently, after NY State passed its SAFE Act, NY Sheriff's said the following about its new reclassification of "Assault Weapons": "We believe that the new definition of assault weapons is too broad, and prevents the possession of many weapons that are legitimately used for hunting, target shooting and self defense. Classifying firearms as assault weapons because of one arbitrary feature effectively deprives people the right to possess firearms which have never before been designated as assault weapons. We are convinced that only law abiding gun owners will be affected by these new provisions, while criminals will still have and use whatever weapons they want." (2) Additionally, in *Heller v. District of Columbia* the Supreme Court case defines the Second Amendment as protecting: 1. from infringement by the federal and state governments 2. the right of the individual to keep and to bear 3. a weapon which is part of the ordinary military equipment or which use could contribute to the common defense. (3) Again, in *United States v. Miller* 1939, Miller possessed a sawed-off shotgun banned under the National Firearms Act. He argued that he had a right to bear the weapon under the Second Amendment, but the Supreme Court ruled against him. Why? At the time, sawed-off shotguns were not being used in a military application, and the Supreme Court ruled that since it didn't, it was not protected. The Miller case set the precedent that protected firearms have a military, and thus a legitimate and protected Militia use. (4) Both of these Supreme Court cases obviously rule in the favor of lawful citizens owning these so-called "Military-Styled Assault Weapons".

In regards to setting an arbitrary limit on magazine capacity: Magazine limits would not have saved lives in Sandy Hook. As it is, the shooter had to reload his 30-round magazines during the attack. Since the six adults killed in Sandy Hook were spread throughout the building and the shooter did not encounter more than two at a time, having to reload every 10 shots instead of every 30 would not have saved any lives. In fact, recent reports indicate the shooter frequently changed magazines before they were empty. After the expiration of the 1994 Assault Weapons ban a comprehensive study by the Centers for Disease Control - hardly a pro-gun entity - looked at the full panoply of guncontrol measures, including the ban on magazines over 10 rounds, and concluded that none could be proven to reduce crime. Another study, commissioned by Congress, found that bans were not effective since "the banned weapons and magazines were never used in more than a modest fraction of all gun murders." Again, in NY the Sheriff's response to the NY SAFE Act's reduced magazine capacity was: "Reduction of ammunition magazine capacity. The new law enacts reductions in the maximum capacity of gun magazines. We believe based on our years of

**law enforcement experience that this will not reduce gun violence. The new law will unfairly limit the ability of law-abiding citizens to purchase firearms in New York. It bears repeating that it is our belief that the reduction of magazine capacity will not make New Yorkers or our communities safer." (2)**

**I understand the feeling of the "need to do something" many feel after a tragedy. But I do not think passing laws that limit and only affect the rights of law abiding citizen is the correct response. When it comes to restricting the rights and freedoms of law-abiding citizens, the burden of proof should be on legislators to show significant public good that would result. Citizens should not have to demonstrate a need for that particular right - just as the onus in the criminal justice system is for prosecutors to prove guilt and not on defendants to prove innocence. "I don't see why you would need a 10+-round magazine" or "Why does a person need an AR15" are not valid reasons to make such magazines or firearms illegal - unless there is also sufficient evidence to prove that banning them will create a real and significant public benefit. As can be seen in the above points, no such public benefit exists.**

**Personally, I think a much better course of action would be to strengthen the punishments and minimum sentences for gun-related crimes. That way criminals convicted of these crimes would get stiffer penalties and law abiding citizens would be unaffected and their rights intact. This is the way our criminal and legal system is supposed to work. We also need to make it easier for unstable citizens to get the help they need. I am all for creating and, more importantly, enforcing laws that punish criminals and create a safer society. These proposed bills do not accomplish that. Instead they only serve to discourage lawful gun ownership, demonize gun owners and possibly make criminals out of ordinary people who choose to exercise a fundamental right that a minority of the US population may disagree with.**

**P.S. I oppose bill SB3196**

**Thank you all for your time,**

**Wayne K K Mattos Jr.**

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 8:46:51 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 8:50:22 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 have to oppose this bill as it would violate citizens' 2nd amendment rights which I spent 20 years of my life defending.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 8:50:51 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

We live in a place where kids are taught to hunt and provide for their family. They are taught how to use a gun responsibly and the damage they can cause if not used correctly. Putting that someone under the age of 21 can't have ammunition is a joke. All you are doing is harming the families who rely on living off the land. Put more money toward mental health issues, as all the mass shooters, have mental health issues, which no one is addressing. As we have seen over and over, the more restrictions the more people don't listen. It's ridiculous that you people are getting paid to come up with more restrictions, when you should be coming up with more solutions for the real problem...MENTAL HEALTH.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 8:52:10 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 9:06:18 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

The restriction or banning of any firearm is against the 2nd amendment right. It is our right to posses firearms for self defense or recreation. If you ban these firearms you will be making every law abiding gun owning citizen a criminal. You will also be promoting more crime because criminals don't follow the law. If they know people are unarmed the crime rate will go up because they know people are of no threat to them. We already have the strictest gun laws in the United States we don't need anymore restrictions. Leave our guns alone. There is no such thing as a bad gun only bad people.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 9:06:28 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196 relating to firearms

The Constitution of the United States was written to establish the Government of the brand new country, it established the three equal but separate branches of government, the Executive, Legislative and Judicial branch. It established our court system, in which criminal defendants are judged by a jury of their peers. It establish interstate commerce.

But the one thing it did not do is protect the people of the United States, from the government of the United States. There was nothing written in the Constitution to stop the United States from becoming like the country they had just fought a war to be free from.

The Bill of Rights of the United States Constitution guarantees the rights of the people and limits the power of the government, and they were written in order of importance.

The 1st Amendment guarantees the right to free speech and freedom of religion. Free speech is important for the simple reason if the Government became tyrannical, it protects the people in protesting against the government, it protects the new media for reporting on the government.

The 2nd Amendment reads A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the rights of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

The 2nd Amendment was designed to protect the people from a tyrannical government, and to guarantee that the Government did not infringe on the other 9 amendments.

Recently the United State Supreme Court ruled in the Bruen that firearms laws should be evaluated "historical tradition of firearm regulation" and a few states in a knee jerk reaction have tried to pass antigun laws, many of which have either been found unconstitutional in light of Bruen or are currently going through the Federal Court.

The State of Hawaii is going through historically tough time, high prices, high inflation, high taxes, the Lahaina wildfire relief, lower tax revenue, unaffordable housing. All of which should take priority over trying to pass a knee jerk reaction of a law, that if passed will result in the State being sued and cost the state hundreds of thousand or millions of dollars in legal fees to defend in a law that will ultimately be found to be unconstitutional.

Again I strongly oppose SB 3196

Thank You

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Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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.



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Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please reconsider this bill this would instantly make a huge percentage of gun owners criminals. There will be lots of money lost by people who have worked hard to save for legal firearms. Please show some data to how this will solve anything. We the average gun owner in Hawaii have to comply to so many checks to own guns please realize we are not the ones causing the problems with any of our fire arms and are the only ones who are complying to all of your laws.

thank you

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 9:13:39 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

opposegoes against the 2nd ammendment history and text

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 9:14:03 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Dear Rhoads, Wakai, Shimabakuro, Chang, Moriwaki, Keohokalole, Kidani,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to S.B. NO. 3196, which aims to further restrict gun rights in Hawaii. As a supporter of the Second Amendment, I believe this bill goes too far in infringing on the constitutional rights of law-abiding citizens.

Hawaii 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.

Instead of further restricting Second Amendment rights, I urge you to focus on targeted solutions that address the underlying issues of gun violence, such as mental health initiatives.

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.

Thank you for considering my perspective on this important issue.

Sincerely, Jovan Acoba.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 9:15:35 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marvin Patoc	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I'm **against** this bill (SB3196) **I do not support it.**

This bill just makes it harder only for **Law-Abiding Individuals**, that practice their "**Second Amendment Rights**".

Best regards,

Marvin P.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 9:16:19 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

My name is Sunn Sarsfield. I strongly disagree with SB3196. I am a law abiding, tax paying, resident in Hawaii. Why do you all think it's ok to take my constitutional rights away? During covid my medical rights were being stripped. As a federal employee, I was told I would be fired for not taking a mandated vaccine. My religious right were question, my livelyhood threatened. How is that righteous? Now weapons are the problem. I live on the island of Hawaii. The roads here are horrendous and kill far more people than guns do. What is being done about that? Why is ok to take rights away from me, for the actions of criminals? Here in Hawaii criminals are allowed to steal cars repeatedly, only to be charged with UCPV. Our schools and hospitals are are subpar. Where are your priorities? What do I as a contributing citizen receive for my rights being taken? Less taxes, free healthcare, dental, vision an earlier retirement? I think we should submit a bills that hold legislators accountable for lack of progress. A bill that holds elected officials accountable. Elected officials salaries should coincide with the national rank of hawaiiis public schools. In 2018 Hawaii ranked 49th. What is being done? Taking away rights and not educating our youth. I find it appauling that this is the best you all can do. I oppose SB3196.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 9:18:17 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose of bill SB3196

Is this bill 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 Hawaii, 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 Hawaii 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 Hawaii, I would like them to reflect on Hawaii'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

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 9:21:18 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196. If you band the sale of assault style rifles. That opens up a huge sale on the black market. Who purchases firearms off the black market? Unlawful citizens...Unlawful Citizens that purchase firearms to do horrible things to others and our communities.

As a father i feel it is my responsibility to protect my family. I am a LAW ABIDING CITIZEN. I make sure to complete the proper paperwork and register each firearm I have in my possession. I secure them properly and take the necessary measures to keep my firearms from getting into the right hands.

If Bill SB3196 passes. You are expecting me; a LAW ABIDING CITIZEN to protect myself and my family againt an UNLAWFUL Citizen, who will most likely be equipped with an assault rifle. The only thing I will be equipped with is a firearm that is outmatched in every way possible. I live in a very rural area. If someone comes and tries to hurt my family, Emergency Services are 45mins out. The thought of what can happen to my family in 45mins is unthinkable.

thank you for your time.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 9:23:47 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jon Abbott	Individual	Oppose	In Person

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 constitutiions. Despite any evidence to the contrary, 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 accesories- 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 egregious bill - your sacred honor and oath of office are depending on it.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 9:28:38 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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 say that I openly oppose SB3196. I do understand that you believe this will lower the gun violence but it WILL NOT stop criminals from obtaining a firearm. This bill will essentially be attacking the law abiding citizens of Hawai'i, who listen and go through the proper steps to legally own firearms. We are jumping through hoops to satisfy the requirements needed to own firearms, which we shouldn't have to because it is a fundamental right.

Hawai'i Constitution, link to <https://lrb.hawaii.gov/constitution/#article1>, article 1 section 17 is read as verbatim "**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]"

You, as our elected leaders are going against your oath to uphold our right and infringing upon the Second Ammendment.

Legal firearms owners will be demoralized after everything they have to go through to obtain a firearm knowing this ban will happen. For some this is their livelihood to teach and educate others on the importance of firearms safety.

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.

The word used, "assault weapons", is a very broad term. For example, if you take a baseball bat which is a tool for a sport, and use it to maim someone, it is now considered an assault weapon and therefore, should be banned as well". Anything can be used as a "assault weapon", but before it that happens, it is a tool to be used either for sport, hunting, or self defense. The person who uses that tool is the one responsible.

Please reconsider this bill and use your time and resources to come up with alternative measures that prioritize public safety AND individual rights.

Thank you for your time.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 9:32:37 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

SB3196 is infringing on our rights as U.S. Citizens.

SB3196 is unconstitutional. The 2nd Amendment gives all Americans the right to bear arms in this country.

SB3196 will do nothing to prevent and/or reduce gun violence in our state. Drugs are illegal. Yet, people still continue to obtain drugs. It would be the same for criminals with guns. Criminals would still be able to obtain firearms and partake in violent acts with them.

SB3196 punishes the responsible gun owners who own weapons for self defense or more importantly to provide food and nutrition for themselves and their families.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 9:32:50 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill as it affects my 2nd amendment rights to bear arms to protect myself and family. Normal law abiding citizens as myself do not use these types of firearms listed to hurt others. If this bill is passed it is not going to stop criminals in committing crimes using these types a firearms.

How are citizens suppose to project themselves when we won't be able to purchase these but criminals or people with bad intentions will find a way to get them

it is not the firearm that hurts others it is the person behind the firearm. Just like drunk driving is it the car that kills others or is it the human making poor decisions and making the choice to drive drunk.

thank you

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 9:39:33 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

The government may not take away a person's individual right to keep and bear arms. This applies to semi auto rifles and any such firearm. Banning "assault rifles" is not going to stop gun violence. People kill people guns are inanimate objects and in the right hands they become a tool not a weapon. I don't think that banning a particular type of firearm will do anything to protect people from those who wish to do harm to the innocent. Stricter background checks, education on firearm safety and making safety courses a mandatory requirement to getting a permit to acquire are better solutions along with safe gun storage and handling. I believe that banning these specific type of firearms is just a way for the government to control the people. It has nothing to do with keeping communities safe. I feel safe because I know I can protect my family and also provide them with food when we go hunting and excersise our gathering rights. Let Hawaii be Hawaii let's not turn it into California!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 9:43:12 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
jayson guzman	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

I oppose this bill. This is an infringement on a US citizen's constitutional right to bear arms. Semi automatic firearms are in such wide circulation and common use that banning them will have no effect on the criminals that use them. All firearm bans do is make law abiding people more vulnerable to criminal attacks, since they follow rules and criminals don't. This ban will work just as effective as the Hawaii aerial fireworks ban- the only thing it would accomplish is to drive up demand, prices and distribution while the use of them would not diminish.

Any individual with a grain of common sense can see that this would not curtail any criminal from using said firearms. Empower your people to protect themselves instead of empowering criminals to victimize them.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 9:52:07 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Oppose

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 9:53:02 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill! Shall not infringe. You are trying to disarm us and leave us defenseless.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 10:04:14 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am against this bill

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 10:14:38 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha!

Thank you for allowing me to testify via online submission.

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 Hawaii. 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.

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 Hawaii, 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.

I believe that a part of why our tourism is down is because Hawaii is not only expensive, but the crime rate is so high. Although the state tries to downplay it, people are becoming increasingly aware of this. As an example, look what happened to the Japanese tourist that severely beaten and robbed at the Princess Kaiulani Hotel. This news has certainly made it's way back to Japan.

We already have a shortage of police officers, and they are doing their best to protect the citizens of Hawaii 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 Hawaii is not what is used to be. The common sentiment is that crime in Hawaii is really bad and continually getting worse. It is not the Hawaii we grew up with.

Hawaii is soft on crime. Our government officials need to send a strong message to the criminals that we will not tolerate any type of crime. The more laws our state institutes that restricts our ability to protect ourselves, the criminals are just cheering because it makes it easier for them to commit crimes.

So yes, I oppose bill #SB3196

Respectfully,

Jeff Bow

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 10:20:03 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
C. Kauai Lucas	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, and PSM Comittee 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 assault weapons, **SB3196** fills that gap 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.

**THERE IS NO CIVILIAN NEED FOR THESE WEAPONS!**

**Please have the courage to pass this bill.**

**Mahalo piha,**

**Kauai**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 10:21:06 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

The highest law of the land is the Constitution. Our 2nd Amendment states as such not to infringe . This iSB 3196 s totally an infringement of our 2nd Amendment rights To the state senators supporting this bill please honor your oath and abide by the Constitution. Amen and God Bless America.

Ray Bragado

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 10:27:21 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Honorable Members of the Legislature,

As a law-abiding citizen and a staunch supporter of individual rights, I urge you to reject the proposed anti-gun bill outlined in the sections above. While I commend the State's commitment to maintaining strong gun safety laws, I believe that this bill oversteps its boundaries and infringes upon the rights of responsible gun owners.

First and foremost, it is 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. Penalizing them with overly restrictive regulations only serves to burden law-abiding citizens while doing little to address the root causes of gun violence.

I would also like to point out that this restriction would not only cripple our rights to bear arms but also to defend ourselves from any threats of any sort properly. This also implies that setting extra restrictions to law abiding citizens would also hinder ourselves from being able to protect our families when such opportunity would arise. It's sickening when law abiding citizens also suffer when illegal gun carriers and market roam free unchecked when we can use these efforts to do something about such individuals instead of decent law abiding people.

Furthermore, the proposed expansion of the assault weapons ban is deeply flawed and arbitrary. Banning firearms based on cosmetic features or arbitrary classifications does not address the underlying issues of crime and violence. Instead, it penalizes law-abiding citizens for owning firearms that are functionally no different from other legal firearms.

Additionally, the proposed restrictions on magazine capacity are impractical and ineffective. Criminals intent on causing harm will not be deterred by arbitrary magazine capacity limits. Instead, such restrictions only hinder the ability of law-abiding citizens to defend themselves effectively.

Moreover, the bill's provisions regarding the possession and transfer of firearms impose unnecessary burdens on responsible gun owners without providing any tangible benefits in terms of public safety. It is crucial to strike a balance between protecting public safety and preserving the rights of law-abiding citizens, and this bill fails to achieve that balance.

In conclusion, I urge you to prioritize evidence-based policies that target the root causes of gun violence rather than imposing overly restrictive regulations that penalize law-abiding citizens. I implore you to reject this misguided anti-gun bill and instead focus on comprehensive solutions that address mental health, socioeconomic factors, and criminal activity to ensure the safety and well-being of all citizens.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,  
Mark Asuncion

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 10:46:55 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill infringes on my rights given to me by the Constitution of the United States. That is the law of the land.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 10:47:21 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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 shooter event **THERE IS NO CIVILIAN NEED FOR THESE WEAPONS!**

Please support **SB3196** without delay.

Jane Davis

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 10:52:10 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

The people of Hawaii DO NOT NEED assault rifles for goodness sake!!! I strongly support this Bill and ask that it be passed for the good of our State and its residents.

Thank you for your consideration of my STRONG support of SB3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 11:09:59 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill this is a extreme constitutional violation of the second ammendment and an infringement on my rights as a law abiding citizen. When will these ridiculous bills stop being implimented that do nothing to curb gun violence but instead increase it by taking away the peoples rights to self preservation. I repeat it is not the law abiding citizens committing these agregious acts its criminals so why do the rights of the majority always get stripped for a few law breaking carreer criminals. This bill is absolutely a gross misuse of authority and abuse of lawful citizens. I ABSOLUTELY OPPOSE THIS BILL IN ITS ENTIRETY.

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February 1, 2018

The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental,  
and Military Affairs  
State Senate  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Nishihara and Members:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 2046, Relating to Firearms

I am David Nilsen, Captain of the Records and Identification Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports Senate Bill No. 2046, Relating to Firearms.

Senate Bill No. 2046, Relating to Firearms, prohibits trigger modification devices, including bump stocks, that are designed or function to accelerate the rate of fire of a semiautomatic firearm. State law currently prohibits automatic firearms. The HPD opposes any measure to increase the rate of fire of any semiautomatic firearm that allows it to mimic the capabilities of an automatic firearm. With the recent incident in Las Vegas, the HPD believes that prohibiting these modifications to currently legalize semiautomatic firearms is in the best interest in providing for the safety of the citizens of the City and County of Honolulu and the State of Hawaii.

The HPD urges you to support Senate Bill No. 2046, Relating to Firearms.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

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Susan Ballard  
Chief of Police

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David P. Nilsen", written over a horizontal line.

David P. Nilsen, Captain  
Records and Identification Division

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January 30, 2018

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair  
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs  
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 229  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Nishihara and Committee Members:

**Re: SB 2046 Bump stocks**  
**Hearing Date: 02/01/18 – 1:35 pm; Conference Room 229**

Thank you for this opportunity to fully support SB 2046.

I hope that even the most ardent firearm enthusiast believes there is no legitimate need for devices that accelerate the rate of fire of a semiautomatic firearm.

I urge you to approve SB 2046.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Kim  
Mayor, County of Hawai'i

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 10:52:41 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Richard K. Minatoya	Maui Department of the Prosecuting Attorney	Support	No

Comments:

The Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Maui SUPPORTS SB 2046, which will prohibit devices designed or function to accelerate the rate of fire of a semiautomatic firearm. This will prohibit people from circumventing automatic firearm regulations with devices that may currently be legal. An example is the "bump stock" used in the recent Las Vegas shooting, in which a bump stock was used to give a semiautomatic firearm the same effect as an automatic firearm. The Department requests that this measure be PASSED.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



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January 30 , 2018

TO: Honorable Chair Nishihara and Members of the PSM Committee

RE: SB2046 Relating to Firearms

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Support for hearing on Feb. 1

Americans for Democratic Action is an organization founded in the 1950s by leading supporters of the New Deal and led by Patsy Mink in the 1970s. We are devoted to the promotion of progressive public policies.

We support SB 2046 as it would limit trigger modification devices, including bump stocks, that are designed or function to accelerate the rate of fire of a semiautomatic firearm. After the use of bump stocks in the Las Vegas massacre, this makes common sense.

Thank you for your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

John Bickel  
President

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 6:33:19 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ron Klapperich	ASSE	Oppose	No

Comments:

Before banning bump stocks or similar devices, make sure that the law does not penalize firearm owners who unintentionally modified the firearm causing it to malfunction and not comply with the regulation. Triggers tend to wear out over time and can create multi fires. The trigger then needs to be fixed or replaced. Until then, the owner needs a reasonable amount of time to fix the problem. Bump stocks are an unnecessary accessory but please don't try to plug every loop hole at the risk of unintentionally criminalizing gun owners.

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 4:00:06 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Andrew Namiki Roberts	Green Screen Hawaii	Oppose	No

Comments:

To Whom it may concern,

I Andrew Namiki Roberts Oppose the enactment of SB 2046.

This is a new jerk reaction to a tragedy that occurred this past year, Although this law seems like a well meaning law that may stop another event like this from happening, it simply is not true and will have no effect on crime at any level.

The wording of the bill, including "or to accelerate the rate of fire of a semiautomatic firearm," Have no legal definition or meaning and can be interpreted in any number of ways. Something as simple as replacing the factory trigger with a smoother one or one with a lighter pull (often done with precision and competition shooters) would be illegal. This law would also be impossible to enforce short of the police departments disassembling and cataloging every part of every firearm in the state.

With regards to the ban of bump stocks mentioned in the law. A bump stock can be replicated with any number of tools, including but not limited to a shoe lace, a rubber band, a belt. Not to mention that with a little practice the same style of fire can be achieved without any modification to any semiautomatic rifle. The simple true of the matter is these tools are not used in murders or shootings because they cause the fire to be inaccurate and unreliable.

My final objection to this bill is the arbitrary ban of something that is currently legal. Resulting in people having to surrender or destroy their personal property without compensation or face felony charges. This alone has already been ruled unconstitutional in federal courts across the country.



***Hawaii Hunting Association  
To Protect & Promote Sustainable  
Public Hunting in Hawaii***

**SB2046 – VIGOROUSLY OPPOSE**

January 30, 2018

Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs  
For Hearing on February 1, 2018  
Conference Room 229; 1:35 PM  
Senate Bill SB2046

Dear Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai, esteemed members of the Public Safety  
Committee.

RE: SB2046

The Hawaii Hunting Association **VIGOROUSLY OPPOSES** this legislation. Bump Stocks are an ATF issue. The rest of the bill seems purposefully vague and serves absolutely no safety purpose, but instead could make felons out of law abiding target shooters and hunters who may work on their legally owned firearms for safety, accuracy, or function.

Much Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Lodge". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tom Lodge, Chair

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**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 4:09:43 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Harvey Gerwig	Hawaii Rifle Association	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

The **HAWAII RIFLE ASSOCIATION** is **STRONGLY OPPOSED** to this measure. It is over reaching and vague as regards common modifications to firearms which simply improve the function of a semi-auto firearm, but under this bill could turn an innocent gun owner into a felon. Bans of this type have absolutely ZERO effect on the criminal activity that they seek to achieve. Let the ATF do their job and decide how these devices should be regulated, if at all.

Thank you, Harvey Gerwig, President, **HAWAII RIFLE ASSOCIATION.**

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 7:10:34 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tony Sylvester	Hawaii Sportsmen's Alliance	Oppose	No

Comments:



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## COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

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Please vote NO on SB2046.

There are a number of problems with SB2046.

1. It is unenforceable.
2. It does not address an existing problem.
3. It thus does not solve an existing problem.
4. It would do nothing to lower crime nor enhance public safety.
5. It criminalizes common actions by law-abiding citizens.
6. The parameters of illegal acts is preposterously overly broad.
7. The actual terminology of the proposed law is incorrect and the effect outlawed by the language can be achieved simply without violating any of the proposed illegalities.

1. The law is unenforceable. You'll recall that in 1992 the Hawaii state legislature passed and the governor signed and enacted into law a ban on standard capacity handgun magazines (the magazines originally manufactured for and intended for sale with the handguns) of greater than 10 rounds. After seven (7) years of enforcement of that law, in 1999, a criminal illegally used standard capacity magazines of greater than 10 rounds in a handgun to murder seven people during the infamous "Xerox murders". How could this person have had illegal magazines after seven years of enforcement? Simple. Because that law, like the proposed SB2046, couldn't be enforced. There is absolutely no way for government enforcement authorities to know if anyone possesses the banned materials (well, except it's pretty clear most people own string and rubber bands, see point 7) or modifications. Do not pass another unenforceable law.

2. It does not address an existing problem. How many crimes have been committed in Hawaii using a bump stock, trigger crank, or firearm "modified to increase the rate of fire"? That's right: none. Perhaps

the authorities will reveal some heretofore unknown cases, but a search of the public records as per news reporting indicates no such crimes have been committed. Do not pass a law that does not address an existing problem.

3. It thus does not solve an existing problem. If there is no problem to be solved, why pass a law? This is another case of lawmakers passing a “feel good” law, as if they are addressing and solving a problem where in reality none exists, i.e. “a solution in search of a problem”. Do not pass a law that would be of no use.

4. It would do nothing to lower crime nor enhance public safety. Since there is no problem that would be solved by any of the aspects of this law, there is absolutely no possible effect of lowering crime nor making the public any safer. Do not pass an ineffective law.

5. It criminalizes common actions by law-abiding citizens. Many firearms owners “modify” their firearms in order that they are enhanced for accuracy, “feel” (e.g. “smoother” trigger pull), longevity, appearance, etc. None of these aspects of modification has anything at all to do with criminality, unless and until a law such as SB2046 is enacted which criminalizes common actions by law-abiding citizens to no end other than citizens questioning why such a law would be proposed and enacted when it has no effect of reducing real crime.

6. The parameters of illegal acts is preposterously overly broad. Using the literal terms of the proposed bill something as simple as lubricating metal parts, much less polishing them would technically fall under the purview of the term “modification”. That's absurd, yet it wouldn't be the first time government has passed a law with vague and ambiguous language that can then be “interpreted” to mean whatever they want it to mean on a case by case basis. Do not pass a law with vague, ambiguous, and overly broad language, that can serve only to entrap otherwise law-abiding citizens for (previously) noncriminal behavior and where no one has been harmed.

7. The actual terminology of the proposed law is incorrect. Any of the devices or modifications outlawed in SB2046 do not “increase the rate of fire”. Such terminology would only apply to fully automatic firearms, which fire rounds continuously as long as the trigger is moved to the “fire” position, and can thus be tested with objectivity both before and after a modification (hold the trigger down before and after the “modification” and record the time to empty the same capacity magazine). Such weapons are already illegal in Hawaii. Such an objective test is not possible with a semi-automatic firearm, as are addressed by SB2046. What the modifications that are outlawed in SB2046 do is make an increased rate of fire “easier” for a trained operator to achieve. Making the modification alone is no guarantee of an increased rate of fire. Indeed, if all the members of this committee and the entire legislature were to go to the range and be given an “unmodified” semi-auto rifle and asked to fire the rifle until the, for example, 10 round magazine was empty via pulling the trigger, allowing the reset, and pulling the trigger repeatedly as fast as they could until all ten rounds were fired, and that time was recorded, then, “modify” that exact same rifle by installing a “bump stock” and ask the same legislators to now fire that rifle to the point of emptying that same 10 round magazine, I can virtually guarantee that the bump stock will not yield an “increased rate of fire”, but a DECREASED rate of fire. Why? Because a bump stock does not “increase the rate of fire”, it only makes an increased rate of fire possible (“easier”) by a person who has learned to use it for that purpose. And here is the problem: AN “INCREASED” RATE OF FIRE CAN BE ACHIEVED BY BUMP FIRING A FIREARM WITHOUT ANY MODIFICATIONS WHATSOEVER BY A PERSON WHO HAS TAKEN THE TIME TO LEARN TO BUMP FIRE. Such an “increased rate of fire” can also be made “easier” using string, rubber bands, a stick, a piece of metal, belt loops on pants, etc. Are you going to outlaw all those things, and nothing at all? You would have to outlaw firing at a particular rate of fire. Thus you see the absurdity of this law.

Please don't vote to pass an unenforceable, useless to crime reduction and public safety, and overly broad, vague, ambiguous, and technically incorrect language law that wouldn't prevent anyone who wants to achieve an "increased rate of fire" from achieving that without violating any of the provisions of the proposed law anyway.

Thank you,

George Pace

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 12:30:44 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chris Redeker	MAUI AMMO AND GUN SUPPLY	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose bill SB2046 in its current form. You are attempting to ban devices used for recreational, sporting and competition purposes out of fear that they could potentially be used in the commission of crimes. Bump fire stocks and cranks can be used to increase the rate of fire from Hawaii legal firearm, however they do it at a sever cost to control and thus accuracy of the user. You may not have ever gone to a range and watched these devices in action, but I have. The user rarely hits their target more than a few times before they run out of ammo. The only reason they use them is to experience what they can't legally own in Hawaii because of current laws, in many cases after one or two range days the devices end up in their closet not used for months at a time. Banning them also makes no sense because it won't prevent a criminal from still using it. These devices are not federally regulated like firearms a person can order it off eBay and have it shipped to their house without anyone ever knowing. Banning them is not going to prevent them from being used its only going to prevent your law-abiding citizens from having fun at a range day.

Additionally, your wording is vague regarding a trigger modifications device, precision and competition shooters all modify their triggers to better compete. Modifications done revolve around making a lighter easier to pull trigger. Any competition rifle, shotgun or pistol has a modified trigger in it. These triggers often have been polished coated or had custom springs or spring like devices installed for the specific purpose of improving the trigger. As a result, especially in pistols the trigger can be pulled faster than a normal trigger in a firearm. This allows for smoother trigger pull and better accuracy for slow fire precision rifle competitions. It also allows for smoother control and rapid follow-up shots for trap shotgun shooting and IPSC pistol shooting competitions where time and accuracy between shots means winning or losing. It is unclear if this law will or could be used to affect these categories of Hawaii gun users.

As such it is hard to support something that is unfair and unclear to the people of Hawaii. I ask that you reconsider this bill and look to enact law that would do something to help the people of Hawaii. If you want ideas look at our airports, they are the number one entry point for unregistered firearms in the State of Hawaii. I say this from experience guns coming in via the airport are not regulated by the state of Hawaii in any

way, it is at the discretion of the individual with the gun to go and register it upon arriving into the state in three days. If they choose not to an unregistered firearm is now in the state without anyone knowing the fact it is here. Someone who would do that intentionally is probably willing to break other laws as well and to me would be a much bigger threat to the safety of Hawaii as a whole.

Mahalo,

Chris



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DANIEL REID, HAWAII STATE LIAISON

January 31, 2018

The Honorable Clarence Nishihara  
Chair, House Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs  
Sent Via Email

Re: Senate Bill 2046 – OPPOSE

Dear Chairman Nishihara:

On behalf of the Hawaii members of the National Rifle Association, we strongly oppose Senate Bill 2046.

SB 2046 would make it a crime to own, manufacture, possess, sell, barter, trade, gift, transfer or acquire a firearm accessory or any other device, part or combination of parts that is designed to or functions to accelerate the rate of fire of a semi-automatic firearm. In addition, SB 2046 would also criminalize installing, removing, or altering parts of a firearm with the intent to accelerate the rate of fire.

The broad and overreaching provisions of SB 2046 could criminalize firearm modifications such as competition triggers, muzzle brakes, and ergonomic changes that are commonly done by law-abiding gun owners to make their firearms more suitable for self-defense, competition, hunting, or even overcoming disability.

Thank you for your attention and I ask that you oppose this legislation.

Cordially,

Daniel S. Reid  
State Liaison

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 10:50:04 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
lynne matusow		Support	No

Comments:

Please accept this as testimony in strong support. These devices serve no purpose other than to do mass killings, i.e. Las Vegas, to name just one.

Unfortunatly, we must monitor firearms owners and sellers to protect the public, as they seem unable to do so, as they want to play with their toys.

lynne matusow

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 1:14:11 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marcus Tanaka		Oppose	Yes

Comments:

This bill will be nothing but problems. I understand it's intentions are good, but it is poorly written. Almost the same bill was introduced for federal law a few months ago after the Vegas shooting (HB3030 and a few more). But all the bills were not passed because they are poorly written. So here is why:

1) The ATF have known about bump stocks since they were invented (10 years ago). But they understand that even without this accessory, "bump firing" is still possible (mimicking automatic fire). It can be done with a rubber band, belt loop on your pants, even how firmly you hold your rifle. So they couldn't come up with a specific definition of a "bump stock" without making the entire rifle illegal. And they know there are over a dozen different ways of creating bump fire. So making a law about it would be useless.

2) The last 4 words of the 2nd amendment state "Shall not be infringed". So isn't this bill infringing on my right to bear arms?

**3) Any person who installs, removes, or alters a firearm part with the intent to convert the firearm to an automatic firearm, or to accelerate the rate of fire of a semiautomatic firearm, shall be deemed to have manufactured an automatic firearm in violation of subsection (a) .It**

The key word is "intent". So how do you prove intent? This would be a huge waste of tax payer money and time to prove intent. So again the bill is poorly written. One could say "I installed this part because it helps with accuracy. That is my intent of this part."

**4) or any part, combination of parts, component, device, attachment, or accessory that is designed or functions to accelerate the rate of fire of a semiautomatic firearm**

Again, did the person who wrote this section have any understanding of how a rifle works? Many gun enthusiast install after market triggers that take less force to pull by your index finger (know as trigger weight). This helps with accuracy. The problem is

that different manufacturers make different trigger weights. There is no standard unit of measure when it comes to this. So how do you determine if someone made it easier to pull a trigger faster since there is no clear definition and no industry standard? Basically this part is to vague and leaves to much interpretation.

Not only a lighter trigger can increase the rate of fire of a gun, but there are about 5 other parts that can do the same. And all these parts are made by different companies which have no "industry standard".

There are many competitive shooting leagues in Hawaii (ISPCA, HPS, etc...) and all of them are allowed to use a lighter trigger per the nation wide leagues rules. So by having the wording above, you basically killed this sport in Hawaii. See below youtube video of what I'm talking about.

5) Like I mentioned in #1, you don't even need anything extra to mimic bump firing. It can be done with a limp wrist. Feel free to youtube this and you will understand how useless this law will be. All it will do is put more people in jail and take away their 2nd amendment rights.

6) There is little we can do to stop someone with evil in their hearts. If someone wanted to do a mass shooting and mimic automatic rifle fire, then they would just need a rubber band. So this brings me to the point that criminals do not obey the laws. Like the recent shooting in Wakiki that left 1 guy dead. The shooter used a rifle. Well guess what it's against the law to bring a rifle to anywhere but your residents, business, range, gunsmith, or gun show. So the shooter broke 1 of many laws that morning.

7) Referring back to #3, different manufacturers make their rifles fire at different rates. So again there is no industry standard. So by Hawaii's law, all these mainland manufacturers will be breaking the law if their product can fire faster than the other guys one.

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 1:20:41 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dan Goo		Oppose	Yes

Comments:

I am against this bill as a person who has loss part of the strength of my index finger due to surgery, I required modifications to the triggers to some of my firearms. The question is how do you determine that the trigger has been change? Many triggers are alike with very small changes of how they operate and you will not be able to tell if they were changed. This is another bill that cannot be enforced nor are police officers able to determine if the triggers are changed. How do you enforce something you cannot see nor can determined if changed.

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 1:25:40 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Judy Goo		Oppose	Yes

Comments:

Dear Legislators,

As a female many triggers are too heavy for me to pull. Without the ability to change triggers, many of the firearms will be difficult for me to shoot. I have a Ruger revolver and my husband and I changed the trigger so the pull is not that great as normally it would be for me. I am against this bill as it discriminates me as a female who may not be as strong as a male counter parts.

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 3:16:24 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
steven a kumasaka		Oppose	Yes

Comments:

As a law-abiding Second Amendment supporter in Hawaii, and voter, I urge you to please oppose Senate Bill 2046.

SB 2046 would make it a crime to own, manufacture, possess, sell, barter, trade, gift, transfer or acquire a firearm accessory or any other device, part or combination of parts that is designed to or functions to accelerate the rate of fire of a semi-automatic firearm. In addition, SB 2046 would also criminalize installing, removing, or altering parts of a firearm with the intent of accelerating the rate of fire.

The broad and overreaching provisions of SB 2046 could criminalize firearm modifications such as competition triggers, muzzle brakes, and ergonomic changes that are commonly done by law-abiding gun owners to make their firearms more suitable for self-defense, competition, hunting, or even overcoming disability.

These restrictions will do nothing to curb violence nor keep criminals from obtaining or using such devices, and only serve to automatically and arbitrarily make LAW ABIDING CITIZENS criminals overnight for no reason at all. In addition, it does not address the root cause of gun violence, which is mental illness and psychiatric medications.

mahalo

Steven Kumasaka, hawaii resident and voter

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 4:36:35 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sean C Goo		Oppose	Yes

Comments:

I am against this bill. It does nothing to stop the criminals and it prevents me from enjoying the sport and hobby that I grew up with. I am an avid sportsman, hunter and target shooter that. The question I have is how are you going to enforce this. You will not be able to tell if a firearms trigger has been changed or altered. Oppose this bill.

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 5:34:48 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jon Abbott		Oppose	Yes

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly oppose this bill. First, it will do nothing to stop violence or reduce crime in any way. Second, it will only make criminals out of the law abiding. You who sit in representation of these lawful citizens need to ask yourselves who does this bill serve?

This bill is flawed to such an extent that the authors should be ashamed of themselves. Most of the devices that will be made illegal under this bill are devices that are used by hundreds of thousands of shooters here in Hawaii to make their firearms more accurate. Increased accuracy makes firearms inherently safer. As a handgun instructor, I can attest to the ability of good quality triggers to help increase safety. In short, these triggers save lives and prevent injury.

I urge every member of this committee to take a good long-hard look at the wording of this proposed legislation, for it only punishes the law abiding. Honestly, I am exasperated by the continued assault on the rights of law abiding citizens. And I will stand for it no longer.

Vote no on this bill and any bill like it.

Jon Abbott

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 11:12:02 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Devin Sasai		Oppose	Yes

Comments:

Senators,

Thank you for your time and for your service. I am writing you in OPPOSITION of SB2046. We are all shocked and appalled at any senseless act of violence. And while we all feel like it is our duty do something to prevent any further atrocities, we must be mindful of all those that can and will be impacted by any type of new legislation that is introduced. As much as I applaud your willingness and effort to protect our community, I must say that SB2046 is as much flawed as it is unconstitutional, and will have little to no effect in preventing a mass tragedy such as the one witnessed in Las Vegas, and obviously was the catalyst for this bill.

I'd like to point to some key points that will highlight my objections to SB2046. The first of which is the fact that all of the proposed devices you wish to ban are part of a wide, and vague spectrum. The bill proposed DOES NOT only ban the device used by the shooter in Las Vegas, and others like it, but it also covers any firearms trigger modification that many competitive, and recreational shooters use in their firearms to make themselves better, safer shooters. That fact that you are using broad terms such as ".....any part, combination of parts, component, device, attachment, or accessory....." would deem aftermarket match grade triggers, non-factory replacement parts or springs, or even simple, licensed gunsmith trigger modifications, a violation of the proposed bill, as these items, in essence, will "....accelerate the rate of fire of a semi-automatic firearm." Also, the fact remains that by passage of this bill, you will instantly create a population of criminals, simply because they have already legally modified their firearms trigger system. Not because they want to commit a violent mass shooting, but because they wish to be a better, more accurate, and safer shooter.

The second point that I'd like to make is that the measure is a clear violation of the 5th Amendments of the Bill of Rights. If passed, SB2046 has no remedy, or clause for compensation of the value of the firearm, or accessory deemed illegal. No appeals process, so called grandfather clause, or compensation schedule have been proposed, or outlined, in the event that firearms, and accessories that fall under this category are confiscated, or voluntarily surrendered to authorities. Such an act is clearly in violation of both the due process and compensation under eminent domain. The courts have said numerous times that confiscation for "public use" is not limited to actually use in public, but also if the said confiscation of property has a direct benefit to public welfare or

interest. By proposing this bill, you are clearly stating that SB2046 should be enacted at the benefit of public welfare and interest. Without any proposed remedies or schedules, SB2046, as presented is clearly unconstitutional.

Lastly, as much as we all want to believe that passing new legislation against a method or tool used in an atrocity will prevent future incidents from happening, the fact has always, and will always remain that people with evil intentions will find ways to carry out their evil plans. Whether by a plane flown into a building, cars driven onto bike paths, or even a maniac in a hotel with guns, enacting SB2046 will not prevent these type of tragedies from happening. The only thing SB2046 will do is create a black market for these "devices" where criminals, who don't care about the law, will be the only ones with access to them. The fact that your are trying to enact a bill to keep our public safe by banning a certain class of items, yet creating the opportunity, and environment to put that "trigger modification device" in the hands of the VERY TYPE OF PERSON that WOULD misuse it in the way we saw in Las Vegas, is ironic, hypocritical, and tragic.

I want to thank you all for your time and attention, and I humbly ask that you vote against SB2046.

Sincerely,

Devin Sasai

Kapolei, Hawaii

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 11:48:37 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lee		Oppose	Yes

Comments:

This is a case of horrible knee-jerk reaction by legislators who knows little about the specifics of what they are proposing. Most sporting firearm triggers are tuned by owners to be better or even safer firearms for sports, hunting, or self-defense. This will do little to or have any impact on violent crimes in our state, it is another waste of time and resource. This is a clear case of our legislators not having the knowledge to propose into laws that which they know little about. Please, please, please, educate yourself on this topic and ask if you are actually making a positive impact on society or are you merely spouting partisan talking points. I believe your oath includes the portion which states, "..I swear to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States..", the State Constitution is almost verbatim so check what you are doing to the good people of Hawai'i.

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 8:38:45 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sterling Luna		Oppose	Yes

Comments:

As a law-abiding Second Amendment supporter in Hawaii, and voter, I urge you to please oppose Senate Bill 2046. For many reasons, my personal reason is these specific modifications assist in overcoming handicaps and contribute nothing to reduction in prohibited unlawful actions. Thank you

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 9:36:39 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Barry P Fitzgerald	Mr	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

Please let the ATF&E deal w/bump stocks. Many target firearms have special triggers to aid in more accurate shooting. They have nothing to do w/making a firearm have a select fire capability ie: shoot like a machine gun.

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 12:38:25 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kainoa Kaku		Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this measure. This bill is too broad in its' restrictions banning everything from bump stocks, a gimicky device that performs a function that can be achieved with a stiff finger, rubber band or belt loop, to aftermarket triggers. Aftermarket triggers come in all shapes and pull weights for every type of firearm. You can find them in AR-15's, shotguns, bolt action rifles and handguns. While they may allow proficient shooters to shoot faster, they can also help people with disabilities to be able to pull a trigger at all. Not only will this law be as ineffective as every other anti-gun law but it is impossible to enforce.

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 12:41:29 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Allan Bacon		Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill is not only ridiculous, but it would do nothing to curtail gun violence and would only affect law abiding citizens. There has only been one crime committed in the United States in history with a bump stock. The tack on ban triggers is simply another way to infringe on American citizen rights and Hawaiian rights.

There is no practical statistical information one could use to support the ban of these items. This is simply a knee jerk, feel good reaction rather than an intelligently thought out piece of legislation.

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 1:18:12 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jake Hanawahine		Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly Oppose.bill is to broad.

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 1:20:25 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kevin Kacatin		Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill retroactively punishes law-abiding Hawaii residents for isolated incidents on the US Mainland. There has been no record of any mass firearm deaths as a result of these items in the State of Hawaii.

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 1:40:54 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
David Kikukawa		Oppose	No

Comments:

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 1:51:19 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Nicholas H Takara		Oppose	No

Comments:

In short, punishing those who modify their triggers for lighter resistance is the equivalent to punishing those who add motors to wheelchairs. This bill needs to be amended and the wording needs to be more specific.

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 1:52:32 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joe Alejandro		Oppose	No

Comments:

Sirs, Ma'ams,

This bill is unconstitutional as well as a useless one. It is a prime example of "let them take an inch, they'll take a mile". These modifications aren't limited to just triggers and bump stocks. Some are the entire gun internals themselves (ie bolt carrier, buffer, spring, gas port sizing, muzzle device, etc) which work in unison with the most important part of what makes it go bang: the operator of the firearm, who is also capable of accelerating the rate of fire without any modification. How will this be regulated if people have fast fingers to begin with? With all due respect, this is an overreach of authority.

V/R,

Joe Alejandro

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 1:53:18 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kawika Freitas		Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. We dont say its prohibited to have a car that goes over 50 MPH, even though cars kill alot more people than guns. According to FBI UCR there where 248 rifle deaths in 2014 and 1,567 KNIFE deaths. We are not regulating knives. There were over 400 PEOPLE KILLED WITH HAMMERS. That's almost twice as many as rifles, which this bill is trying to target. When have you seen a bill on tactical hammers?

Again we strongly oppose this bill, our 2nd amendment is being violated.

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 2:03:39 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Edward Hampton		Oppose	No

Comments:

Another knee jerk, "Feel Good" bill that has no effect on criminals, only law abiding citizens. This is an obvious attempt at restricting the rights of gun owners for no good reason. It does nothing to protect the public, it merely serves to advance a party agenda. Based on a questionable and incomplete investigation at that.

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 2:11:25 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brendon Heal		Oppose	No

Comments:

As a law-abiding Second Amendment supporter in Hawaii, and voter, I urge you to please **oppose Senate Bill 2046**.

SB 2046 would make it a crime to own, manufacture, possess, sell, barter, trade, gift, transfer or acquire a firearm accessory or any other device, part or combination of parts that is designed to or functions to accelerate the rate of fire of a semi-automatic firearm. In addition, SB 2046 would also criminalize installing, removing, or altering parts of a firearm with the intent of accelerating the rate of fire.

The broad and overreaching provisions of SB 2046 could criminalize firearm modifications such as competition triggers, muzzle brakes, and ergonomic changes that are commonly done by law-abiding gun owners to make their firearms more suitable for self-defense, competition, hunting, or even overcoming disability.

These restrictions will do nothing to curb violence or criminals from obtaining or using such devices, and only serve to automatically and arbitrarily make LAW ABIDING CITIZENS criminals overnight for no reason at all.

Again, please **oppose Senate Bill 2046**.

Sincerely,  
Brendon Heal, VOTER  
91-682 Kilinahe St  
Ewa Beach, HI 96706-2716



**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 2:20:55 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Philip Pearson		Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill is overly broad. I don't have a problem with banning bump stocks, but modifying the trigger of a firearm used in competition should not be hindered or banned. There are specific categories or classes of competition from stock, to slightly modified, to open race guns. This bill would make owners of modified guns (many can be bought factory modified) criminals.

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 2:55:56 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jeff Ball		Oppose	No

Comments:

The broad and overreaching provisions of SB 2046 could criminalize firearm modifications such as competition triggers, muzzle brakes, and ergonomic changes that are commonly done by law-abiding gun owners to make their firearms more suitable for self-defense, competition, hunting, or even overcoming disability.

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Please do not pass Senate Bill 2046.

Jeff Ball

99-758 Meaala St.

aiea, HI

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 2:59:20 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Justin		Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 3:01:10 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Danny Tran		Oppose	No

Comments:

The terms used in this bill are far too vague and could easily be misinterpreted. The broad and overreaching provisions of SB 2046 could criminalize firearm modifications such as competition triggers, muzzle brakes, and ergonomic changes that are commonly done by law-abiding gun owners to make their firearms more suitable for self-defense, competition, hunting, or even overcoming disability

To outright ban the use of aftermarket or modifications to a trigger on the sole basis that they are used to "accelerate the rate of fire" is wrong. Far more people often modify their triggers with the intent of accuracy, not a high rate of fire. When lightening or smoothening the trigger, it allows hunters, sportsmens, or recreational shooters to be more accurate in their shooting disciplines in the same sense that a marathon runner would choose lighter shoes to reduce strain and gain a stamina advantage.

These restrictions will do nothing to curb violence or criminals from obtaining or using such devices, and only serve to automatically and arbitrarily make LAW ABIDING CITIZENS criminals overnight for no reason at all. Furthermore, this also hurts the sport/competition shooters, recreational shooters and hunters.

As a law-abiding Second Amendment supporter in Hawaii, and voter, I urge you to please **oppose** Senate Bill 2046.

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 3:28:47 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
taylor sumida		Oppose	No

Comments:

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 3:29:07 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Audie Gerilla		Oppose	No

Comments:

As a law-abiding Second Amendment supporter in Hawaii, I oppose Senate Bill 2046.

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Again, I oppose Senate Bill 2046.

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 3:53:43 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gordon Ho		Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

As a law-abiding citizen born and raised in Hawaii, I urge you to please oppose Senate Bill 2046.

The broad and overreaching provisions of SB 2046 could criminalize firearm modifications such as competition triggers, muzzle brakes, and ergonomic changes that are commonly done by law-abiding gun owners to make their firearms more suitable for self-defense, competition, hunting, or even overcoming disability.

These restrictions will do nothing to curb violence nor keep criminals from obtaining illegal weapons. And will instead automatically and arbitrarily make LAW ABIDING CITIZENS criminals overnight to no fault of their own. In addition it does address the root cause of gun violence. Which is mental illness and psychiatric medications.

Mahalo,

Gordon Ho

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 3:58:52 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sheldon Miyakado		Oppose	No

Comments:

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Mahalo

Sheldon Miyakado, hawaii resident and voter

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 4:10:07 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Herald Nones		Oppose	No

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macsak, hawaii resident and voter

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 4:25:27 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kimo Nakata		Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I find that the endeavor to classify bumpstocks and increasing rate of fire modifications is too vague and undiscernible by our current laws and constitution:

**1. BUMP STOCKS DO NOT FALL WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF "MACHINE GUN" UNDER THE NFA.**

The Obama administration was correct when, in 2010, it determined that bump stocks did not convert semi-autos into fully automatic firearms.

Federal law says, in part, that a machine gun is a weapon that can fire "automatically more than one shot ... by a single function of the trigger." The definition includes "...any part designed and intended solely and exclusively ... for use in converting a weapon into a machinegun..." (26 U.S.C. 5845(b))

According to this definition, a "bump stock" does not fall within this definition.

With a "bump stock," each and every round is discharged as the result of an independent pull of the trigger. So it is simply untrue that the "bump stock" assists the discharge of more than one round "by a single function of the trigger" -- no matter how fast the gun discharges rounds.

One pull, one discharge. This is the classic textbook definition of a SEMI-automatic firearm.

If the ATF were to illegitimately use a standard based on "increasing the rate of fire" to ban or regulate bump stocks, then what is to stop it from illegitimately holding that other rate-increasing devices -- like belt loops, sticks or fingers -- are "machineguns" as well? YouTube abounds with examples of people using these items to increase the rate of fire of their semi-autos.

**2. ATF HAS NO CONSTITUTIONAL OR LEGAL AUTHORITY TO BAN OR REGULATE BUMP STOCKS.**

The ATF's statutory authority, contained at 6 U.S.C. 531, is very narrow. Nowhere does federal law give ATF the general authority to regulate the safety of firearms, accessories, or parts. This is important, because, if federal law did do this, then it could administratively ban semi-automatics, or handguns, or all guns.

Constitutionally, the Second Amendment says the right of the people to keep and bear arms "shall not be infringed." Our rights are not privileges from the government that can be revoked or regulated at will. And regulating or banning bump stocks would serve as unconstitutional infringements.



**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 4:25:58 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Charlston Cheng		Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/29/2018 5:13:58 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Keith Hirata		Oppose	No

Comments:

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hawaii resident and voter

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 5:17:32 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brian Isaacson		Oppose	No

Comments:

Any device that causes a firearm to function as an automatic weapon should be under the rules of the BATF and subject to Federal legislation to provide a consistent legal status throughout the country. Hawaii should not be acting to make specific devices illegal, but should weigh in on regulations or legislation on the Federal level. If the devices are found to be Class III, then Hawaii will already have made them illegal by not being a Class II state.

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 5:17:49 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jerry Ilo		Oppose	No

Comments:

Strongly oppose!

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 5:33:12 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Stephen Kobayashi		Oppose	No

## Comments:

As a law-abiding Second Amendment supporter in Hawaii, and voter, I urge you to please oppose Senate Bill 2046. SB 2046 would make it a crime to own, manufacture, possess, sell, barter, trade, gift, transfer or acquire a firearm accessory or any other device, part or combination of parts that is designed to or functions to accelerate the rate of fire of a semi-automatic firearm. In addition, SB 2046 would also criminalize installing, removing, or altering parts of a firearm with the intent of accelerating the rate of fire. The broad and overreaching provisions of SB 2046 could criminalize firearm modifications such as competition triggers, muzzle brakes, and ergonomic changes that are commonly done by law-abiding gun owners to make their firearms more suitable for self-defense, competition, hunting, or even overcoming disability. These restrictions will do nothing to curb violence nor keep criminals from obtaining or using such devices, and only serve to automatically and arbitrarily make LAW ABIDING CITIZENS criminals overnight for no reason at all. In addition, it does not address the root cause of gun violence, which is mental illness and psychiatric medications.

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Stephen Kobayashi, hawaii resident and voter

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 7:01:51 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Danilo M. Apilado		Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill is flawed to such an extent that the authors should be ashamed of themselves. Most of the devices that will be made illegal under this bill are devices that are used by hundreds of thousands of shooters here in Hawaii to make their firearms more accurate. Increased accuracy makes firearms inherently safer. As a handgun instructor, I can attest to the ability of good quality triggers to help increase safety. In short, these triggers save lives and prevent injury.

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 7:37:24 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Donald Moreno		Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. First, it will do nothing to stop violence or reduce crime in any way. Second, it will only make criminals out of the law abiding. You who sit in representation of these lawful citizens need to ask yourselves who does this bill serve?

This bill is flawed to such an extent that the authors should be ashamed of themselves. Most of the devices that will be made illegal under this bill are devices that are used by hundreds of thousands of shooters here in Hawaii to make their firearms more accurate. Increased accuracy makes firearms inherently safer. As a handgun instructor, I can attest to the ability of good quality triggers to help increase safety. In short, these triggers save lives and prevent injury.

I urge every member of this committee to take a good long-hard look at the wording of this proposed legislation, for it only punishes the law abiding. Honestly, I am exasperated by the continued assault on the rights of law abiding citizens. And I will stand for it no longer.

Vote no on this bill and any bill like it.

Don Moreno

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 7:39:01 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
William Carroll		Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB2046, it is nonsense and will not avert, reduce, or prevent any crimes. Common improvements to trigger functioning are used to improve marksmanship skill, and are used in statewide and national championship competitions, which will now be considered crimes, and compared to the whimsical statement of converting a semiautomatic firearm to a machine gun. It doesn't make sense, it doesn't pass the common sense test, and it is impractical. The main purpose of improving trigger functioning is so that it is smooth and crisp, and you don't have to jerk the trigger while concentrating on your aim. Forcing Hawaii residents to be stuck with crappy USGI or original issue triggers, know for gritty feel or creep, severely handicaps Hawaii competitive shooters, hunters, and also handicaps recreational shooters who shoot as a hobby at Koko Head. Hawaii shooters spend a lot of money on improving trigger feel, and there is nothing even remotely criminal about that, yet, SB2046 suddenly criminalizes law-abiding citizens. This is wrong. Plain and simple.

Please do not allow SB2046 to move forward, it needs to be thrown in the trashcan. Hawaii has more than enough firearms restrictions on the books already, more than most other states, and enforcement of existing laws would go much further than passing nonsense legislation such as SB2046.

Respectfully submitted.

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 8:35:58 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Layne Hazama		Oppose	No

Comments:

Strongly oppose SB 2046. As a long time law abiding firearms owner and enthusiast, this measure would serve to criminalize a number of firearms parts and accessories in common usage. From competition shooting to hunting. The wording of the measure is too broad and would do nothing to curb violence nor prevent those who choose to ignore laws currently in place. This measure will only serve to infringe on the 2nd Amendment rights of law abiding gun owners.

Respectilly request the committee reconsider the verbiage of this proposed legislation.

Sincerely,

Layne Hazama

Registered Voter

920 Ward Ave. Honolulu, HI

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 8:50:18 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ryan Arakawa		Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose Senate Bill 2046.

The language of SB 2046 is vague and unenforceable. The added restrictions introduced by this bill will do nothing to curb violence or deter criminals.

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 8:52:35 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
David Soon		Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this measure because it seeks to solve a non-existent problem.

It is therefore a waste of my tax dollars.

Furthermore, due to the very technical nature of this sort of legislation, it may inadvertently cause innocent hobbyists to suddenly become criminals by tinkering or repairing a favorite firearm.

There are many other real problems to deal with. Don't waste my money and your time trying to solve an imaginary problem.

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 9:57:31 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Phillip Wilson		Oppose	No

Comments:

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 10:10:35 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Matt		Oppose	No

Comments:

As it stands I think the bill is a little too vague and leaves too wide of a gray area.

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 10:43:49 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lee Nakasone		Oppose	No

Comments:

I respectfully urge all Hawaii elected officials to oppose this bill. It will not do anything to stop violence nor reduce crime in any meaningful way. If anything, it will turn law abiding individuals into criminals.

One question that you should ask yourselves is this: who does this bill serve? This bill is flawed in such a way that the authors should really think about what it is they're trying to accomplish. Devices that this bill covers as being illegal are devices that are used by hundreds of thousands of shooters in Hawaii to make their firearms more accurate. The more accurate a firearm can be shot, the safer it is. Increased accuracy makes firearms inherently safer. As a member of the Army Reserve and a gun owner, I know from experience that good quality triggers do help increase safety.

In closing, I respectfully urge every elected official to take a good look at the wording of this proposal and understand that it will only punish the law abiding. Honestly, I am very disappointed in the continued assault on the rights of law abiding citizens; people who follow the law and have done no harm to anyone. I am a staunch supporter of the 2nd Amendment and will always stand up for mine and my fellow citizen's rights to keep and bear arms against any infringement.

I once again urge all elected officials to vote no to this and any and all similar bills.

Lee Nakasone

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 11:42:53 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jescelyn Lubas		Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

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Mahalo,

Jescelyn

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Jestiny lubas		Oppose	No

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Mahalo, Jestiny

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 11:48:17 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Connie Ho		Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/30/2018 12:25:28 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Shyla Moon		Oppose	No

Comments:

No reference to facts for this bill makes for bad decisions. Oppose.

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 12:28:54 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Leo Sun		Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

As a law-abiding citizen born and raised in Hawaii, I urge you to please oppose Senate Bill 2046. The broad and overreaching provisions of SB 2046 could criminalize firearm modifications such as competition triggers, muzzle brakes, and ergonomic changes that are commonly done by law-abiding gun owners to make their firearms more suitable for self-defense, competition, hunting, or even overcoming disability. These restrictions will do nothing to curb violence nor keep criminals from obtaining illegal weapons. And will instead automatically and arbitrarily make LAW ABIDING CITIZENS criminals overnight to no fault of their own. In addition it does address the root cause of gun violence. Which is a diversity of things mental illness, individuals with intent to do harm and criminals.

Mahalo,

Leo Sun

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 12:31:16 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gordon Ho		Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

As a law-abiding citizen born and raised in Hawaii, I urge you to please oppose Senate Bill 2046. The broad and overreaching provisions of SB 2046 could criminalize firearm modifications such as competition triggers, muzzle brakes, and ergonomic changes that are commonly done by law-abiding gun owners to make their firearms more suitable for self-defense, competition, hunting, or even overcoming disability. These restrictions will do nothing to curb violence nor keep criminals from obtaining illegal weapons. And will instead automatically and arbitrarily make LAW ABIDING CITIZENS criminals overnight to no fault of their own. In addition it does address the root cause of gun violence. Which is a diversity of things mental illness, individuals with intent to do harm and criminals.

Mahalo,

Gordon Ho

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 12:34:04 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gordo		Oppose	No

Comments:

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Mahalo,

Gordon Ho

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 12:36:33 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gordon		Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

As a law-abiding citizen born and raised in Hawaii, I urge you to please oppose Senate Bill 2046. The broad and overreaching provisions of SB 2046 could criminalize firearm modifications such as competition triggers, muzzle brakes, and ergonomic changes that are commonly done by law-abiding gun owners to make their firearms more suitable for self-defense, competition, hunting, or even overcoming disability. These restrictions will do nothing to curb violence nor keep criminals from obtaining illegal weapons. And will instead automatically and arbitrarily make LAW ABIDING CITIZENS criminals overnight to no fault of their own. In addition it does address the root cause of gun violence. Which is a diversity of things mental illness, individuals with intent to do harm and criminals.

Mahalo,

Gordon

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 6:32:27 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Warren808		Oppose	No

Comments:

As a law-abiding Second Amendment supporter in Hawaii, and voter, I urge you to please oppose Senate Bill 2046.

SB 2046 would make it a crime to own, manufacture, possess, sell, barter, trade, gift, transfer or acquire a firearm accessory or any other device, part or combination of parts that is designed to or functions to accelerate the rate of fire of a semi-automatic firearm. In addition, SB 2046 would also criminalize installing, removing, or altering parts of a firearm with the intent of accelerating the rate of fire.

The broad and overreaching provisions of SB 2046 could criminalize firearm modifications such as competition triggers, muzzle brakes, and ergonomic changes that are commonly done by law-abiding gun owners to make their firearms more suitable for self-defense, competition, hunting, or even overcoming disability.

These restrictions will do nothing to curb violence nor keep criminals from obtaining or using such devices, and only serve to automatically and arbitrarily make LAW ABIDING CITIZENS criminals overnight for no reason at all. In addition, it does not address the root cause of gun violence, which is mental illness and psychiatric medications. mahalo,

Warren  
Ewa Beach Hawaii resident and voter

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 8:47:29 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
scott shimoda		Oppose	No

Comments:

Please oppose SB2046.

This bill is to broad and overreaching in its scope.

Thank you,

Scott Shimoda

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 9:20:59 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michael A. Wee		Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill will do nothing but place further restrictions on law-abiding citizens. This is another example of "hang the hardware" legislation. It does not accomplish anything.

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 10:52:46 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Samuel Webb		Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this law.

SB2046 would make it a crime to own, possess or acquire a firearm accessory or parts that is disigned to accelerate the rate of fire of a semi-automatic firearm.

These restrictions will do nothing to stop violence or criminals, just make Law Abiding Citizens criminals.

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 11:05:44 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Austin White		Oppose	No

Comments:

Re: SB2046

Aloha

I wish to express my opposition to SB2436 and urge you to oppose this bill.

SB 2046 would make it a crime to own, manufacture, possess, sell, barter, trade, gift, transfer or acquire a firearm accessory or any other device, part or combination of parts that is designed to or functions to accelerate the rate of fire of a semi-automatic firearm. In addition, SB 2046 would also criminalize installing, removing, or altering parts of a firearm with the intent of accelerating the rate of fire.

The broad and overreaching provisions of SB 2046 could criminalize firearm modifications such as competition triggers, muzzle brakes, and ergonomic changes that are commonly done by law-abiding gun owners to make their firearms more suitable for self-defense, competition, hunting, or even overcoming disability.

These restrictions will do nothing to curb violence nor keep criminals from obtaining or using such devices, and only serve to automatically and arbitrarily make LAW ABIDING CITIZENS criminals overnight for no reason at all. In addition, it does not address the root cause of gun violence, which is mental illness and psychiatric medications.

Mahalo

Austin White

Mililani, Hi

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 11:52:37 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Leo		Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

As a law-abiding citizen born and raised in Hawaii, I urge you to please oppose Senate Bill 2046.

The broad and overreaching provisions of SB 2046 could criminalize firearm modifications such as competition triggers, muzzle brakes, and ergonomic changes that are commonly done by law-abiding gun owners to make their firearms more suitable for self-defense, competition, hunting, or even overcoming disability.

These restrictions will do nothing to curb violence nor keep criminals from obtaining illegal weapons. And will instead automatically and arbitrarily make LAW ABIDING CITIZENS criminals overnight to no fault of their own. In addition it does address the root cause of gun violence. Which is a diversity of things mental illness, individuals with intent to do harm and criminals.

Mahalo,  
Leo Sun

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 11:53:19 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Bradd Haituka		Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill, as with many firearms related bills, this bill is poorly written and without regard to law abiding citizens, sports, recreational, and competitive shooters. This bill will adversely affect those mentioned in my testimony, my opposition is in the fact that the way this bill is written, if I decide to change out the factory trigger on my firearm for an aftermarket upgrade of a better performing trigger, or a factory replacement for a broken trigger, I will be committing a crime. I implore all of you to educate yourselves regarding firearms before trying to make laws to regulate them.

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 12:13:57 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jason Pierce		Oppose	No

Comments:

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 1:48:12 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jonagustine Lim		Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. It would criminalize competition shooters.

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 6:26:33 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tom Galli		Oppose	No

Comments:

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 6:34:02 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
D. H. Kondo		Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill as it is vague and needs to be more specific and less open to interpretation.

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 7:21:37 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gary Fuchikami		Oppose	No

Comments:

I am opposed to SB2046 because it is too broad and vague. It covers things that shouldn't because items like trigger mods do not make a firearm more dangerous. In fact, the mods I've already made to my rifle make it safer in that it is more accurate for match/target competitions as well as for hunting purposes. Having a trigger with a "rough" pull causes jerkiness, etc. that can pull the rifle off target and possibly hit something you didn't intend to hit. This bill needs the input of those who KNOW firearms and work on them and understand them completely rather than some lawmaker who knows absolutely little if anything about firearms and their functions. Firearm experts (ie. licensed gunsmiths, etc.) should be consulted rather than drafting legislation willy-nilly based on personal feelings and emotions. I hope that this bill will be tabled until it can be properly written, otherwise you will be creating thousands of criminals out of law-abiding citizens who have innocently modified their firearms for better and safer performance. Thank you.

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 7:38:58 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Russell Takata		Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. The prohibition on the adjustment/replacement of triggers does not enhance safety in our community. Triggers are adjusted or replaced routinely to improve firearm safety preventing unwanted discharge. Whether the change is made by the manufacturer, owner, or gunsmith, it is inappropriate to make it a criminal offense. We also have competitors in our State who participate in nationally-sanctioned rifle and pistol matches here and on the mainland using firearms with after market triggers or customized triggers to improve performance and accuracy. These are law-abiding citizens not criminals!

The issue on bump stocks should be addressed by ATF, not our State Legislature.

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 7:49:03 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kenneth Kelson		Oppose	No

Comments:

Since the Hawaii legislature is no way qualified to determine what kind of modifications to a firearm would make it more likely to be used in an illegal or unlawful manner, you should defer to the ATF for guidance. Trying to dictate what you think ought to be done is just a political maneuver.

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 8:07:02 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kevin J. Cole		Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I wish to express my strong opposition of SB 2046. First off this is a Federal not a State matter. By imposing arbitrary measures, the State would be creating a legal mess that they do not need. Secondly, the ambiguity of the Bill leaves much to be desired. Would someone who replaces a firing pin or trigger assembly be guilty of violating SB 2046? How about just modifying an action for competition? This proposal would only further the confusing rules that Hawaii has placed on legal shooters and hunters.

Mahalo,

Kevin J. Cole, Col USAF ret.

Mililani HI.

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 8:14:26 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michael Savard		Oppose	No

Comments:

The bill is vague and leaves interpretation of what is illegal to the law enforcement agencies.

Let the ATF deal with the bump stock issue, not the Hawaii Legislature.

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 8:17:16 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sean Mattimoe	Mr.	Oppose	No

Comments:

The broad and overreaching provisions of SB 2046 could criminalize firearm modifications such as competition triggers, muzzle brakes, and ergonomic changes that are commonly done by law-abiding gun owners to make their firearms more suitable for self-defense, competition, hunting, or even overcoming disability. Please do not erode the U.S Constitution that I support and defend (22 years, Hawaii Guardsman) by supporting the passage of this bill.

Mahalo,

Sean Mattimoe

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 9:09:02 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Anthony Fujii	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Gentlemen:

This bill must FAIL.

As a gun enthusiast, perfecting a trigger on a firearm is an art and part of the pleasure of the firearm experience. It is akin to finely tuning a violin to play with precision or to sing an aria and hit every octave.

Many companies have made their "mark" on this issue such as Cylinder and Slide "C&S". C&S perfects a trigger to be smooth, like silk. A thing of beauty, a thing a hack cannot do. But this thing of beauty would be illegal under this bill.

We are enthusiasts and expect the right to tune our instrument, as you have the right to tune a violin or tune the transmission in a Mustang.

Don't take away our rights!

FAIL this bill.

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 9:13:50 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kory Ohly		Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

Owning a trigger modification device DOES NO HARM to anyone and DOES NOT deserve punishment. Shooting people does harm to them, and the strongest punishments should be used for the sake of justice and possibly a deterrent. The best and fastest deterrent is a well-armed citizenry.

A law such as this is usually justified along the lines of, "If it might just prevent one death, possibly, then it's worth it." The reality is this law, if passed, won't prevent crime. It will, however, endanger the innocent who might otherwise be better equipped to defend themselves.

An analogy is how "gun-free" zones turn into fields of slaughter when exploited by the evil, despite the intent of lawmakers to increase safety (and uninformed citizens who don't understand the role firearms play in public safety).

Laws attempting to disarm criminals only increase the ability of criminals to prey on the innocent. In the same fashion, attempting to limit law-abiding citizens from technical progress in firearms development will put them at a disadvantage to evil-doers.

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 9:15:37 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mario C Yano		Oppose	No

Comments:

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 9:20:36 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
PJ Long III		Oppose	No

Comments:

Here it is yet again, another knee-jerk reaction to a hideous, one-off incident involving a crazy...Thank goodness we have a Senator to stand in the gap to protect the people of Hawaii. Who knows, he could have SINGLE-HANDEDLY STOPPED Stephen Paddock, had he only lived in Nevada, and passed a law!

The author of this proposal, and his backers are simply out make criminals out of good, honest citizens. Thanks to his efforts, I am listed on an FBI database with every other criminal in the country; my "Crime" -simply that I'm a gun owner in the state of Hawaii.

This bill does absolutely NOTHING to prevent terrorists from carrying out their misguided actions and will NEVER prevent other criminals from theirs as well. Laws are for the law-abiding.

Furthermore, the broad and overreaching provisions of SB 2046 go much further than their original scope. As written it would criminalize firearm modifications such as competition triggers, muzzle brakes, and ergonomic changes that are commonly done by law-abiding gun owners to make their firearms more suitable for self-defense, competition, hunting, or even overcoming disability. Firearms are as customizable as any motor vehicle.

There is no difference between adding aftermarket accessories to a rifle and modifying the horsepower, stability, and handling of of a car or truck. Every other garage in this state has a car or truck that someone is lovingly putting time, money, and effort into making it "faster on the 1/4 mile" or "smoother in the turns." Yet far more lives are lost or catastrophically altered, in this country, due to motor vehicle collisions than all firearm mishaps combined.

Simply put, this bill is only designed to pile on more restrictions and prohibitions on an already compliant, law-abiding community. I urge the members of the committee to set aside this proposal and not allow it to advance.

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 9:37:12 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Bruce F Braun		Oppose	No

Comments:

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 9:43:22 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Russell Price		Oppose	No

Comments:

Honorable Senator,

I am writing this message to express my alarm and concern over SB 2046.

This bill, as written, seeks to extend the legal definition of a prohibited firearm to include, potentially, any modification to a semi-automatic arm that would, in the ambiguous wording of the bill, seek to "accelerate the rate of fire of a semiautomatic firearm".

Given the open-ended nature of this statement, this could be interpreted to include ANY trigger modification that would, instead, be primarily intended to enhance a semiautomatic firearm for use in precision shooting.

Such legitimate modifications are often made by gunsmiths, gun owners, and officials of the shooting community. Many types of precision triggers and trigger packs are built by reputable firearm manufacturers to help improve the precision of rifles and pistols of all types, through the provision of a more predictable and repeatable trigger action. As applied to semi-automatic arms, they are NOT intended simply to increase the rate of fire. However, such an interpretation might be made, depending upon the interpretation of the act by an individual agent seeking to enforce the law at a particular point in time. Creating a class of criminals out of otherwise law-abiding citizens should not be the primary goal of such a bill.

Please vote to reject SB 2046. It is ambiguous and dangerous, and would in effect criminalize a reasonable modification common to a wide range of firearms.

Sincerely,

Russell Price  
1707 Bertram St.  
Honolulu, HI 96816  
808-763-9653



**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 10:03:28 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Todd Yukutake		Oppose	No

Comments:

I am a firearms instructor, competitive marksman, and gun rights supporter and I oppose SB2046 because it will ban legitimate modifications and accessories for firearms.

There are many legitimate uses of firearms modifications and accessories, especially to improve and lighten trigger systems which make the gun fire. Competitive rifle and pistol shooters use these to improve accuracy, ease of use, and allows for slightly quicker shots. Modifications can also be used to help those with hand weaknesses, such as carpal tunnel syndrome, who have a difficult time pulling the trigger. Hunters modify triggers to improve accuracy on their rifles to make clean humane kills on game animals.

Firearms manufacturers will often install heavy triggers that require additional strength to manipulate. This is often for liability reasons to reduce the chance of accidental gun firings. The downside is the firearm is less accurate and harder to use. Many firearm owners modify or install improved triggers to correct this but will be made illegal with this law. Furthermore the law is vague on what modifications and accessories are banned. Heavier recoil springs, surface coatings, lighter components, and other modifications are used to tune firearms performance while inadvertently speeding the rate of fire in minute amounts.

Please oppose SB2046 which may ban legitimate firearm modifications for law abiding owners. Please contact me if you have any questions on firearms modifications and accessories.

Mahalo

Todd Yukutake

Ph. 808-255-3066



**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 10:43:02 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
stuart saito		Oppose	No

Comments:

strongly oppose this bill is too vague and leaves too much open to interpretation

let the feds handle gun issues we have very strict gun laws in hawaii compared to most states

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 10:43:10 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Robert		Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly oppose this bill. First, it will do nothing to stop violence or reduce crime in any way. Second, it will only make criminals out of the law abiding citizens. A bump stock has only been used in one crime by a madman in Vegas. This Bill was written out of fear. There are thousands of these stocks in circulation as this product and its variants, have been around for several years now.

Most of the devices that will be made illegal under this bill are devices that are used by hundreds of thousands of shooters here in Hawaii to make their firearms more accurate. Increased accuracy makes firearms inherently safer. As an NRA instructor who is responsible for teaching firearms safety, I can attest to the ability of good quality triggers to help increase safety. In short, these triggers save lives and prevent injury.

The language in this Bill makes it nearly impossible to be enforced by HPD. You would be asking every gun owning citizen to bring in all their firearms to HPD firearms department so that they can be inspected to see if they have a bump stock on it or a questionable aftermarket trigger. While a bump stock would be obvious to spot, its a much different world if you are asking HPD to check triggers. They would pretty much have to disassemble the firearm, be able to recognize one of the thousands of aftermarket triggers, then correctly reassemble the firearm. Basically, everyone in the firearms department would need to be a gunsmith.

I urge every member of this committee to take a good long-hard look at the wording of this proposed legislation, for it only punishes the citizens of Hawaii. I would love it if all of people who support this Bill would come out and take a firearms safety class from my wife. She is an excellent teacher and is very good at encouraging new gun owners. She will teach you the difference that a quality trigger can make.

Vote no on this bill and any bill like it.

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 7:04:32 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kelly Lim		Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Sir or Madam,

I strongly oppose SB2046, relating to trigger modification devices. This bill is a knee-jerk reaction to a tragedy that happened in 2017. Do the research, have meeting with industry leaders, and ask the people, your constituents before introduction an empty, one-sided bill to restrict trigger modification devices that infringes on the second amendment and criminalizing law abiding citizens. The real problem is evil people will do evil things. Why create more laws, when current laws are not enforced.

Thank you for NOT passing this bill.

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 7:24:44 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dean Shimabukuro		Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill because I believe the State should not be involved in interpreting what modifications/accessories should be legal. This responsibility should remain with ATF.

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 7:47:40 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dwayne Lim		Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Sir or Madam,

I strongly oppose SB2046 relating to trigger modification devices. Where is the proof that a trigger modification device will increase the rate of fire of a semiautomatic firearm? Provide data, meet with industry leaders, and ask the people, your constituents before introduction an empty, one-sided bill. SB2046 implies that a trigger modification devices will turn a semiautomatic firearm into an automatic firearm and this is not true. Trigger modification devices do not accelerate the rate of fire of a semiautomatic firearm. Commercial trigger modification devices do not change the rate of fire. They are still designed to release a single shot with every pull of the trigger. Trigger modification devices are used by the precision shooters to provide a more accurate shot placement in competition and target shooting; and for the average firearm owner to enjoy improve performance over that of the standard trigger provided in the firearm. There are state and federal laws in place that prohibit modifying a semiautomatic firearm to fire in an automatic mode, increase rate of fire. SB2046 infringes on the second amendment and will criminalize law abiding citizens. The real problem is evil people will do evil things. Why create more laws, when current laws are not enforced.

DO NOT pass SB2046!

Thank you.

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 8:09:07 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Marc		Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB2046 for the reason that it is much too restrictive and reactive to the tragedy in Las Vegas. While bump stocks and trigger cranks are questionable in their practicality, this bill would also restrict simple trigger upgrades used by hobbyists and competition shooters alike. The trigger upgrades used by many do help the gun shoot faster but do not take away from the accuracy which is why it is practical, reasonable, and used in shooting sports.

I appreciate the time taken to consider my opposition to this bill.

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 8:39:01 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Malia Kaku		Oppose	No

Comments:

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 8:50:48 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brandon Allen Kainoa Leong	Mr.	Oppose	No

Comments:

**I am strongly opposed to SB2046** because the language of the bill is to broad reaching and does not only ban bump stocks. If you take the wording of the law as it is written, you would be outlawing any replacement trigger to a semi-automatic firearm that is not a stock trigger. Today there really is no such thing as a stock trigger on a semi-auto rifle when a person is leagally capable of building their own rifle from legally purchased parts which would include the trigger mechanism. There are many aftermarket triggers that enhance the feel of a trigger press but that does not necessarily aide in the rate of fire of a semi-auto firearm.

Thanks,

Brandon

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 9:09:31 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michael W Sawamoto		Oppose	No

Comments:

Language is too vague - could ban any modification to legal sporting and competition firearms. I urge a no vote on this bill. Thank you.

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 9:26:46 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tom Lodge		Oppose	No

Comments:

VIGOROUSLY OPPOSE!

As Chair of the Hawaii County Game Management Advisory Commission, I **vigorously oppose** this legislation. For one thing, Bump Stocks are an ATF issue!. The rest of the bill seems purposefully vague and serves absolutely no safety purpose, but instead could make felons out of law abiding target shooters and hunters who may work on their legally owned firearms for safety, accuracy, or function.

Please think of all of the legal shooters you are jeopardizing with this sort of legislation for absolutely no purpose whatsoever. We **OPPOSE THIS LEGISLATION!**

Much Aloha,

Tom Lodge

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 9:38:09 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Matthew E. Sutton		Oppose	No

Comments:

Although I specifically oppose "bump stocks", the language of this bill needs a great deal of technical research. This research should be, at least in part, including the Federal ATF interpretation. This is a highly technical topic and I just don't see that an adequate level of rigor has been applied here yet.

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 10:03:10 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Todd Fujimoto		Oppose	No

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

This bill needs to be clarified. It is too vague and subject to misinterpretation. "Modifying" a firearm Trigger is not necessarily increasing it's rate of fire.

Controlling Bump stocks on the other hand I can understand.

Please understand that imposing restrictions on law abiding citizens does absolutely nothing. It only makes the righteous defenseless. Those with ill intentions will always be able to obtain an illegal firearm as easily as they are obtaining illegal drugs.

Thank you,

Todd

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 11:02:17 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
David Parrish		Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill will not make us safer. You can bump fire a rifle without such a device attached. My concern is that this would make it illegal to may any modification to a guns trigger, even just to improve it for target shooting purposes (and not to increase fire rate, per se).

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 11:06:38 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lyle Hiromoto		Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it is too vague. Let the ATF deal with this issue.

Thank you,

Lyle Hiromoto

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 12:08:23 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eric Murray		Oppose	No

Comments:

Clarification needs to be made for the terms "Trigger modification device." If this refers to a device or tool used to modify a trigger allowing it to fire faster then that would assume a gunsmithing tool that can be used on triggers. This could include specialty made tools for trigger modification. But this also would include simple tools like a metal file or sandpaper.

Clarification needs to be made on exactly what modifications to the trigger are going to be banned. If a metal file is used to reduce the trigger pull distance by 0.5 mm thus shortening the distance required to pull the trigger which may speed up the rate of fire by a very small amount (this is actually done for accuracy, not rate of fire) would that be made illegal?

How would this be determined since only a gunsmith would be able to tell if there were modifications? There is no standard for trigger pull weight and distance so what is the basis for comparison to determine if an illegal modification has been made?

It is also extremely common for a manufacturer to offer a number of options of triggers that are factory installed. If a slightly faster trigger is installed at the factory, what is the rate of fire that determines which triggers can be installed at the factory?

Firearm receivers can be purchased without any trigger installed. The purchaser then installs the trigger. With literally hundreds of options in triggers that have differences in ergonomics, pull distance, weight of pull, reset length and other variables that would create millions of possible combinations that would have effect on rate of fire, what determines which combinations can be used and what rate of fire is appropriate?

On the AR15 platform, for example, has even more variables that can effect the rate of fire including gas tube length, weight of the bolt carrier group, buffer spring strength. This creates even more possible firing rates. There is no "standard" or "base" parts for the AR15 to go by.

Many firearms can simulate the effect of a bump stock making a firearm fire very rapidly using rubber bands, strings and even by way of holding the firearm differently. How would you regulate the attachments of rubber bands to a firearm? Are those to be banned as well?

Finally, one can train to fire a semiautomatic firearm very quickly. So one person may be able to fire a firearm very quickly, some has fast as a fully automatic firearm. Would training to fire a firearm be considered illegal since training is modifying the skill of the person pulling the trigger?

The way this bill is worded it would potentially make the owner of any semiautomatic firearm a criminal if there are any aftermarket triggers or parts available. Because even manufacturers do not use the same triggers and these will all differ at least slightly in the rate of fire that the firearm can achieve.

thank you for this consideration.

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 12:20:22 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Julie Folk		Oppose	No

Comments:

**SB-2046**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 10:26:10 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/1/2018 1:35:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
		Oppose	No

Comments:

I mpose this bill. It is poorly written and will outlaw many common changes that have nothing to due with creating an automatic firearm.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 11:20:42 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose this bill. Protecting my family from bad people is one of the most important things to me. This bill severely infringes on my ability to do that by taking away the tools that may be necessary to protect them. This bill restricts people who obey the law, while ignoring that criminals will do criminal things despite laws in place. I am grateful for a strong law enforcement in this state, yet they can only do so much because bad actors strike in seconds. When the pandemic hit, my greatest concern was that there will be bad actors in the event our state loses essential goods (food, sanitary items, oil, etc.) due to virus spread in our supply chain. Imagine the chaos when people can't feed themselves. Imagine the "bad people" doing criminal things to take care of themselves or taking advantage of the chaos. I believe that a huge majority of Hawaii residents have, as stated as arguments for this bill, the "aloha spirit". It is because of that, I believe most people, when afforded the right to bear arms, will do good with that right and protect their communities. We must be able to defend from those who don't have the aloha spirit. This is why this bill must not pass.

Mahalo,

Alima

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 11:21:22 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kerry Guillermo-Birchfield	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 11:24:21 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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: 2/10/2024 11:41:03 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

As a concerned law abiding citizen I just don't understand how you think taking away our ability and right to protect our family and ourselves will stop criminals from getting these things. These are rights of the people being taken away, please vote against this bill

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 11:41:56 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose any bill that violates the second amendment, SB3196 violates the U.S. constitution. Are you an American citizen? If so the constitution is the law of the land. Do not try to circumvent the constitution.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 11:43:55 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

As a law abiding and tax paying citizen, I am strongly opposed to SB3196 as it is a clear violation of my United States Constitutional rights.

SB3196 does nothing but ban lawful citizens from owning many already legal firearms simply because of misinformed legislators who have little to no experience with firearms.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 11:49:11 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

**SB2845** merits your support. It establishes a long needed t barrier to individuals under the age of 21 of getting access to ammunition

Mahalo for your consideration

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/10/2024 11:58:58 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196 simply because I believe it infringes on my rights as an American citizen. I believe if I have done nothing wrong I should not be subjected to such infringement.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 12:06:45 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose bill SB3196. It is a blatant infringement of the 2nd Amendment rights of law abiding citizens.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 12:08:38 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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 Hawaii 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 Hawaii, 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 Hawaii.

The only people that will suffer from this bill are the law abiding citizens of this amazing state

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 12:29:13 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill as it is a direct infringement on our 2nd amendment rights per the Constitution. Once again, criminals do not follow laws and this bill/law will only affect us law abiding citizens and will have no effect on criminals will continue to obtain firearms illegally.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 12:59:12 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Shall not be infringed!!!!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 1:36:44 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Cacique J Melendez	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

I am strongly opposed to a law taking away citizens rights to own firearms. We have a constitutional right to bear arms to defend ourselves, families, and fellow citizens from criminals and government. Do not pass the law. We are over run with crime right now on the islands and police are not capable of protecting every citizen. They need to have a means to protect themselves

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 2:00:56 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha

SB3196 is just another attempt to slowly take away our rights as free Americans. Please go and reread the US constitution.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 2:07:28 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

In regards to Senate Bill 3196, it is my personal opinion that SB 3196 does nothing to further prevent gun violence or any other violence via assault weapon. While it is true that the Department of Justice has a set definition for what an assault weapon is, for law abiding citizens like myself, a firearm is just a tool, not an assault weapon. That is what makes this definition controversial. Another definition says that any object such as a knife, bat, or hammer, could be considered an assault weapon if used to harm, injure, or kill another person.

In the possession of law abiding citizens, firearms regardless of its features do not just get up and start harming, injuring, or killing people. Firearms vary on features depending on preference and purpose such as self defence, hunting, hobbying, collecting, competition, etc., and those may vary between owners. Senate Bill 3196 will only limit choices that citizens have in terms of firearm ownership. In my opinion, Senate Bill 3196 is just as good as lawmakers limiting automobile owners to what kind of cars they can or cannot own, limiting handbag or clothing collectors to what they can or cannot wear, or limiting sports players to what equipment they can or cannot use. It comes down to lawmakers limiting our choices and preferences.

What Senate Bill 3196 does is further limit the accessibility to firearms amongst the law abiding US citizens in the State of Hawai'i which is further infringement on our Constitutional rights. Guns do not just get up and cause gun violence, criminals do. And with the recent cases of gun violence here in Hawai'i in December 2023 and January 2024, the suspects had a criminal history and or ties to crime. The truth behind this all is that criminals will get their hands on firearms no matter what the laws are, just the same as illegal fireworks sneak into the State no matter what the laws are. Criminals will break the laws regardless, and I do not feel safe from crime in the State of Hawai'i.

I oppose Senate Bill 3196 and I am sure that many law abiding firearm owners do as well. This bill only further limits accessibility, affordability, choices, and preference for current and future firearms owners. For some citizens that may look into acquiring firearms for self defence, Senate Bill 3196 may ultimately limit their safety and ability to protect themselves. Please consider my testimony.

v/r,

Jason A. Mejia



**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 2:14:22 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I'm submitting testimony in opposition of this bill because it clearly is an infringement of my Constitutional Rights as a law abiding citizen of the United States of America. Thank you.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 2:25:18 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robert Reuter	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello, my name is Robert E Reuter.

This is going to be my first time submitting testimony so I would love to thank the first unfortanate soul that has to read this for their patients.

From what I can understand from this bill, it is wanting all items on the original list not to be grandfathered in but to be destroyed or rendered useless in an extremely short time frame which is quite the extreme compared to any other states current ongoings.

I will admit I am not originally from here, I grew up in California between my mother and father who were divorced. My visitations to my father I was exposed to a bit of a rough neighborhood, with active gange violence and a bar on nearly every street. I know first hand that bad people will get things they should not have, that would make them a danger to every law abiding citizen. I have sadly been here only 10 years, and in that short time on the island of Maui, I have seen a woman stabbed to death in a brand new foodland store, another woman stabbed to death on a nearby beach at night, a man stabbed to death at the mall, another pregnant woman raped in the restroom in a nearby building that I used to work next to, the man that runs the nearby pet store ran over on the sidewalk while he was walking home (I love this pet store death because 2/3rds of my cats were rescued here.) and the liquor store I worked at robbed shortly after I had gone home for the day by a knife. None of these cases involved a gun, none of them even involved a rifle. Do not get me wrong, I do not care to see people outside of a hunting zone with a rifle especially of any kind, but I do not think this law should impose such an aggressive stance on people just out of fear of what could happen especially for those that want to be an upstanding citizen(s).

I used to have a threaded barrel hand gun, that I attached a compensator for. This made the gun extremely loud in return for not recoiling back at me as hard as before and keep it pointed forward. I am at odds trying to figure out why it the barrel (a key component of a fire arm) being banned and not the items being attached since the silencers are already banned from Hawaii if I am not mistaken. I also used to have with me an AR 15 (both hand gun and rifle of which have been moved and stored to another state since the only outdoor range was closed after the fires during my last visit out of state) that I only ever got to use once since we have had a lot of shut downs here on Maui, I can't say much on them other than some people compete with them and it is often found on the logo of Defend Hawaii. As for the rifles that are 50 callibur, I know that this law would probably hurt these people the most, mainly in their wallets. I know that most of

these are probably around \$10-20 which is almost as much as a down payment on an affordable house. I don't really see anyone taking over anything with this because one shot feels like the body is being shaken violently from just firing one. These rifles are so expensive I have never seen or heard of one being fired at a person outside of military use.

I am not the best writer I know, and to be honest I feel like Hawaii is more concerned about the people visiting than it's own future. I want to stay and make a future since I have family here, but actual issues of homeless rates rising, and cost of living, and laws become more strict down to the point of not being able to dance with alcohol in hand, I don't see this as a paradise anymore and I feel every law being passed is an attempt of making this into a big entertainment prison with the price of freedom as the shipping cost to move away.

In all honesty I feel every life is presious gift, from the people you love down to the people you hate and even all the birds, the dogs, cats etc. I want to be able to defend my own life and those that I love from being killed and I don't want those choices to be made by some one else.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 3:37:41 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Assault weapon bans are vague terms that do nothing to combat gun violence and is an infringement on Hawaiian citizens rights. How you're rifle looks doesn't change how it shoots. What going to stop a shooter from just using more mags. A capacity ban is useless. This ban will only affect law abiding citizens. Criminals don't follow rules anyways. Expect even more lawsuits if this gets passed. Waste of time and money.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 4:19:06 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Over the years the state of Hawaii has worked to suppress the rights of citizens and ignore the Constitution.

This bill is another attack on fundamental freedoms that exist outside of government.

The origin of the term Assault Weapon is from 1984 when Democrats used the term to confuse citizens. What are we really talking about here? Semiautomatic rifles and standard magazines.

Your efforts post Bruen decision was retribution and retaliation against law abiding citizens. This is yet one more effort to enslave and control citizens. Tyranny is a thin line and you've been on the edge for sometime now.

Let's not forget that this state is run "into the ground" by the Democratic Plantation Party. Your policies for bail reform, no bail, justice reform "lax or no prosecution" and light sentences have created a revolving door of criminals that don't give a crap, because they know they are going to be right back on the streets. You have failed in the fundamental duty to protect citizens by using the justice system to vigorously prosecute and incarcerate those that do harm to society.

Guns are never the problem. Democrats and their policies are.

You cannot ban so called assault weapons or magazines or .50 cal rifles. It's

UNCONSTITUTIONAL and if passed will meet a vigorous legal challenge that you will lose.

Stop costing the taxpayers so much money in LOSER fees that you have to pay to attorneys.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 4:55:51 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

The Second Amendment grants us the right to bear arms. Law-abiding citizens are not going to misuse firearms, so imposing bans on law-abiding citizens isn't going to solve anything. These bans don't stop criminals or dangerous people, they only stop the law-abiding citizens from protecting themselves and that's wrong.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 5:15:42 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill 100%

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 6:29:06 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 7:04:19 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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, 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.

**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,  
Scott Grohowski

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 7:29:05 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Virginia Edmunds	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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 shooter event **THERE IS NO CIVILIAN NEED FOR THESE WEAPONS!**

Please support **SB3196** without delay.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2024 7:34:27 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Hawaii is the only state in the nation that FAILS to ban assault rifles and large capacity magazines for those weapons. SB 3196 will close those gaps. This is the land of ALOHA. There is no place for weapons in our culture. The NRA and local gun clubs are vocal, but they do not represent the majority of our people who are for peace and non violence. Please pass this bill!  
Thank you, Jane

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 7:38:46 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

This does nothing to stop crime in Hawaii. Start focusing on punishing actual criminals instead of going after law abiding citizens with unconstitutional bills such as this.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 7:43:20 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

As a child, I grew up in a drug house. I have seen with my own eyes the things bad people will do and the types of dangerous weapons they get they're hands on.

Banning firearms will do nothing but disarm the good people. The bad guys are still gonna get there hands on it no matter what. If you are deciding on taking away our rights to defend ourselves then you are with the bad guys.

Oh yea, and shall not be infringed

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 7:48:12 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This is a blatant infringement on our constitutional rights and as an American Citizen and a Resident of Hawaii i vehemently oppose this bill and all attempts to infringe on my 2nd amendment rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 7:48:47 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am against this bill.

This will only affect those who follows the law. Criminals don't care and will do whatever they like.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 7:52:35 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
John Starr Alexander	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

I wholeheartedly support SB3196, which strengthens the ban on the sale and ownership of assault weapons. This type of weapon should be for military use only and never for use by individual citizens. It is a sickening fact that our country averages more than one mass shooting per day. It is also sickening that most of these involve the use of assault weapons, which have no place in the hands of ordinary people. Thank you for listening!

Sincerely,

John Starr Alexander

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 8:17:19 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 sb3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 8:19:25 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
steven a kumasaka	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE this unconstitutional over-reach

passage of any iteration of this bill will result in a costly lawsuit which the state WILL LOSE

please read the second amendment to the us constitution and realize that it exists VERBATIM in the hawaii constitution

then review the heller and bruening decisions that clearly state that this bill is not constitutional

please spend your time and money enforcing laws already on the books and put people in jail and keep them there...

mahalo

steve

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 8:25:16 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I do not support this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 8:26:00 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill that infringes on my rights as a citizen

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 8:27:41 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jack R Joyner II	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello,

I wanted to state that I oppose this legislature to ban any and all firearms. I am not sure why our 2nd ammendment rights are constantly under attack. No gun laws have stopped any vilonce in a community by going after law-abiding citizens, those that cause violence in a community should have higher punishment. There needs to be stricter punishments on the criminals that choose that path.

My wife and I really enjoy being able to go the firing range, especially being able to talk with others in our community and espically making new friends. We love talking with the gun store owners/workers and learning new things each time we go. These are some of the nicest people you could meet. If you ban all these items within this build we will not be able to do this anymore. We will not be able to maintain our firearms with new parts anymore, or get help with maintaining our firearms, especially for safety issues. Please don't allow this bill to pass, and allow us to continue to enjoy our 2nd ammenndment rights as a free country.

Thank you.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 8:55:11 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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 Hawaii 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 Hawaii 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 government is public servants WHOS PUBLIC WE THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA that's who.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 8:58:33 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

In these most recent years, the more restrictions on our guns has caused people to resort to illegally buying and trading illegal firearms since you keep making it harder for us law abiding citizens to legally own and operate our firearms. All the firearms I have are used for either self/home defense to protect my family or they are used for hunting to provide for my family. The more bans in place the more violent gun crimes will rise with use of illegal firearms. Hawaii has one of the lowest gun crime rates why continue to put restrictions on our legally operated guns when it's the illegal owned guns that are being used to commit those crimes? You are slowly taking away our 2nd amendment right which was made for us to fight tyranny both foreign and domestic. So far our biggest tyranny is hawaii's government who continue to oppress the people. The more bans on our guns the more corrupt the state.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 8:59:44 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support this bill, we must do something to reduce the gun violence in this country. If the federal government won't do it because of the gun lobby, then we will have to do it in the states.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 9:02:27 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This is once again another anti gun bill which will have no bearing on gun crime in Hawaii. This bill will further restrict the rights of law abiding citizens to own/posses legal firearms and have zero effect on illegal gun usage. More and more of these anti gun bills are passed and to no avail as gun crime, shootings and deaths occur in Hawaii at an alarming rate. The majority of these crimes are done with illegally obtained firearms. It doesn't matter how many bills the state passes against legal possession of firearms, criminals will still not be affected while law abiding citizens are left defenseless. All legislators who vote in support of this bill are contributing to the rise in criminal activity in Hawaii and should be stripped of any protection that includes firearms. If law abiding citizens cannot protect themselves with firearms, then neither should our representatives in the state legislature. Remove all law enforcement (sheriffs deputies) from the state legislature, you should all have to wait for law enforcement to respond to an emergency just as your constituents have to experience.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 9:14:35 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Assault weapons rifles and those that have large capacity magazines in Hawaii should be banned. These guns are not meant for peaceful purposes and only serve to promote large scale death and fear in its citizens. There are many examples in this country of misuse by individuals. Hawaii's laws need to reflect the kind of safe community it wishes to promote. Please consider the need in your deliberations to support the common good .above all other outside pressures to vote otherwise.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 9:33:50 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This Bill is not only written by complete idiots, but it completely undermines the historical facts of what happened in Hawaii. King Kamehameha the Great unified the islands we now call Hawaii, exclusively because of the firearms that he loved. This is just one point to counter the stupidity of this bill. The people who write legislation like this are the problem, because they don't understand the complexity and nuances of firearms. Guns are a huge aspect of what makes us civilized humans. The overthrow of Hawaii may have never happened in the way it did, if the Crown had decided not to disarm its security forces to the degree it did. An armed society is a polite society, being peaceful is predicated on a capacity for violence. If you aren't capable of violence to any degree, you are not peaceful, you are harmless and helpless. The blatant disregard for any understanding of firearms and firearm culture laid out by this bill is completely disrespectful to the people of this state. It discriminates against Native Hawaiians and Minorities in Hawaii. There is no such thing as an "Assault Weapon", semiautomatic weapons make shooting safer for individuals who maybe be less fortunate like that of the elderly and disabled. As well as almost every firearm that is sold these days is semiautomatic. Every Pistol that is sold these days is Semiautomatic. Weapon attachments are what make a weapon useful and safer to use. Especially in a self defense situation. Hawaii's Gun laws are already so restrictive this is a blatant attack on our rights as Kanaka. It is very shameful and evil, every single person who wrote and supports this bill should know, God is watching. He punishes those who wish to do harm to the innocent. That is exactly what this bill will do, punish the innocent, embolden the criminals. I strongly oppose SB3196, and anyone with half a brain would do so as well.

Aloha

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 9:43:02 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha, My name Is Skyler Tehero, I am legal registered gun owner, a licensed to carry hand gun owner, a proud business owner and father. I was shared information about Bill SB3196 basically banning nearly ALL Semi automatic riffles, banning nearly ALL rifles accessories and parts. I Proudly stand with our constitutional right to bear arms under the second amendment. There are over ONE MILLION PRIVATLY OWNED FIREARMS IN HAWAII!! ( Most of which are semi auto rifles ) The numbers are much greater now and will keep growing with legally abiding citizens who have the right to purchase them and to protect themselves in a situation where there life is threatened or when they have the right to hunt legally or when they have the right to collect guns or even for the gun store businesses to sell. It's not the guns, it's the people that operate the weapon. Guns are mechanical and need to be **OPPERATED BY SOMEONE TO FUNCTION**. Again, it's not the gun, it's the person **OPPERATING** the weapon.

The Bill SB3196 will take food away from our families, it will potentially put business out of commission, and leave the citizens gunless being unable to protecting their assets and life. With that being said. I **OPPOSE** the decision to this unlawful act to strip our legal rights away.

Mahalo for your time, I wish this bill does not pass and more testimonies to be flooding the your emails to **OPPOSE THIS DECISION** very soon...

- Skyler Tehero

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 9:48:27 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Support to kill the bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 9:52:00 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I want the committee to pass the right to own assault weapons.

I am a resident of Hawai'i born and raised. I have seen how the times have changed. The crime has gone up extremely with the use of illegal weapons. Criminals will always find a way to get hold of any type of weapon regardless of what laws are in place. How are we the people that do things by law have to defend our selves. Not only do we use these tools for protection of our self's and loved ones but these tools are also used to gather food. This bill is unconstitutional and goes against the 2nd amendment.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 10:10:12 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jesse Sapatu	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:

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**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,

Jesse Sapatu

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 10:13:16 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This is a clear infringement of the second amendment and it is clear that this is unconstitutional. After Hawaii recently changed laws to make firearms more difficult to acquire in a state that already had a well put together, albeit tedious, system to obtain a firearm. The good part about Hawaii's firearm acquisition laws was that the police department already knew what firearms people owned and background checks through the department would already make it so that only the upstanding law-abiding gun owners could own guns. Why then, would it make any sense to restrict firearms into the abominations that are considered "california compliant" that make firearms more unwieldy and dangerous to those who own firearms for recreation and hunting? Why then, would it make sense to restrict firearms when there were already no flaws with the system even before the recent changes that took place this year? The changes implied in this bill will without a doubt have political backlash because it is an unjust change pushed on by personal agendas that very clearly want to control the rights of those who are considered good citizens.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 10:14:25 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

SB3196 will not only restrict rights more than they already are, but also encourage gun enthusiasts to leave Hawaii. Hawaii does not have a gun problem and restrictions to the little rights we have now are not necessary. With one of the lowest gun violence statistics in the nation Hawaii is one of the safest places to live in the nation. SB3196 is unconstitutional and completely unnecessary. Limiting what type of firearms, the capacity of magazines, parts, or devices for firearm individuals can own or purchase is infringement to individual and constitutional right. Law abiding citizens shall not be restricted in any manner. I am completely against the implementation of SB3196 and believe it should be removed from all current and future committee hearings. The right to bear arms shall not be infringed, law abiding citizens rights shall not be restricted by any means and in any manner. Restrictions in any manner make everyday citizens less safe, criminals don't follow the law the only this bill would do is cripple individuals ability to protect property, family, & self.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 10:14:28 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This gun ban bill is truly one of the most egregious attacks on American citizen's second amendment rights I have ever seen in my 65 years. The text begins with a statement of how Hawaii already has some of the strictest gun laws in the nation and then goes on to describe how the state has some of the lowest gun crime. The need for this proposed ban is therefore draconian and unnecessary. It amounts to punishment of all law abiding citizens who have consistently demonstrated and proven that they can be trusted when it comes to possessing so called "assault" weapons. So why is there such an urgent need for this heavy handed legislation? Most likely it is to exercise power and control over the citizenry by taking away our God-given rights to keep and bear arms. I believe it is not up to the state to decide which types of firearms belong in the hands of the citizens. The state's responsibility should focus instead on improving mental health programs that identify potential threats before they occur, by improving law enforcement's ability to fight crime more efficiently and more effectively, by better enforcing the many laws that are already on the books such as background checks and other so-called "common sense" gun control measures that Hawaii already has in place. As this bill implies, we have enough of these laws already. This bill would harm thousands of law abiding hunters, sportsmen, collectors, hobbyists, and all those who simply wish to exercise their natural right of self defense (per Heller and per Bruen). This proposed ban proves that politicians will stop at nothing until our 2nd Amendment rights have been effectively eliminated through baby step legislative process. To be clear, the state should not get to decide which type of firearm is suitable for its citizens. The citizens should get to decide which firearm is best suited for them and the state should focus on enforcing its existing laws and ensure that prosecution of those who ignore or break the laws are sufficiently punished. This is an absolutely terrible bill that must fail.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 10:17:24 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Limiting the types of gun and attachments will only make people get them illegally, which is dangerous. If it is allowed the government is more in control of who and where these attachment and ammos are.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 10:21:40 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 10:26:03 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Yu Xian He	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is an unlawful bill and only serves to reduce and remove our rights for self-defense. We need to be able to adequately defend ourselves due to the more brazen crimes occurring on the island. Recent crimes committed on the island were done by perpetrators with illegal and/or stolen firearms. This would strip innocent citizens their right to self defense while letting criminals continue to steal and obtain their firearms illegally. There also isn't a lot of value to give exceptions to firearms bans to law enforcement as there's an outage in officers.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 10:28:11 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill because it penalizes only law abiding citizens like myself. Criminals will never follow this law, just like the recent shootings on Oahu. More laws will not prevent criminals from committing firearms crimes. The state should concentrate on preventing crimes instead of penalizing law abiding citizens. Please use common sense and commone sense gun laws do not work.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 10:35:55 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

My name is Norman Akau Jr. and I totally oppose SB3196 because this bill is unconstitutional and violates my rights as a tax paying citizen of the U.S.A. I will remember these senators who introduced this bill in the next General Election.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 10:40:05 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill SB3196 due to that fact that you guys clearly are taking away the rights of lawful citizens to rightfully own firearms. We do everything by the law to own firearms and now you guys are trying to take that away from us. As Americans we should have the right to bear arms. If you guys haven't noticed, making guns harder to get doesn't solve crime problem nor it stop mass shooting. Criminals will not follow the law and do anything they could to get their hands on a firearm legal or illegally. The only people you guys will be hurting is law abiding citizens. Instead of focusing on making getting a firearm harder, why don't you guys make a bill where criminals actually face harsher consequences for the crimes they've caused or maybe focus on the real estate crisis we have here in Hawaii? Make it possible for us people that actually live here afford a home instead of selling out your own people? Listen to the people you serve

Thank you

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 10:52:52 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha

as a citizen, and kānaka maoli of Hawai'i nei all I want to do is provide and protect my family, as a provider I use my "assault rifle" to hunt and to kill food that will provide for my family. Everyone uses their different methods of weaponry for hunting, but for me "law-abiding citizens" I like to use my "assault rifle" with the capacity it can provide to Protect me from bigger animals that are around me while I'm hunting, as a Protector with the rising crimes in Hawai'i, and being a resident of the Kalihi district you (legislators) are taken away that constitutional right to protect myself and my family if need be, as a law biting Citizen in United States of America "Aloha" can only go so far, criminals do not take "Aloha" into consideration when they're trying to commit crimes and break laws, so I ask of you (legislators) is this Bill really necessary.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 11:02:22 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Why are we trying to restrict capacity of firearms when it doesn't do anything. People kill people not guns the fact of the matter is guns involved in crimes aren't registered. People committing crimes aren't gonna 'listen to the laws. Why should you punish the people who are in compliance with the law.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 11:02:43 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Cliff mello	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

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**1/31/2024**

**Hawaii State Senate**

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**Subject: Opposed Testimony Regarding SB3196**

**Dear Members of The Committee,**

**I am writing to express my profound concern regarding the proposed bill SB 3196, relating to Firearms, and its implications for our constitutional rights, public safety, and the integrity of our state. As a law-abiding citizen and taxpayer of Hawaii, I strongly oppose this bill on both moral and constitutional grounds.**

**SB 3196 represents a significant infringement upon our rights as guaranteed by both the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Hawaii. It undermines the fundamental principles of liberty and self-defense enshrined in our nation's founding documents. By targeting law-abiding citizens rather than addressing the root causes of gun violence, such as mental health issues and criminal activity, this bill not only fails to address the problem effectively but also erodes our rights as responsible gun owners.**

**Moreover, the notion that "Aloha Spirit" can be used as a justification for such an infringement on our human and God-given rights is deeply misguided. While the spirit of Aloha is indeed a cherished value in our state, it cannot be wielded as a means to undermine the oath our representatives took when entering office—to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.**

**It is important to clarify the true definition of terms such as "AR," which stands for ArmaLite Rifle, the original manufacturer of this style of firearm. The term "AR" does not stand for "assault rifle" or "automatic rifle," as is often misconstrued. AR-15s and similar firearms are commonly used for sporting purposes such as hunting and competitive shooting, in addition to self-defense.**

**Additionally, steps must be taken to ensure the education and safety of our children, but this should not come at the expense of our constitutional rights. We must focus on comprehensive solutions that address the root causes of violence while preserving our freedoms.**

**Furthermore, it is essential to acknowledge that while Hawaii has its own unique cultural identity and values, we are not exempt from the legal framework that governs the United States. Despite our rich history and the spirit of Aloha that defines us, we are bound by the same constitutional obligations as the rest of the nation. Ignoring this reality and attempting to enact laws that contradict the United States Constitution undermines the very fabric of our democracy.**

**In conclusion, I urge you to reconsider your support for this bill and to focus instead on meaningful solutions to address the root causes of gun violence, such as improving mental health services and enforcing existing laws. Let us uphold the values of our state and nation by respecting our constitutional rights and preserving the freedoms that define us as Americans.**

**Thank you for considering my perspective on this crucial issue.**

**Sincerely,**

**Cliff Mello**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 11:06:08 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill violates my second amendment and puts my life in jeopardy by not allowing me to have sufficient means to defend myself against criminals or a tyrannical government if and when the time comes.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 11:11:13 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Manuel Ulep jr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB3196 is unconstitutional and it violates citizens with good standings with the law and modern society of the United States of America their rights to keep and bear firearms. If this bill were to go through, criminals will not comply with the new rules and regulations, they never did for the past many years. This bill will not stop gun violence in Hawaii as criminals will continue to run rampant and somehow still be able to acquire firearms. The good citizens will be the ones to suffer from this.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 11:12:13 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tyler D.V Del Rosario	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB3196 as it is against my natural rights and safety as an individual being that is protected United States Bill of Rights Constitutional amendment.

This bill only affects law abiding citizens and does more harm than good to the community for disarming them from defending themselves from unlawful individuals.

**Again, Criminals, by definition, do not obey the law. Gun control laws only affect law-abiding people who go through legal avenues to obtain firearms.**

With the State of Hawaii's rise of crime, having the ability to protect myself is essential. A gun provides an additional layer of security that can help me feel safe, even in the most dangerous situations, and SB3196 does not.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 11:12:25 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 ithe 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: 2/11/2024 11:24:46 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill will constrict the our amendment rights to defend one's self and in total violation of the United State's constitution.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 11:26:01 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill is a clear violation on our constitutional rights. The ruling on the Bruen case by the Supreme Court states all bills or laws must follow the historical text and context of the second amendment. The second amendment clearly states the people have the right to keep and bear arms which shall not be infringed upon. The oath that the politicians took when they were sworn in says they promised to uphold and protect the constitution. They need to remember and do just that. We the people will not tolerate more of our rights to be stripped away

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 11:28:51 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

As a law-abiding citizen with no criminal record whatsoever, I oppose this bill. I deserve the right to defend my family as well as possible against those who would seek to do us harm. 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.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 11:29:13 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This measure is unconstitutional and infringes on our 2nd amendment. The current law is already far overreaching and further expanding this list is pushing us away from our rights as Americans.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 11:35:27 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am a lawful citizen of Hawaii for 30 years now and this is indirect violation of my second amendment rights! To which to defend and protect my property and animals from pigs, pests, or anything that may harm me and my family!

**SB-3196**

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

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

Submitting a testimony opposing this bill. This bill goes against everyone's second amendment rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 11:58:42 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please do not violate my second amendment right. Supporters of this bill want to violate the constitution.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 12:00:29 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Members,

I am writing in strong support of 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.

As you know, 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.

Tragically, mass shootings have become a more frequent headline across our country. Our nation already has more mass shootings than there are days in the year. Please help keep Hawaii safe from this senseless violence. Mahalo for hearing this bill, which helps make our state safe for residents and visitors alike, and for protecting the people of Hawaii from senseless gun violence.

Aloha, Stuart Coleman, Hibiscus Pl., Hon., HI

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 12:18:27 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This new bill is completely unconstitutional. We as law abiding citizens should be able defend ourselves, loved ones and property. This bill would cripple the average person doing things the right way. No matter what laws are in place "Bad Guys" still have them and carry them as they please. All these laws are doing is punishing the responsible law abiding citizens. I strongly oppose this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 12:30:23 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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: 2/11/2024 12:34:51 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gabriel S Gines	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Senator Glenn Wakai, Senator Stanley Chang, Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Senator Michelle Kidani Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Senator Sharon Moriwaki

Hawai'i state capital  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Wakai, Chang, Keohokalole, Kidani, Shimabukuro, Moriwaki

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 3196 (SB3196) and to urge you to vote against its passage. As a concerned citizen, I believe that this proposed legislation would have detrimental effects on our community and undermine important principles of our 2nd ammendment

- Second Amendment Rights:** The Second Amendment of the United States Constitution protects the right of individuals to keep and bear arms. Any ban on assault rifles would infringe upon this constitutional right and undermine the principles of individual freedom and self-defense that are fundamental to our democratic society. Upholding the Second Amendment is crucial in preserving the rights and liberties of law-abiding citizens.
- Effectiveness:** Studies and analyses have shown that assault rifle bans have limited effectiveness in reducing overall gun violence. Research conducted after the implementation of previous bans, such as the Federal Assault Weapons Ban of 1994, has indicated that these measures had little impact on the rates of gun-related crimes. Criminals often find ways to circumvent such bans or resort to other types of firearms, making it difficult to achieve the desired outcomes.
- Definition Complexity:** One of the challenges with assault rifle bans is the complexity of defining what constitutes an "assault rifle." The term is often used ambiguously and can vary widely in different legislative proposals. This ambiguity creates confusion among law enforcement officers, gun owners, and the general public, leading to enforcement

difficulties and legal disputes. Clear and precise definitions are essential for effective lawmaking and regulation.

4. **Impact on Law-Abiding Citizens:** Assault rifle bans primarily affect law-abiding citizens who use these firearms for legitimate purposes such as self-defense, recreational shooting, and hunting. Banning assault rifles penalizes responsible gun owners without significantly impacting criminal activity. It is unjust to restrict the rights of law-abiding citizens based on the actions of a minority of individuals who engage in illegal or harmful behavior.
5. **Focus on Root Causes:** Instead of focusing solely on banning specific types of firearms, we should address the root causes of gun violence through comprehensive measures. This includes improving mental health services, addressing socioeconomic disparities, strengthening background checks, and enhancing law enforcement efforts to combat illegal firearm trafficking. By addressing the underlying factors contributing to gun violence, we can achieve more meaningful and lasting reductions in crime rates.

In conclusion, while I share the goal of reducing gun violence in our society, I believe that assault rifle bans are not the most effective or appropriate approach. I urge you to consider alternative strategies that respect constitutional rights, promote public safety, and address the complex factors underlying gun violence.

Furthermore, I believe that SB3196 fails to adequately address the underlying issues it seeks to solve. Instead, it may exacerbate the problem or create new challenges altogether. As such, I urge you to consider alternative solutions that are more effective and less harmful to our community.

In conclusion, I respectfully request that you oppose SB3196 and prioritize the well-being and interests of our community. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I trust that you will carefully consider the implications of this legislation before making your decision.

Sincerely,

Gabriel Gines

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 12:36:22 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Absolutely oppose. Stop restricting law abiding gun owners. Go after criminals.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 12:41:39 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Joyce Y Neeley	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

While we have an assault weapons "ban" it is ineffective. 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. This bill will close those gaps.

While the NRA and gun proponents are vocal, they represent a small percentage of the population nationwide and certainly in Hawaii. Our Supreme Court has recently written a comprehensive opinion emphasizing that lax gun laws are inconsistent with the Aloha Spirit. Certainly assault weapons are completely at odds with the Aloha Spirit. No one (except perhaps persons in the military who are defending our country) needs an assault weapon. Our keiki, however, need to be able to attend school safely and I would like to be able to go to a grocery store, a church, a theater or a mall without worrying about being part of a mass shooting.

Mass shootings in this country are increasing at an alarming rate. We should do all we can to prevent this happening in Hawaii.

Please pass this common sense legislation.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 12:45:43 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I do not support this bill. It is unconstitutional.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 12:48:29 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose bill SB3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 12:59:18 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 1:03:24 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill

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11 February 2024

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Subject: Opposition to SB3196 - Relating to Firearms

Dear Senator Glenn Wakai and Committee Members,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Bill SB3196, which proposes significant amendments to Hawaii's firearms laws, including expanding the prohibition on certain assault weapons and creating more restrictive regulations on firearm ownership and transfer within the state.

While I understand and respect the intent behind SB3196 to enhance public safety and reduce gun violence, I believe the bill may not effectively achieve these goals and could inadvertently infringe upon the constitutional rights of law-abiding citizens in Hawaii. My concerns are as follows:

**Constitutional Rights:** The Second Amendment of the United States Constitution guarantees individuals the right to keep and bear arms. The broad restrictions proposed by SB3196 could infringe upon this fundamental right, particularly for those who responsibly use firearms for self-defense, hunting, and sport.

**Impact on Law-Abiding Citizens:** By imposing stringent restrictions on the types of firearms that can be owned, sold, or transferred, SB3196 could disproportionately affect law-abiding citizens who adhere to existing laws. Criminals, by their very nature, do not comply with regulations, and these changes may not deter those intent on committing crimes.

**Effectiveness and Enforcement:** The ongoing debate on the effectiveness of firearm regulation in other jurisdictions highlights a critical oversight: the failure to directly address the access and distribution channels of illegal firearm possessors. Despite stringent regulations on legal gun owners, those

possessing firearms illegally continue to find means to obtain them. This discrepancy underscores the need for a focused approach that targets the networks and methods through which illegal firearms are acquired and circulated. The term "Assault Weapons" is often used broadly, potentially encompassing a wide range of firearms beyond those intended, which could inadvertently impose unnecessary restrictions on law-abiding citizens. A more nuanced definition and understanding of "Assault Weapons" are imperative to ensure legislation does not unjustly generalize or restrict firearms, thus impacting responsible owners while failing to deter criminal elements who do not adhere to such regulations.

Economic and Cultural Impact: Firearms are integral to Hawaii's cultural heritage and economy, especially in areas where hunting and shooting sports are a way of life. SB3196 could inadvertently affect these traditions and the people who rely on them. As a retired Military Veteran, I find personal enjoyment and community connection in participating at local firearms ranges an activity that enriches my life and supports my well-being. This bill risks undermining such recreational activities, potentially impacting not only individual rights but also the social and economic fabric of our communities.

I urge the committee to reconsider the implications of SB3196. Instead of enacting more restrictive firearms laws, exploring alternative measures that address the root causes of gun violence is essential, without infringing on the rights of law-abiding citizens. A pertinent example is the legislation concerning aerial fireworks. Despite being illegal for over a decade, these laws have not curtailed the import or use of aerial fireworks by private citizens, highlighting the ineffectiveness of restrictive laws in stopping determined individuals from obtaining prohibited items. This underscores the necessity for solutions that target the actual issues rather than imposing broad restrictions that affect compliant citizens without deterring illicit activities.

The existing laws governing legal gun ownership in Hawaii are among the most stringent in the United States, placing a heavy regulatory burden on those who wish to exercise their Second Amendment rights. The process for legally purchasing a firearm in the state is not only cumbersome but also time-consuming, involving extensive background checks, waiting periods, and sometimes even mandatory training courses. These measures, while intended to enhance public safety, primarily impact law-abiding citizens. Criminals and unauthorized possessors, who by definition do not adhere to legal standards, are unlikely to be deterred by these procedures. This reality suggests a need for a balanced approach that upholds public safety without unnecessarily infringing on the rights and freedoms of responsible gun owners.

Thank you for considering my perspective on this important matter. I am committed to constructive dialogue and solutions that protect the safety of our communities while respecting our constitutional rights.

Sincerely,

Glenn Ka'eo Kailiawa

To Whom it may concern,

I as an American Citizen is opposed to **BILL SB3196**. For it is an infringement on mines and the people's constitutional right to Bear Arms.

This bill uses the terms **Assault Pistol, Assault Shotgun, Assault Rifles, and Assault Weapon Attachments**, then lists many firearms, characteristics, and firearms components to give these words a meaning and a purpose to ban many firearms and firearm parts that many law abiding citizens own and will classify them as a felon under this bill.

In brief, **BILL SB3196** is unconstitutional because it limits on what we the people can use and how we use it to defend ourselves.

Sincerely,

Josiah Ballungay

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 1:14:41 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196.

The definitions are too broad and would ban all firearms. Law-abiding citizens find that owning a firearm is their only means of self-protection (of self and family) due to a lack of effective law enforcement. Voters are reminded daily that a lack of enforcement of current laws, such as preventing criminals with ghost guns from committing crimes, leads to feelings of helplessness and knowing that the police can't protect them. Too often, it takes law enforcement too long to arrive to stop crimes from happening.

Funding more police officer positions would be a better solution. Having a visible and effective police presence is a more pressing need. According to the FBI's 2019 survey, cities of our size have 2.6 full-time officers for every 1,000 citizens. Honolulu has 1.8 as of March 2020 (per the Honolulu.org website).

Our lack of police officers is the root cause of our crime. I oppose SB3196 as it takes away focus from our real problem and does not solve it.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 1:26:58 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

"No free man shall ever be debarred the use of arms. The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government." This bill is an egregious infringement to are constitutionally rights. Obtaining a firearm is Hawaii is already a Arduous, long process. So I don't understand how the government can't trust the law abiding citizens who go about this process to own a firearm in this state. A firearm is a important tool for Hunters and outdoorsman. By banning semi-automatic weapons you are crippling folk who use these tools to feed their family's. This bill is over reaching and not constitutional plain and simple.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 1:36:33 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
L. M.	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

While I am not a gun fan, I oppose this bill as it is unconstitutional, and 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, etc.

In addition to our Constitutional right to protect ourselves from a tyrannical government, we need to be able to protect ourselves from criminals with bad intentions.

With the rise in crime since our elected officials have decided that it would be good for society to be lenient on criminals, defund mental health services, defund police departments, let convicted criminals out of prison, do away with bail and not prosecute crimes, citizens need to be able to defend themselves. Why are you trying so hard to limit legally owned firearms instead of prosecuting criminals?

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 as well. People were defenseless and slaughtered by vicious criminals in these invasions. Ukraine even went to the extent of arming and training their citizens to defend themselves. Israelis who were even minimally armed at least had a chance of defending their families from being massacred by Hamas terrorists. Why should Americans be more and more limited in their ability to defend themselves when they have that right under the Constitution?

Prior to these invasions, it would have seemed ludicrous that Americans would have to be faced with such a situation. However, with rising political tensions and terrorists being allowed to enter the country illegally, it is not unconceivable to think there may be those with bad intentions in our country or our very state.

Invaders from other countries, terrorists, and criminals are not going to be stopped by "The Aloha Spirit."

It is imperative that law-abiding Americans may arm themselves as they deem necessary under the law and the Constitution of the United States.

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.

Also, only law-abiding gun owners will comply. Criminals that already own illegal 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 Hawai'i implements.

We should be enforcing existing gun laws before adding more gun laws and 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.

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.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 1:47:50 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 1:52:34 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this Law. Its ridiculous we have to waste time with this.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 1:57:35 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kanaio Panui-Morte	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I believe this bill is unconstitutional.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 2:05:35 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 members of the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs,

I am strongly opposed to SB3196.

I object to the inflammatory use of the term assault. Civilians are clearly prohibited access to military grade fully automatic firearms, which defines the proper use of the term assault.

At 68 years of age, prohibiting the importation or transfer

of firearms will adversely limit my ability to reduce my collection. It will force the destruction of valuable historic

memorabilia.

I understand your desire to protect the people. I have lived a lifetime caring for others. This is not the way.

No to SB3196

Respectfully,

Eric Ako DVM

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 2:22:49 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 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 look at the widespread drug problem we have in Hawaii.

This soft on crime "justice" system we have in Hawaii can't keep violent criminals in jail. It's a joke. How about our elected officials start there. Keep the criminals in jail instead of giving them 9 lives/chances like a cat.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 2:34:24 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

As a current law enforcement officer in the state, I ask you if criminals follow the law? My partners and I have arrested countless individuals that have broken the law and majority of the time are right out and back to doing what they were doing. Those that are arrested and in and out of the court system do not fear nor respect the consequences because the consequences are close to none existent. So by creating new / more "gun control" laws, you are only hurting the law abiding citizens and responsible gun owners. This country was founded on having a well regulated militia and having its (responsible) citizens armed not only are you empowering victims to not be victims but also those to rise up and defend this great state and country from foreign invaders as well.

so again, criminals do not follow the laws so don't judge the majority of the public by the actions of a few by creating new laws that only law abiding citizens will follow.

impose stricter punishments and follow through with putting criminals behind bars.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 2:42:21 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I stand in strong support of SB 3196.

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.

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

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 2:58:26 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I STRONGLY oppose this. Why do the people we pay with our taxes think they can override our Constitutional rights?

Work on our Housing Crisis and INFLATION, cost of living in Hawaii, homelessness, hunger etc.

We need you to really work for the people of Hawaii!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 3:16:16 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Senators, please cancel/shelve this bill.

It is a clear violation of our Constitutional 2nd Amendment Rights and God given rights.

Law abiding citizens have the right to own firearms for sport, hunting, self defense, etc.

The vast majority of murders and violent crimes are perpetrated with blunt objects and edged weapons, not firearms.

The vast majority of firearm crimes/murders/assualts are committed with simple/typical hunting long guns and hand guns.

This bill has no effect on the criminal's ability to obtain weapons.

Law abiding citizens owning firearms are not committing crimes.

This bill accomplishes nothing.

Please focus on more important issues facing the State such as cost of living, taxes, homelessness, drugs, education, corruption.

Respectfully,

Gene A. Castagnetti

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 3:20:04 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill will tighten up our statutory scheme of common sense regulation of deadly weapons. No one other than a member of the military or a SWAT team should have access to weapons whose only purpose is to kill and injure a maximum number of people. Please help make our community safer.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 3:20:54 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

The bill is too general and violates the federal constitution as well as the rights of legal citizens and or limits the rights of citizens in Hawaii under the United's States Constitution to bear arms. The 2nd amendment was in place to support the defense of the citizens against a tyrannical government. Law abiding citizens' rights should not be infringed based on citizens who have forfeited their right by committing a criminal act.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 3:21:25 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Sunday, February 11, 2024

Support for SB3196 Relating to Gun Violence Prevention

As a voter in Senate District 14 and House District 32, I strongly support SB3196 Relating to Gun Violence Prevention which will amend the prohibition on certain assault weapons and modernize the prohibition on assault pistols. SB3196 closes the loopholes in HRS §134-8(a).

A study from Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine found the Federal Assault Weapons Ban (FAWB) from 1994 to 2004 resulted in a significant decrease in public mass shootings, number of gun deaths and number of gun injuries. As the FAWB has expired, it is up to individual states to keep their citizens safe.

States that have passed gun safety laws have fewer people die by gun violence. Research has shown assault weapon bans significantly reduce mass shooting deaths. Let's keep Hawai'i in the top 5 safest states in terms of death by firearms cases by passing SB3196. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 3:48:06 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Pass this bill to make Hawai'i safer.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 3:49:52 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support the intent of this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 3:51:00 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I disagree with this bill.

We all will agree that processing this bill... nothing will be accomplished.

Thank you.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 3:56:43 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I do not agree with this bill because it infringes on my second amendment right and limits the access to my children down the line also. It's also ridiculous to not be able to mount lights and other accessories how do you shoot even a bolt action without an optic mounted?

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 4:06:55 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Stop infringing on the peoples 2nd ammendment rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 4:11:41 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB 3961. The state of hawaii has no right to take away our 2nd amendment rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 4:22:57 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

We have an opportunity with this bill to make our islands safer. I urge you to support it.

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. Vote "Yes" on SB3196

Aloha and Mahalo for your service,

Richard Tillotson

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 4:24:02 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments: I believe bill sb3196 infringe on my right to bear arms I Oppose 🗨️ Thank you

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

Hearing Date/Time: Wednesday February 14, 2024, 3:00pm

Place: Hawaii State Capitol, CR 225 & Videoconference

Re: Judith Ann Armstrong supports SB3196 relating to Firearms

Dear Chair Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, and members of the Committee on Public Safety & Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

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!**

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SB3196.

Sincerely,

Judith Ann Armstrong

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 4:30:10 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

SB3196 is unconstitutional. Also, there is no such thing as an "assault rifle" or "assault shotgun". Stop trying to scare people with incorrect terminology. You cannot prohibit or ban firearms. If you support this bill as an elected political representative, you are in violation of the oath you swore to uphold the Constitution. You should be ashamed of yourself for taking away the law-abiding citizens' rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 4:30:32 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Cindy R Ajimine	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please **OPPOSE** this bill as written. Penalizes those who legally own firearms. Semi-auto in this bill is primarily what legal owners have. One trigger pull, one bullet fires. Bill doesn't target real & big threats. Please write a future bill targeting illegal gun owners & those with large capacity, fully automatic firearms.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 4:52:33 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Why are you people trying to ban these firearms there are many and many of law abiding citizens that owne these type firearms we have obeyed all the laws gone through all the back ground check went to class and done everything bylaw . Hawaii has the strongest gun laws in the 50 states .punish the bad guys not the rest of us.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 4:55:02 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Thank you for this opportunity to support SB3196. 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. Please pass this measure and keep Hawaii safe from gun violence.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 4:59:15 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This is totally against the 2nd Amendment of the Constitution of the United States. SB3196 is the beginning of taking all our Constitutional rights away

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 4:59:50 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

It is in our constitution that the 2nd amendment is our civil right as law abiding citizens to have. The 2nd amendment is to protect the people and their property from criminals and Tyranny and for Hawaii to take this away is unconstitutional. I have so many questions to why take away fire arms from law abiding citizens who pay taxes, do the classes, obtain their licenses, and pass a strict background check, but the criminals who don't go these steps get away with the gun violence they do. With what's going on with HPD and these criminals people should be able to bare arms. We cannot depend on our HPD officers to respond quickly enough to protect us from unlawful behaviors.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 5:04:20 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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!

Regarding SB3196

It is very obvious that the PSM and JDC committee team members have spent every waking minute searching out the nomenclature of every firearm manufactured that meets the "new definitions" as stated. All this has taken place since the last time a similar bill was introduced. I commend each of your team members for your thoroughness. The continued "full on assault" to completely eliminate Hawaii's Citizens' individual 2nd Amendment Rights is impressive.

The fact that committee members in Hawaii are associated with an "in power" political majority does enhance the committee's efforts' towards reaching established goals and passing "one-sided legislative bills". I truly enjoyed reading the Hawaii Supreme Court's decision that stated the court simple interprets the words of the constitution differently than the United States Supreme Court relating to a recent firearms carry bill. It is fascinating to observe the extraordinary legislative power exercised by this state's lawmakers.

I recognize a single sided political decision when presented before me. This continuation of anti-2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment legislative actions are intended to eventually remove all firearms from this state's citizens thereby disarming American Citizens. It is an unconstitutional act. Last time I checked Hawaii was not yet a Police State, but I am positive, that with the continued, publicly financed efforts of the committee members, that goal will be reached soon enough.

Just for clarification... I spent 34 years defending our Nation in the "United States Armed Forces and in the Civil Service" of this country. I was, as a younger man, as avid outdoor's man and I protest this continued onslaught of our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Rights.

The actions of the various committees that continue to draft and pass bills like this truly illustrate the justification of governmental mistrust by its citizens. It appears that Hawaii Legislative Committees meet in small, like minded groups, often in isolation, thereby limiting the exposure of the one sided bills' content to the general public to the latest possible moment. Committees redraft failed bills thereby better ensuring the "T" is crossed and the "I" is dotted. Additional limitations desired that were not included in the previous bills are included. All the expenditure of Hawaii Tax Payer moneys that is spent in the continued resurrection of previously failed firearms related bills is an inexcusable failure of government fiscal responsibility to the state's citizens.

The actions of this bill, SB 3196, and so many others like it, simply complicate the public's understanding of the laws. Continuing to add legislative layers increases the burden on enforcement officers and departments. Very often, with the stroke of a legislative pen, these one sided laws directly cause today's law abiding citizens to become a Class C felon. This is absolutely contrary to the stated duties and responsibilities of our elected / appointed officials towards this state's citizens.

I considered presenting a "line by line" rebuke of SB3196 but decided not to do that. I fully believe that every single word provided by those of us in opposition to this bill, and others like it, will be used to further "refine or enhance future single-sided legislative versions" of anti-2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment bills drafted by PSM and JDC committee members.

My name is Richard Adams and I adamantly oppose the passing of SB3196.

Thank You for taking the time to read my testimony. May the determination of this bills' status represent "The People" and not the wants and desires of a few like minded legislators.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 5:17:24 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I Jason Howell a law abiding citizen of Hawaii in these United States of America strongly oppose this bill SB 3196 .

SB3196 deligitimizes the 2nd Amendment,of our Constitutional rights to keep and bear arms , to protect our life , liberty, and pursuit of happiness. Against enemies foreign and domestic. this bill SB 3196 is unconstitutional in its intirety, I the most strongly (oppose) .

Jason P Howell

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 5:27:42 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This is an unconstitutional law that would be passed. To ban these firearms and parts would make a lot of law abiding citizens very unhappy. It is our right to own these firearms. I oppose this bill all the way

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 5:34:51 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

You want to pass a gun law, 1 All firearms must be stored in a gun safe. 2 If you are caught with an illegal firearm or not following all existing firearms laws the minimum jail time will be 10 years in jail an in the mainland and put that in the news paper so all can see. I don't see why you want punish all the law abiding gun owners. Remember we the people voted you in and we can vote you out.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 5:37:58 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Hawai'i has such low levels of crime using the firearms that would be banned under this law that there is no real public safety benefit. My online searches lead to no cases of homicide using a semi-automatic rifle or shotgun. My assumption is that the restrictions on transportation of firearms combined with the easier ability to conceal handguns leads to handguns being the preferred firearms for Hawai'i's criminals.

My assumption is that this bill is meant to make it harder to commit a mass shooting, but Hawai'i's worst mass shooting was in 1999. In that tragic event, a semi-automatic pistol (Glock 17) was used. This law would do nothing to stop a similar attack from happening again.

Likewise, this would have no impact on the suicides composing 67% of Hawaiian gun deaths as the banned firearms are no more effective for that purpose than a single shot shotgun.

If this argument is not sufficient, at least wait until one of the lawsuits for the similar California, Washington, or Maryland laws make it to the Supreme Court. Based on the Hawaii's history, there is incredibly little danger in waiting to see if the other state's laws are deemed constitutional.

It is a waste of the state's time and money to implement this bill. It opens the state up to being sued again and does nothing to make the public safer.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 5:43:52 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I've been living in Hawai'i for 22 years of my life. As the years have gone on there's been a change of island culture. The amount of violence has been growing more as I've gotten older. With that I've been more inclined to defend myself, as well as those I love. Now more than ever do I want to ensure I protect my loved ones. I would rather be able to defend my life, the life of my loved ones, and my property. Rather than calling 911 after the incident already happened. I'd rather know I'm gonna be safe if someone breaks into my house, than end up in the local obituary.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 5:49:36 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I STRONGLY opose SB3196

PLEASE DO NOT PASS THIS BILL!

Thank You!

Steven Fukuhara

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 5:54:01 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose bill 3196 , I believe it's a severe infringement on the 2nd amendment and a humans right to defend oneself and family... along with a valuable tool to gather food and make sometimes necessary follow up shots on game

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 6:00:44 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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: 2/11/2024 6:13:00 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This is a violation of our Constitutional Second Amendment Rights and personal safety. Crime will only increase as only criminals will have guns.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 6:15:25 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 6:17:32 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill violates Article 1 section 17 of the state constitution and the 2nd amendment of the US constitution.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 6:18:10 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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.

This bill goes against The Second Amendment which grants citizens the right to self protection. The right of the people to keep and bear Arms, 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 to protect themselves, and therefore unable to protect themselves at any given place where crime can occur. It will help criminals instead of helping defenseless law abiding citizens. This bill will not help or prevent crimes from criminals. 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. It will also have great effect to local businesses and commerce.

Again, this bill goes against The Second Amendment which grants citizens the right to 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, so please do not pass it.

Thank you,

Gener Macaraeg

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 6:27:01 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am opposed to this bill based on the fact that it infringes on the 2nd amendment of the Constitution. In its current language this bill would ban nearly all firearms. This is unconstitutional and should not pass.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 6:30:08 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Terence Wilson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a registered gun owner let me start by saying "shame on you" state an local officals for infringing my Constitutional Right and the Rights of thousands of other law abiding citizens in the state to bear arms.

Any type of gun ban will have no impact on the big picture of keeping our families and our communities safe. It will only 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. Gun control laws only affect law-abiding people who go through legal avenues to obtain firearms. Criminals, by definition, do not obey the law.

Everyone that purchases a firearm is not a crimminal or has bad intentions. Some are hobbyists, collectors and some just want to be able to protect themselves and their families. Some like myself, want to begin shooting competitively. A weapons ban will only make it extremely difficult to do the aforementioned things. Its already a scavenger hunt trying to fulfill the necessary requirements needed to aquire a firearm(s) in the state of Hawaii.

Statistically more violent crimes are committed with handguns than rifles or shotguns. Per FBI statistics from 2020, the most recent year for which the FBI has published data, handguns were involved in 59% of the 13,620 U.S. gun murders and non-negligent manslaughters. 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%. Looking at these statistics, a rifle/shotgun ban makes no sense.

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 their families, and emboldens criminals - who aren't listening to the laws to begin with. Gun control penalizes the citizens who are listening to and following the law in a state that's already extremely restrictive on matters related to firearms.

Keep in mind Prohibition didn’t stop alcohol and banning aerial fireworks is not working in our state.

I encourage you to work with the 2A community to find other solutions and not create larger problems. I am against SB3196 as it infringes on my Constitutional Right to bear arms.



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	5	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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Table 20

### Murder by State, Types of Weapons, 2018

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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	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

- <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 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

■ <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 supplemental homicide data were received.

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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

- <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 supplemental homicide data were received.

#### Data Declaration

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 6:36:27 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

There is NO EVIDENCE in the public record of our state that the firearms and accessories this proposal would BAN constitute a threat to the safety and security of our community. Tens of thousands of these firearms and magazines are commonly possessed by the citizens of Hawaii for defensive, hunting and sporting purposes, with negligible or no contribution to the amount of violent crime experienced in the islands.

Please defer this unconstitutional bill

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 6:36:49 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Every section of SB 3196 violates Article 1 section 17 Hawaii State Constitution and the 2nd Amendment of the U.S. Constitution...let me remind you of what it says in both, as they read exactly the same:

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.

You all swore an oath to both Hawaii State Constitution & the U.S. Constitution. There are no exceptions listed in either of the constitutions that justify any law opposing the right for the people to keep and bear arms. Any and all exceptions in the HRS are infringements. By passing this bill you violate your oath.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 6:37:01 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly urge our legislators to move against this clearly unconstitutional bill. As a former service member, our founding fathers saw that history would not be repeated in our great country. The unarmed, in the hundreds of millions, died defenselessly to tyrants of an oppressive government/regime. I fought and proudly put my life on the line for all Americans to continue to express this god given right. Sadly, our state, I believe, has become too dangerous to live in unarmed due to the many gun related crimes. These criminals do not follow laws. Further infringement on our amendment only leaves law abiding citizens vulnerable.

Mahalo,

SSgt (Retiree) Justin Young

United States Air Force

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 6:37:29 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

The gun in the hand of a bad man is a bad thing. The gun in the hand of a good man is no threat to anyone but bad people.

As a responsible gun owner I will continue to oppose bills such as this that punish law abiding citizens who deserve the right to protect themselves. Bills like SB3196 are written in ignorance. It paints "semi-automatic" rifles as something from a Rambo or John Wick movie. It is the same rifle that hunters use for deer on Lanai but it is also a means of protecting one's family in their home from danger. This is fear mongering at its worst.

Hawaii has some of the strictest gun laws in the nation and the some of lowest occurrence of gun violence. Unless this is a government attempt to disarm the population (highly unconstitutional) then this law is absolutely unnecessary. Do you actually think criminals and those who intend to do harm are going to follow these laws? They. Are. Not.

I also invite you "learned" people to look at the history of unarmed civilizations. Innocent citizens are slaughtered because they have no means to protect themselves. The very recent massacre at Kibbutz Kfar Aza in Israel should be very fresh in everyone's mind. Women and children were slaughtered. Has it ever occurred to any of you that the reason no one has never attempted to invade the United States is because they know the citizens are armed? Even if it is the smallest likelihood I implore you to not leave the people as lambs to slaughter.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 6:43:03 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This is an important law, reducing the chances of weapons being used illegally. This doesn't violate the constitution in any form.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 6:54:47 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha, I oppose this bill because it violates the 2nd Amendment. It will also severely impact our ability to hunt and provide food for our family. The cost of living and food in Hawaii is one of the highest in the nation. To make it difficult for us to continue to use our guns to hunt food to feed our families is absurd. Hawai'i already has some of the strictest gun laws in the nation. Stricter laws will not hurt the criminals, only the law abiding gun owners. Look at Chicago. Look how well taking away everyone's right to own a gun worked - not well at all. Gun Crime is at an all time high there. I ask you to please vote no for this bill and to stop infringing upon our rights and our ability to feed our families.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 7:18:21 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I wholeheartedly support this bill. When law enforcement officers decline to defend children((Uvalde, Texas) because they are afraid of these weapons possessed by people not in the military or law enforcement, it is clearly apparent that such possession is catastrophic to society.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 7:22:55 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am writing in opposition of this bill. It will greatly impact my ability to hunt and provide food for my family. The cost of food is outrageous and hunting helps offset that cost. Not being able to have the guns needed for hunting would be detrimental. Also, this would be a violation of the 2nd Amendment. We already have beyond strict gun laws. You would only help the criminals and hurt the law abiding gun owners. Look at Chicago and see how well taking guns away from people worked. I ask you to vote no on this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 7:32:10 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB 3196 as an unconstitutional attack upon the most law abiding citizens of the state of Hawaii.

This bill is representative of the lengths corrupt politicians will go to in order to deprive citizens of their rights to life, liberty, and property. This bill targets honest citizens and fails in every way to address enforcement of existing laws aimed at disarming criminals. SN 3196 will only disarm the honest, and create a safe haven for criminals within our society.

I am demanding that the decisions of the US Supreme Court regarding personal possession of all classes of firearms be respected and that Hawaii's politicians stop wasting the public's time and money on undermining the US Constitution.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 7:37:00 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 unconstitutional. Making law abiding citizens unable to access certain firearms with attachments will do nothing good. Criminals will still get what you are trying to make illegal.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 7:38:32 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 3196, which seeks to impose additional restrictions on firearms ownership in Hawaii. While I understand the intent to address public safety concerns, I firmly believe that this bill will infringe upon the rights of law-abiding citizens without effectively addressing the root causes of gun violence.

First and foremost, it is crucial to recognize that responsible firearm ownership is a fundamental right protected by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution. Any legislation that undermines this right must be approached with caution and scrutiny.

Furthermore, SB3196 fails to address the reality that the majority of firearm-related crimes are committed with illegally obtained firearms, often by individuals with prior criminal records. Imposing additional regulations on law-abiding citizens will do little to deter criminals from obtaining firearms through illicit means.

Moreover, the provisions of SB3196 would disproportionately impact vulnerable communities who rely on firearms for self-defense and protection. Women, individuals living in rural areas, and marginalized populations often rely on firearms as a means of defense against physical threats. Restricting their access to firearms would leave them more vulnerable to harm and violence.

Additionally, the proposed measures fail to consider the practical implications for responsible gun owners, such as hunters, sports shooters, and collectors. These individuals contribute positively to our community and economy and should not be unfairly penalized by overly restrictive regulations.

Instead of focusing on punitive measures that target law-abiding citizens, I urge lawmakers to prioritize evidence-based solutions that address the root causes of gun violence. This includes investing in mental health services, improving access to education and economic opportunities, and strengthening enforcement efforts to prevent illegal firearm trafficking.

In conclusion, I strongly oppose Senate Bill 3196 and urge you to reconsider its provisions in light of the concerns raised. It is imperative that we strike a balance between protecting public safety and upholding the constitutional rights of law-abiding citizens.

Thank you for considering my testimony on this important matter.

Sincerely, Randy Nguyen

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 7:38:50 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I 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: 2/11/2024 7:52:36 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196 because every section of this bill violates Article 1 section 17 State Constitution and the 2nd Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 7:53:18 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Noela von Wiegandt	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose this Bill 3196 strongly.

Please stop messing around with The People's 2nd Amendment right to bear arms. It is sad that in todays world, you wish to disarm tax paying law abiding citizens from exercising their right to protect themselves and their families from danger. Good citizens have the God given right to keep anyone wishing to harm them or their family or property the ability to stand their ground. I truly understand why you feel this important due to bad incidences that have occurred and you wish to help the citizens, but We too, the citizens experience these moments as well. All of the citizens wish to live in a peaceful home and environment. On a closing note, I would ask that you folks in The Hawai'i State Legislature focus on maintaining your Oath to the United States Constitution and The State of Hawai'i Constitution. Thank You very much.

Sincerely,

Noela von Wiegandt

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 7:54:49 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 covered firearm out of state for any lawful purpose (hunting, competition, repair, 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.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 7:56:56 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lorraine	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: 2/11/2024 8:02:20 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

As a lawful citizen, I strongly oppose this bill. This bill only disarms the law abiding citizens. Criminals do not follow the law. I am a law abiding citizen who works in healthcare and see firsthand the result of people not being able to defend themselves against people with no respect for the law. Do not remove our ability to defend ourselves. The Supreme Court has already ruled on this. This is a clear violation of the very constitution these elected officials have sworn to uphold. If you do not like guns do not buy them but do not infringe on our right to own them. All this does is open the state for lawsuits and waste taxpayers' money.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 8:06:58 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

It is sad that I understand that my written testimony will not be read or discussed. It is sadder that we, the state of Hawaii, will disregard the U.S. Supreme Court and deny their directions.

I will file a lawsuit myself against this bill if it is passed into law, and will refer to this email as grounds to file a lawsuit against you for supporting it.

This is clearly a violation against Miller and Bruen, yet ignorant state lawmakers still refuse to understand the constitution and federal law.

Please support my constitutional rights under the 2d amendment. Do not violate my rights, or I will file a civil suit against you for willfully and knowingly violating my civil rights. You will not be eligible for immunity as a civil servant as I understand the law.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 8:18:21 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oopose this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 8:21:45 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This is unconstitutional and they should work on keeping violent criminals in jail.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 8:28:25 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Every section of this bill violates Article 1 section 17 State Constitution and the 2nd Amendment of the U.S. Constitution

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 8:32:46 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am in opposition of this bill for a few reasons. Me and many other firearm owners, use firearms as another way to bond with others. Others being, family, co workers, friends, and potential newer people who find similar interests into fire arms. There are a substantial amount of people whose culture/tradition includes firearms that are used in applications like competitive target shooting, or hunting. Passing this bill would take access to these type of uses for firearms away from those people as stated, whose culture relies on it. This bill could also stretch to the sport of airsoft because of the airsoft guns' similarities to its real life counter part, being un able to obtain parts for airsoft could seriously affect local airsoft businesses and cutting out apart of the airsoft community from their outlet. Not only airsoft businesses but also local gun stores/businesses. Another reason is that people use firearms and airsoft guns for an outlet to destress from a stressful week or for recreational/hobby use.

This bill is also unconstitutional in it of itself and oversteps on the second amendment of the constitution.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 8:34:18 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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: 2/11/2024 8:35:17 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 8:36:52 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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: 2/11/2024 8:42:07 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill

SB 3196

Dear Senators,

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment and the 14<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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: 2/11/2024 8:44:53 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose bill 3196. The 2nd Amendment shall not be infringed!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 8:46:54 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 8:54:59 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

We have enough gun restrictions in Hawaii. This bill does nothing but take away from law abiding citizens.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 9:02:02 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Hello,

i am writing to oppose your bill to ban "semi auto" guns/weapons.

This bill has no substance and will do nothing to curb the use of guns in crimes.

If you would like to keep the public safe, you need to take the illegal guns out of the hands of those individuals who will and do commit crimes with guns.

Banning semi auto guns from American citizens is also against the law and goes in direct conflict against the second amendment. Law abiding citizens have the legal right to own firearms (semi auto, lever action, revolvers etc).

Gun control laws are only keeping law abiding citizens from owning and acquiring firearms.

Gun control and gun bans do nothing to keep guns/fireman's out of the hands of criminals.

Banning semi auto guns will only make individual find another route or way to do harm to others. You ban semi auto guns, criminals will get a revolver or bold action gun. You ban all guns, criminals will use a hunting bow or crossbow. As you can see if will never end. There will always be some type of weapon that criminals will use to commit crimes and hurt people.

Law abiding citizens have the right to own any type of gun to protect themselves, property and families from imminent harm from criminals.

Thank you for time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jason Y

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 9:07:02 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 Hawaii. 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 Hawaii 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

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 9:14:00 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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: 2/11/2024 9:15:25 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments: I strongly support this bill and MAHALO the legislators who introduced it. I also thank the legislature for the progress made last session but this particular bill addresses a glaring hole in our state's gun safety laws. Please expedite passage. Thank you from Waimea, Island of Hawai'i - Patti Cook

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 9:19:55 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 9:21:49 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, 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 created the need for practices such as lockdown drills for our children.

These weapons have no place in our communities; we are safer without their wholesale availability. I ask for your support of this measure. Thank you for your work to keep our state safer.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 9:41:51 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Oppose

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 9:46:18 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose This bill SB3196! This bill is against the Second amendment, right to bear arms.

It is our right to do so as stated in the State Constitution Article 1 section 17

This bill should not be passed!!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 10:00:58 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Unconstitutional

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 10:16:28 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Andrew Chun and I'm a member of our United States Armed Forces. As a law abiding citizen I enjoy shooting for recreational sport.

I train in gun safety and gun control on a regular basis. And as member of our U.S. military proper weapons handling is a requirement.

Therefore in regards to bill SB3196, not only is it unfair, but it is also discriminatory. Why should the idiocracies of unlawful criminals be punishment to the law abiding like myself who use guns for sport and have the right to defend themselves.

Mahalo for your time and please reconsider this proposed bill.

Andrew

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 10:21:25 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Opposition

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: 2/11/2024 10:34:41 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I do not support this bill and its intent to make modern rifles, and their attachments illegal. We commonly use these items to hunt the overpopulated pig and deer population on our property here in Maui. This bill goes against the constitution.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 10:43:27 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Matthew Uchida	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

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: 2/11/2024 10:46:05 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I'm writing my testimony to oppose SB3196 because this bill violates my 2nd amendment right to bear arms. Being a female I reserve the right to defend my self from threats both known and unknown. I am a law abiding citizen who does not feel safe seeing crime rates are up and police departments being understaffed.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 10:56:45 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dr Marion Ceruti	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Vote NO on SB3196. It will solve no problem and cause trouble for gun owners. All of the effort to pass this bill should be put into something productive and positive instead of attacking our God-given constitutional right to keep and bear arms. This bill is unconstitutional and the Supreme Court of the United States will strike it down. When most states are moving in the direction of fewer restrictions, such as concealed carry without a permit or license, commonly known as "constitutional carry," Hawai'i appears to be going in the opposite direction and out of step with the spirit of freedom. More restrictions on law-abiding citizens will not stop crime and will save no one. Criminals will pay no attention to this law and it will put the rest of us at a distance advantage. Vote NO on SB3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 11:03:52 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

So called assault weapons are mechanically identical to other rifles not considered assault weapons. They fire the same cartridge; they have the same effective range, the same rate of fire, and the same mechanical accuracy. Features like a folding stock or muzzle brake have little to no effect on the function of a firearm. These cosmetic components falsely cause people to feel these firearms are more dangerous. This bill is a waste of time and my tax dollars. I find it unacceptable for you to spend tax dollars figuring out ways to violate my 2nd Amendment rights. Legislate in good faith.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 11:13:38 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
John Terry	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

I am Opposed to SB3196. As noted in Section 1. of SB3196, "*Hawaii has some of the strongest gun safety laws in the nation*". The measures in this bill would have no effect in reducing the number of, "*gun deaths*" and will merely place a significant burden and illegal restrictions on law-abiding Hawaiian citizens.

SB3196 is in direct defiance of the Supreme Court's BRUEN decision and the, "**In Common Use**" definition. SB3196 would violate the constitutional rights of law-abiding Hawaiian citizens to own legal firearms and attachments that are, in common use.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 11:17:34 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I **STRONGLY OPPOSE** this Bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 11:38:08 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill, as a combat vet and patriotic native Hawaiian... This bill is a clear violation of the 2nd Amendment and will not make anyone safer. Evil will always find ways to commist evil and preventng law abidding citizens from defending themselves is not the way. I oppose this bill and this bill is a direct violatoon of our constitutional rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 11:47:07 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Paul Kaneshiro, Jr.	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose everything about SB3196. I do not understand why every year new laws are being submitted to try and take away the 2nd Amendment Rights of good people of Hawaii, Citizens of the United States of America, turning them into criminals.

Firearms are not the problem. it's bad people. When a police officer is involved in a shooting using their "Assault Weapon", the involved officer is investigated, no one blames the "Assault Weapon". On the other hand, if a crazy/bad person shoots up a school, church, mall, it's because of "Assault Weapons"?

Thousands of good citizens of Hawaii are firearms owners, which they spent thousands of their hard earned money to own. I am only one testimony and was very fortunate to have been aware of SB3196. Unfortunately many people are busy, struggling and trying to balance their daily life and will not have a chance to submit a testimony against SB3196. We have a small window of notification and to testify all through Super Bowl Sunday and then the hearing on Valentine's Day? Aloha.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/11/2024 11:59:20 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I and all American's who believe in our Constitution oppose this gross overreach of trying to re-write the founding documents of our country by those who oppose freedom.

Elected officials took an oath to uphold the Constitution and we the taxpaying citizens expect you to protect our Constitution, not try to re-write it as you see fit because your personal beliefs oppose freedom for law abiding citizens.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 12:06:55 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 completed almost 19 years of faithful military service to the State to include deployments 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. Many 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 or 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 curb these numbers.

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 and will infringe on their Constitutional Rights. 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.

Again, I strongly oppose this bill,

Thank you for your time.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 12:55:28 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

No.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 1:04:51 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I no like.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 1:59:41 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I'd prefer not to.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 2:00:58 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Opposed...

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 2:22:39 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose bill SB3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 3:38:28 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Julian Tongpalan Jr.	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill

infringe on my constitutional right

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 4:48:23 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppse SB3106.The Second Amendment does not grant us the right to bear arms.The Second Amendment Denies the Government the Authority to Infringe upon Our Right to Bear Arms.Meaning,Leave us Law abiding citizens Alone,stop giving Criminals the upper hand!!!Thankyou!!!!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 5:35:07 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 my meat for my family , I find it offensive that this bill is being pushed foward , I swore and so did you to uphold the constitution of the United States . Hawaii can't even uphold the fireworks ban and now you want to make criminals and police legal firearm carriers ..... shame on all of you

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 5:56:25 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 allow this bill to pass. This bill only affects law abiding citizens. Criminals do not follow laws. Why not do something about the crimes that are being committed by those with a long list of criminal convictions.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 6:05:49 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

As stated in the opening title of this proposed ban, Hawaii has tough guns laws. These tough gun law only target law abiding citizens who love to sport shoot and hunt. Criminals will never care nor will this ever apply to that kind of citizen. Us responsible gun owners are constantly finding ourselves fighting to protect our way of life, our sport, our ways of hunting and the God given right to protect ourselves and family. Lawmakers, are supposed to represent all of the constituents not just a few, and this subject is a political one, not a moral one which it should be. Enforce the laws on the books that apply to criminals who use firearms to commit crimes, get tough on them. Instead the low hanging fruit is the responsible citizen. As part of the United States, this freedom was fought for and paid for through the blood of our fallen servicemen and women. With so much criminal activity, how are we supposed to depend on law enforcement. Has violent crime ever happened to you lawmakers, have you ever woken up in your home to an intruder, have you ever fought for your life against a criminal? Having means to defend yourself and our families is our right! it is not for a few to take away to satisfy a misguided agenda. I implore you all to take a step back and focus this against the criminal instead of making US PEOPLE easier targets for criminal, who will then know, they can prey on the unarmed. What is next, No knives?

Honestly,

John DeLima

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 6:21:10 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

To whom it may concern

I would like to say that banning and rewriting legislation is not gonna stop bad guys from using guns, and it's not the guns that commit the crimes it is the person. we should be concentrating on banning pharmaceutical commercials on all these different types of drugs that are citizens are taking that cause the problems that we are having in our lifetime.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 6:28:54 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose sb3196

this violates our second amendment right to bare arms.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 6:34:51 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Larry Duclayan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE SB3196.

Every section of this bill violates Article 1 section 17 of the State Constitution and the 2nd Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. This bill appears to remove my right as an American citizen to own a firearm to protect myself, my family, and community.

"The right of the people to keep and bear arms **shall not be infringed.**"

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 6:35:47 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose sb3196

this is America. We have the second amendment. We have the right to bare arms. PERIOD

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 6:40:23 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David E Shormann	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Encourage responsible gun ownership instead of making more laws against guns. Telma Boinville was murdered on the North Shore, not by guns, but by drug-crazed homeless individuals who used baseball bats and hammers. Many others have been viciously attacked in Hawaii recently, by individuals using weapons other than guns. Some of these attackers are arrested and then immediately returned to the streets. That should not be happening. The Hawaii state motto says that the life of the land is perpetuated **in righteousness**. Some say this motto was cut short, and should actually end with **by the righteousness of Jesus Christ**. If life is perpetuated by Christ's righteousness, then death is perpetuated in wickedness. As legislators, you have a responsibility to live a righteous life. If your own life is filled with wickedness, how do you expect to bring life to the land? You are killing Hawaii if you are living in wickedness. Repent, turn to Jesus, live righteously and properly defend this state from wickedness.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 6:42:50 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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

this bill violates our second amendment.

we have the right to bare arms

period

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 6:44:42 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am fully in support of further limitations on assault weapons and hand guns. There are way too many of these weapons in our state.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 6:50:52 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Hi, I'm a Correctional Officer employed by the State of Hawaii for the last 8 years. This bill not only infringes on our constitution, but compromises the safety of law abiding citizens. I spend time with criminals more than the average person, and I can assure you that this bill will not make any impact towards them. With this bill you're creating more victims, yet will still increase incarceration rates. Thank you for your time, and I hope you consider my testimony on opposing this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:02:25 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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.

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:03:15 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill and feel this goes against our 2a and our ability to defend ourselves against all enemies. Foreign AND domestic

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:03:18 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Oppose this bill. It is a violation of Article 1 section 17 State Constitution and the 2nd Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

you will be wasting our tax money fighting lawsuits in the courts.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:08:29 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Mahalo.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:09:49 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill and believe it will negatively impact the safety and security of citizens.  
Respectfully, Bradford Davis.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:22:21 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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: 2/12/2024 7:31:13 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

**STRONG SUPPORT**

This bill 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 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.

Michael W. Sawamoto  
PO Box 60382  
Ewa Beach HI 96706

Testimony in Opposition to SB3196

I oppose this bill in it's entirety.

I urge the Committee to vote "No" on SB3196.

Respectfully yours

Michael W. Sawamoto

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:35:19 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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: 2/12/2024 7:37:33 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I say, No to sb3296. We are Hawaii who must protect this sacred land in case of invasion or invasion from within. The constitution and the bill of rights are clear. You may not undermine the 1776 constitutional verbiage the 1871 version is disqualified at best and you don't want to get into syntax, drop this bill. If we are invaded or attacked they will come for the government first! You need us to help. It's simply a bad idea!  
fix the roads and stop the BATU! Now ide vote yes for that! So I say no no no to this!  
respectfully yours a citizen and your constituent!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:43:01 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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. Once again you are punishing legal gun owners. Criminals will not follow this law.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:45:08 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

The reason why people want to ban our constitutional right to bear arms is because they want to control us. This is tyranny. This is communism. This goes against our CONSTITUTIONAL rights. We need to be able to protect ourselves and our family from harm and be able to hunt in order to survive. This is our GOD given right. There would be LESS crime if more people carried a firearm. This bill will likely cause a civil war. You must not pass it.

February 12, 2024

Testimony in opposition of SB 3196

I oppose SB 3196 as it is another way of taking our guns, in deference to the Constitution the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment. No to SB 3196.

Respectfully submitted,

Signe Godfrey

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:52:31 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196. This bill is a violation of our second amendment rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:54:41 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE THIS!!!

With the Bruen ruling, we are seeing these types of laws being challenged. Right now there is a 9th lawsuit pending. There is the Hawaii Abbott and another pending as well. Both deal with the magazines, and 1 deals with the "assault pistol" in this bill. I say wait until this is completed before you pass any new laws like this. Because if the 9th rules in the plaintiff's favor, then all this would do is cost HI more money for another lawsuit. Even if it's done pro bono, it still cost our AG time to review and do any other type of associated work. Time that could be spent instead on keeping criminals behind bars, not making criminals from people with super clean records (law abiding citizens).

Last year, you head chair Wakai asked the AG if they could defend against SB1230, but you left out the word "successfully". And of course the AG said yes they can, as you can defend anything, doesn't mean they will win.

Then the AG said when crafting the bill, they used Bruen, which was a lie, because later when asked if they can show examples of "history and tradition", their response was "what you're asking us to do is to litigate this". Well if you used Bruen, you should already know what history and tradition was used to design SB1230.

HI has yet to fully win a 2nd amendment related lawsuit brought on by people who never broke the law or committed a violation. HI had to either settle, change the law, or pay due to a total loss.

This bill will be no different. It violates the Heller/McDonald/Cayetano test as all what's listed is in "common use". So that's the end of it. The 9th circuit hearing stated there are 24 million of these types of rifles in "common use". Due to Cayetano, the threshold is 200,000 that's needed. So we are well above this.

You also cannot use "safety" as a reason either, as Bruen forbids this.

Ask HPD how they will enforce the parts ban. Ask HPD if they have the resources to enforce this law.



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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:57:23 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I most strongly OPPOSE this gross overreach of our state government. Bruce F. Braun

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:59:15 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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!!!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:06:50 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support this bill. Thankyou

Martha Nakajima

Honolulu

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:11:52 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Susan Shea	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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 shooter event **THERE IS NO CIVILIAN NEED FOR THESE WEAPONS!**

Please support **SB3196** without delay.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:13:17 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 Savaiinaea

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:13:54 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

My name is Eric Alabanza, born and raised in Hawai'i.

As of right now, I am not a gun owner. However, I do plan on becoming one in the near future. I oppose this bill because it impedes on my rights as an American to own appropriate guns of my choosing; Such as rifles, shotguns, and pistols.

I am not a bad person. I am a responsible, intelligent, law-abiding citizen. I'm young, and on my way to starting a new family with my wife.

Lately I've been thinking about my future, and how to secure it. I've taken an interest in multiple skills that I know will be useful for my families survival. This includes farming, fishing/hunting, martial arts and firearm competence.

These interests sprouted during the chaos caused by the COVID19 virus. As a man, I will do whatever it takes to protect the ones I love.

This bill is hindering my ability to do just that.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:16:46 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:21:17 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Why is it that Hawaii has the strictest gun laws and continues to disarm the public. What about the criminals they have all the illegal guns and now you want to disarm the citizens that do the right things. WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO BARE ARMS, but the State of Hawaii keeps attacking our SECOND AMENDMENT!!!

I say "HELL NO" to this bill!!!!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:24:35 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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.

SB3196 is unconstitutional and should be withdrawn.

Once again, thank you for allowing me to submit testimony opposing this bill.

Chester Lum

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
- This bill will primarily affect law abiding citizens; criminals don't stop doing bad things simply because it's "against the law."
- 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, many 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.
- 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,  
Randy

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:38:26 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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: 2/12/2024 8:45:05 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

As a veteran I fully support SB3196

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:48:48 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I object to Bill SB3196 prohibiting semi-automatic rifles and magazines over 10 rounds. As a law abiding citizen who legally can purchase firearms, this bill illegally violates my 2nd Amendment. My right to bear arms and to protect myself from tyranny both foreign and domestic. I am sorry but I believe that you people who are making these decisions do not live in rural areas where many individuals can storm your property with the intent to harm you and your family just to steal your belongings. A semi-automatic rifle can be the only defense you have from multiple attackers to protect your family. Call the police? The nominal response time for any call in the Puna and Mountain View area is 25-30 minutes. The substation in Pahoia is a two patrol area for a 30 mile stretch of highway and backroads leading to you home. The police will not reach you in time. The people need to be able to defend themselves. The normal criminal in United States already has a pistol. You may have a pistol but what's the sense against 5 men with pistols. We already are a part of the few blue states to have the strictest gun laws. This is purely unconstitutional and prejudice towards responsible gun enthusiasts and hunters alike. Hawai'i doesn't need gun restrictions... We need less gun restrictions. Banning these rifles is not stopping crime. It's actually allowing more crime to be committed.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:49:26 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

These insane laws are an attack on my rights and will turn a law abiding citizen into a "criminal". We shouldn't have to pay for the crimes of those that don't respect the laws. The "ALOHA" spirit has nothing to do my with 2nd Amendant rights to bear arms. The Constitution is very clear and should not be up for anyone to interpret for their own benefit.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:51:43 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Breon Michel	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To whom it may concern:

I fully support the prohibition on certain assault weapons to include assault rifles, assault shotguns, .50 caliber rifles, and assault weapon attachments. **We must protect our families and keiki!**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:55:41 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this Bill because it goes against the 2nd amendment and is unconstitutional

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:58:02 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Morgan B LaRue	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support SB3196. Assault weapons in the hands of civilians has no place Hawaii.  
Please - we are counting on you to help keep Hawaii safe. Thank you!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:05:02 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:07:04 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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,

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: 2/12/2024 9:07:22 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Senators: I'll make this brief. I am a Vietnam War veteran. I carried an M-16/AR-15 assault rifle daily. I know what assault rifles can do. They have no place in civilian society. Period. Please support SB 3196, which is only common sense. Thank you.

Stephen Canham, PhD

Kaneohe, HI

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:07:57 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I do not support this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:08:38 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This proposed bill is blatantly overreaching and targets lawfully acquired, legally registered firearms, demonstrating the potential folly of citizens permitting government officials to even establish a registry! We the people have often heard anti-gun politicians say "no one is coming for your guns", and faced derision if expressing skepticism. The outrageous extent of this bill makes it clear that the sponsors do not represent their constituency of law abiding native Hawaiians, part Hawaiians, and our extensive population of diverse ancestry born in the islands. We have a proud traditions of lawfully owning firearms, for self protection, hunting and simple enjoyment of sporting activities. Additionally, the targeted firearms are not commonly found used in the commission of criminal acts. Other than listing extremel penalties for violations of this proposition, this blatantly anti-gun bill does nothing to improve enforcement of existing laws relating to illegal use of firearms in the commission of criminal acts, or insuring repeatedly convicted felons receive heavy sentences! This proposal is is likely to be found unconstitutional both on the local level and the federal level as against the clear intent of the Second Amendment!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:09:23 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

All because of one guy and ruined for all the people who have done there part the legal way is totally unfair. I'm a current licensed/permitted gun owner who work hard and follows by the law. It's is not right to take away strip them from there constitutional right who owns to provide (hunting) and protect my family. And The Second Amendment to the United States Constitution protects the right to keep and bear arms. Is my protection. I oppose this unfair sb3196 bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:10:35 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 SB3196 it is a slap to the face of law abiding citizens. the six of you who submitted this bill is a disgrace to america and this state. all of you SWORE AN OATH TO PROTECT AND UPHOLD THE CONSTITUTION. this bill is the exact oppisite of that oath YOU swore to defend and upholed. this bill is rubbish.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:22:26 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I, as a born and raised resident of Hawai‘i and United States citizen oppose SB3196, that is being put forward by members of our state legislature.

This bill is inherently flawed and unconstitutional. Hawai‘i state legislators are trying to make every lawful gun owner into a criminal years after they already legally acquired firearms that a politician have arbitrarily labeled as "assault" weapons and other nonsensical terms used to describe common use firearms.

I have yet to have any kind of evidence presented that an object is solely to blame for any of the atrocities committed with said object. Or how statistically low it is that the firearms in question are used in violent crime, being of lower frequencies than with knives, hands and blunt objects.

I also have no reason to believe that the legislators writing and sponsoring this bill even have first hand experience with the firearms in question. Those who will blindly take the best suited tool of personal protection and individual safety from it's citizens.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:24:45 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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: 2/12/2024 9:24:58 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill violates our 2nd amendment Constitutional rights. The 2nd amendment in Article 1 section 17 in the Constitution says that we have the right to bear arms. This protects citizens from rogue government.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:25:24 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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.

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: 2/12/2024 9:28:21 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Once again the lawmakers wasting time coming up with unnecessary bills. There can be a million laws on firearms of all types, but the reality is that limiting or eliminating firearms does absolutely nothing to stop criminals from obtaining them and using them. The focus should be on the criminals who don't follow laws and not the firearms. I am a law biding citizen, and I own rifles, shotguns and handguns. I have never used any of my firearms irresponsibly or used it in any criminal activity. Leave firearms alone and go after the real problem please.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:30:03 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

As a law abiding citizen born and raised on the island of Oahu, I have watched homelessness increase, violent crime increase, yet we are short staffed to handle these violent offenders with DHHS or Increased police presence. Here in my backyard on the North Shore there are new homeless people roaming our neighborhoods daily. Police response is very slow when they are witnessed exposing themselves to kids on the bike path, doing drugs in the open and have violent outbursts. Altercations are normal in very public areas here on the North Shore. There have been multiple incidents where transient homeless have wandered through our large rural property on the North Shore. I am my family's first response to any issue. I am here to protect my girlfriend and our children. I don't have the luxury of being in the city where a police response can happen within minutes. Having my firearms gives my girlfriend piece of mind that we can protect ourselves and defend ourselves from the growing problems society presents us with today. Hawai'i is not like when I was a kid. There are more heavy drugs and the criminals have access to ghost guns and weapons they buy on the black market.

I also enjoy the firearms community here on Oahu. It is a lot of fun to shoot targets and get to know fellow gun enthusiasts within our community. They are business owners, law abiding citizens and we are not responsible for a few bad apples so why punish us all for the lack of action taken by ATF to stop the illegal import of parts and pieces to build ghost guns or the federal government not doing enough to prevent these weapons from entering our state?

We have jumped through some of the most strict gun laws in the state to purchase are firearms and pay our taxes and elect you all to serve us in public trust. This does not make our communities more safe. The criminals will continue getting their guns while we will not be able to respond to imminent threats on our private properties. Kit n Gun and Hawai'i tactical won't be able to survive with laws like these.

We need to do more to educate the youth, provide stability within our communities with more outreach and education to teach the youth about gangs, drugs, violence and mental health in our vulnerable communities on the westside, Kalihi, Waipahu and here on the north shore. Please allow us to keep our firearms. We should not be punished because other agencies our failing our state and communities. Mahalo.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:32:21 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppoae this bill that we the peopke have every right to defend ourselves in the event those who have illegal weapons and are out to hurt or steal from others will use against us. So tjink of your family members who might be a victim from criminals who coukd careless what the law says.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:33:04 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I plead with you to oppose this bill. It is my second amendment right to own a gun. Gun shops sell guns that are LEGAL for people to own. Banning semiautomatic guns of any kind is violating my right to own a gun. It sickens me that the government will not only refuse to protect us but also wants to disarm us so we can't protect ourselves. The only thing this bill is doing is making it harder for law abiding citizens to own guns and it's turning law abiding citizens into criminals if they currently own a gun that is in this list. You are not making Hawaii safer by doing introducing and attempting to pass this bill. Criminals do not go to gun shops to buy guns. Gun owners practice gun safety. Every ridiculous and asinine reason you are trying to pass the bill is going to hurt the people you represent. I cannot say it any clearer. Oppose this bill and stop infringing on my right to bear arms. A government that wants to impede on my right to bear arms in ANY WAY (like telling me what kind of gun I can or cannot own) is on the way to becoming a treasonous government. You are here to work for ALL the people, that includes gun owners who have the RIGHT to bear arms (whichever arms they want to purchase). Do not say they still have that right but only guns YOU say they can. That's not freedom. And you are giving yourself too much power. Power that belongs to your employer, THE PEOPLE.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:33:16 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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: 2/12/2024 9:34:30 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

As a citizen of the United States, Hawaii born and raised, and a member of the armed forces. I strongly oppose the proposed bill.

Over the past years, we have seen Hawaii gradually embrace the idea of personal arms for safety. We have not see any spike of related crimes committed with what the legislation describes as assault weapons.

These laws are unnecessary and provided no added safety as it would suggest. Laws like these do not hinder the robber or murderer. They only affect the innocent, the single mother who buys a rifle to defender her children, the father who wants to be able to effectively defend their family.

There is a reason the military uses similarly patterned weapons, they are effective. When protecting that which I hold most dear to me, I want the most effective tool possible. I believe that self defense is a human right and we should not hinder it.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sean

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:38:58 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Shon Van Zandt	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly oppose

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:41:36 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

THE PEOPLE HAVE A 2ND AMENDMENT. I SUGGEST YOU READ IT. THIS IS AGAINST THE CONSTITUTION. THE RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED UPON.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:44:42 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I feel that it is my constitution right to bear arms and to protect my family, house, and bussness.I am a responsible and regestered gun owner with my guns lock in a safe. With the growing amount of crime and break in I need to protect my family. Thank you.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:49:41 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 **STRONGLY OPPOSE** SB3196. Every section of this bill violates Article 1 Section 17 State Constitution and the 2nd Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

Mahalo for your time.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:55:43 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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: 2/12/2024 9:59:04 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

The proposed legislation is a blatant and obvious infringement on constitutionally protected rights. Please do not waste Hawaiian taxpayer money for an attempt at virtue signaling; even if this bill is able to proceed, it will inevitably be struck down in by the courts.

Along with obvious legal issues surrounding the bill, if implemented, it would only serve to disempower law abiding citizens by making it even more difficult to legally defend yourself in violent situations where law enforcement is not readily available to assist.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:59:55 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

Please STRONGLY OPPOSE SB3196. Protect our 2nd Amendment Rights.

Mahalo for your consideration.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:00:29 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Greetings,

As a citizen of The State of Hawaii I would like to submit my testimony of opposition to bill SB3196. This bill puts law abiding citizens at great risk along with friends and family when the State looks to put restrictions on the sale or transfer of assault weapons along with restrictions on magazine capacity. A perfect example would be Israel, the government enforced a strict gunlaw against the people of Israel and when Hamas invaded the citizens were unarmed and unprepared. The current global situation with China and Russia has grown more tense with the conflict unfolding in the middle east. If for some unforeseen reason America were to go to War with China, Hawaii would be a major target. Not allowing your citizens to be prepared to defend themselves would lead to a similar situation that unfolded in Israel and to say that could never happen in America would be foolish.

Respectfully,

Samuel Nam

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:11:25 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill will finally close the gaping holes in Hawaii's Assault Weapons Ban. Haven't there been enough mass shootings in our country? These are military weapons, they have no place on our streets. Please protect our children, we have had enough mass shootings in our country. Thank you.

Elizabeth Nelson

Kaneohe

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:12:07 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kealakai Hammond, LMHC, PMH-C	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Members of the Legislative Assembly,

As a licensed mental health counselor deeply committed to the well-being of our community, I submit this testimony in unwavering support of the proposed bill to amend the prohibition on certain assault weapons to include assault rifles, shotguns, and weapon attachments. This critical measure not only safeguards our children but also fortifies our community against the devastating impacts of gun violence from both a public health and mental health perspective.

The inclusion of assault rifles, shotguns, and weapon attachments under the existing prohibition is a pivotal step in bolstering our efforts to mitigate the grave risks posed by these weapons. These firearms and attachments, designed for rapid and mass destruction, have time and again been at the forefront of tragic incidents that have shaken communities to their core. By enacting this amendment, we send a resounding message that the safety and well-being of our citizens, particularly our children, are non-negotiable priorities.

From a public health standpoint, the correlation between access to assault weapons and increased rates of gun violence is undeniable. Research consistently demonstrates that areas with stricter gun laws experience lower rates of firearm-related injuries and deaths. Hawaii's stringent gun regulations have served as a beacon of success, effectively curbing the prevalence of gun violence and safeguarding countless lives. By expanding the scope of prohibited firearms and attachments, we further fortify our state's defenses against the scourge of gun violence, preserving the health and vitality of our community.

Equally significant is the impact of gun violence on mental health. The trauma inflicted by these senseless acts reverberates far beyond physical injuries, leaving lasting scars on survivors and communities alike. As a mental health professional, I have witnessed firsthand the profound psychological toll of gun violence, from post-traumatic stress disorder to depression and anxiety. By enacting comprehensive gun control measures, we not only prevent the occurrence of such traumas but also mitigate the long-term mental health consequences for individuals and families.

In closing, I urge each of you to consider the profound implications of this bill beyond its legislative language. By voting in favor of this amendment, you have the power to safeguard the lives of our children, protect the fabric of our community, and uphold the fundamental principles of public health and mental well-being. Let us stand united in our commitment to a safer, healthier future for all Hawaii.

Thank you for your unwavering dedication to the welfare of our state.

Mahalo,

Kealakai Hammond, LMHC, PMH-C

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:12:21 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly support SB3196. When the Constitution was written the musket was the firearm of choice. A lot has changed in the last few centuries. Things our Founding Fathers had no way of foreseeing. Hawaii needs to face the reality of "now" and make laws accordingly, protecting we the people from weapons of war in our daily lives. Please help save Hawaiian lives by limiting the magnitude of firepower we could potentially be exposed to just going about our ordinary business.

Mahalo for your attention to this.

Mary True, Pepekeo, 96783

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:12:38 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tad Sumida	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing to you in regard to bill SB301. I would like to express my concerns that this bill will seriously infringe on our 2nd amendment right.

The bill amends the prohibition of assault weapons to include assault rifles, assault shotguns, .50 caliber rifles, and assault weapon attachments. Being as assault rifles account for less than 2 percent of gun deaths and less than 1 percent of gun injuries why target this class of firearms? What appreciable reduction in gun violence would this bill accomplish by banning these firearms? Being as the bill itself states that Hawai'i already has the strongest gun safety laws in the nation, has one of the highest Giffords Law Center ratings, and Hawai'i had the lowest number of gun deaths per capita among the states. The fact that even though Hawaii is the only state that does not ban assault rifles and still had the lowest number of gun deaths per capita in the nation shows that the weapon is not the issue.

This bill also seeks the ban of any detachable magazine with over ten round capacity. What is the overall effect this bill wishes to achieve by banning magazines with over ten round capacity? There is little evidence that prohibition of high capacity magazines improves public safety. Christopher Koper's study of the effects of the 1994 Federal Assault Weapons Ban, which banned new magazines of more than 10 rounds had this to say "In general, we found, really, very, very little evidence, almost none, that gun violence was becoming any less lethal or any less injurious during [the course of the Assault Weapon and Large Capacity Magazine (LCM) ban]. So on balance, we concluded that the ban had not had a discernible impact on gun crime during the years it was in effect."

This new bill would do little to reduce the already low gun violence in Hawai'i. It only seems to hinder law abiding citizens from exercising their 2nd amendment right and impair the ability of law abiding citizens from acquiring the needed tools to protect themselves and their families. I believe there are other areas that we should concentrate our efforts that would help reduce gun violence with greater impact than banning "assault rifles" and "high capacity" magazines.

Sincerely,

Tad Sumida

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:13:58 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please close the gap, ban assault rifles, shotguns, attachments, large capacity magazines. The Hawaii that I love should be designated ALL safe/sacred space. I wish ALL of Hawaii could avoid the mass shooting statistics bound to happen here if people are allowed to carry/purchase these weapons of war. Mahalo.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:15:50 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Stop violating our consitution. Listen to your constituents and not to the special interest groups funding you and kill this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:15:57 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:17:47 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Robin D. Ganitano	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Against SB 3196 which is totally Unconstitutional and against our 2nd Amendment Rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:19:30 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

To Whom it May Concern,

I strongly oppose this bill due to its clear violation on 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 our 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 loved ones and this cannot be taken away according to our second amendment. **STRONGLY OPPOSE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:21:05 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha mai kakou. 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.

**THERE IS NO CIVILIAN NEED FOR THESE WEAPONS! Mahalo**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:21:14 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 our 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 loved ones and this cannot be taken away according to our second amendment. **STRONGLY OPPOSE**

Gina-Lynn Tanouye  
76 Pelemana Pl  
Hilo, HI 96720

2/12/2024

Aloha Hawaii Legislation,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to proposed bill SB3196 which aims to amend and add further prohibitions to the use of firearms in our state. As a Kama'aina born and raised in Hawai'i 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.

Born and raised as the daughter and sister of Honolulu Police Officers, I very much understand how criminals do not obey laws whether in place or not. And I'm also very aware of the increase in violent crimes occurring, and it's sad to say, that our Aloha spirit will not protect us against those who have no care for basic human rights.

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.

Additionally, banning accessories and parts for firearms would further restrict the rights of law-abiding citizens without addressing the core issues 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.

Furthermore, banning parts for firearms would have a detrimental impact on responsible gun owners who rely on these parts for maintenance and repair of their firearms. Many gun owners take great care in maintaining their firearms and ensuring they are in proper working order. Banning parts would make it difficult or impossible for these individuals to keep their firearms in safe and operable condition.

In conclusion, I urge you to oppose any legislation that seeks to ban semi-automatic rifles, shotguns, pistols, accessories, or parts. Instead, I urge you to 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 solutions that promote safety and security in our communities without infringing upon our constitutional rights.

Thank you for considering my views on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Gina-Lynn Tanouye

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:26:07 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Amending the prohibition to include further assault weapons will increase safety for my ohana and community. I support this bill.

Mahalo,

Betsey Strauss

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:31:04 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Rest assured that I will not comply should you pass this unconstitutional law.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:31:18 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196.

SB3196 will violate the Second Amendment. The 2nd Amendment extends to all instruments that constitute bearable arms, even those that were not in existence at the time of the founding, and this Second Amendment right is fully applicable to the states.

The Fourteenth Amendment incorporates the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms for the purpose of self-defense. In other words, the right is protected from state as well as federal interference. SB3196 interferes with our rights under the 2nd and 14th amendment.

Given the current world-wide tensions and the State of Hawaii being the most isolated, responsible gun owners absolutely should remain armed to protect themselves, their families and their neighbors, thanks to the rights given by the 2nd and 14th amendment.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:32:34 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please pass this bill to ensure we remain a gun safe state!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:33:31 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

in full support. we must do all we can to make sure we do not make the national news with mass shootings, murders, especially with these types of weapons. heavenforbid one of htese type events occurs and the Honolulu Police Department keeps it a secret, as it was remiss in informing the public about the island wide traffic search on new year's day.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:36:25 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jon Gushiken	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**I do not support this bill.**

**In the opening passage of the bill, "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."**

**If we already have the third lowest number of deaths per capita according to the CDC, why do we need to enact more legislation to ban guns? All this bill will do is make criminals out of legal gun owners.**

**Additionally, the murders that happen here are often committed with illegally possessed handguns, not "assault rifles" or "assault shotguns." Instead of trying to demonize inanimate OBJECTS, perhaps there should be harsher penalties for PEOPLE who commit violent crimes. PEOPLE are the ones who commit assault - not rifles or shotguns.**

**Please do not pass legislation to "solve" a problem that does not exist - especially if it means creating a new criminal class of people who did nothing wrong, except to own a rifle or shotgun that is legal throughout most of the United States.**

Sincerely,

**Jon Gushiken**

**Kahului, HI**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:47:04 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Pa'akaula Kalawai'anui	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I vehemently oppose this bill, as all it does is further restrict law abiding citizens from owning firearms. We already have very strict, capable, comprehensive firearms laws here in Hawaii, and nothing from this new bill will do anything to protect the public as criminals DO NOT FOLLOW THE LAW. The only people who will be affected by this bill if it's passed into law are people who are legal law abiding citizens who go through the processes to purchase and register their firearms; these are the people we need not fear, the people who cause mayhem and endanger the public are those who do not follow the law and will only continue to ignore this bill if it is passed. This bill will do nothing for public safety.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:50:38 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

No to SB3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 11:08:30 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I believe this violates my 2nd ammendment rights as a U.S. citizen.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 11:10:04 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Joe R Ritthaler	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

1. strongly oppose this bill due to its clear vilation on 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 unconsitutional 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 our 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 "assualt weapons," which is an incorrect and vague term, are owned legally by responsible citizens interested in thier right to defend the life of themselves and loved ones and this cannot be taken away according to our second amendment. **STRONGLY OPPOSE**
2. Joe Ritthaler rjritthaler@gmail.com

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 11:10:43 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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 magazines 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: 2/12/2024 11:14:21 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kalei Chong	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Written testimony in OPPOSITION of SB3196

The preamble to the SB 3196 should read something to the effect that the legislature is committed to disarming the Hawai'i populace, since this bill in **NO WAY** can be construed as a means to protect their safety and well-being.

What this bill does is prohibit firearms based on appearance. It will ultimately take away the ability for a law-abiding citizen to have at least a force equalizer to protect themselves and their family against **criminals, which by definition, don't follow laws**, and we can't always depend on law enforcement.

When seconds count, police are only minutes away. Since there's a problem with manpower in all 4 county police departments, it's a gamble on how many minutes it'll take. Besides, there are also two US Supreme Court case decision where it has been ruled that police have no specific obligation to protect [DeShaney v. Winnebago Cty. DSS, 489 U.S. 189 (1989) and Castle Rock v. Gonzales, 545 U.S. 748 (2005)]. Since the State/police have no duty to protect, that duty falls upon oneself.

Although it is unlikely to happen in the middle of the pacific, anything is possible and the lessons in Ukraine and Israel has been lost with the introduction of this bill. Should it pass, it will likely be challenged with the State having to defend this, with an unnecessary burden on taxpayer funds, in light of decisions in District of Columbia v. Heller, 554 U. S. 570, McDonald v. Chicago, 561 U. S. 742, and New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc. v. Bruen, 597 U.S. 1 (2022).

For these reasons, I am in strong opposition of this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 11:16:25 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I, Grant TRK Goin oppose bill SB3196. It is a clear violation of the 2nd ammendment. Stop making it harder for law abiding citizens to protect themselves. You should be making a bill for the illegal guns on the street, and take away everything from those violaters. thank you for your time.

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: 2/12/2024 11:18:30 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am against this bill The state of hawaii has no respect for the constitution or its rights of the people in its state. When is enough enough govt should annex itself from the US if it doesnt want to follow the constitution Thank you

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 11:23:01 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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, Hawaii 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 Hawaii. Why take away from those who do things to correct way? There are thousands of illegal firearms in the county of Hawaii, 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 Hawaii, 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!

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: 2/12/2024 11:25:30 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Christine Danzilo Coletta	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a 71 year old female & I live alone .I have the God Given right to protect myself and my property .This is America and we have a Constitution that protects our right to bear arms . I have taken all my safety courses, I am licensed ,registered ,and have passed all background checks, and to take away that right is not fair to me or any other citizen of this beautiful state of Hawaii

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 11:28:51 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Strongly oppose these restrictions and limitations. Stop trying to pass bills that infringe on the rights of citizens.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 11:29:46 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196.

1941 America was invaded during WW2. Hawai'i was attacked by surprise. We all know this History very well. I have a grandmother 100% Hawaiian, my mother a single parent of 4. I have 2 younger sisters 15 and 20, an older sister 35. I have 3 daughters of my own 6, 3, 1yr old with my amazing wife. Her mother who lives here with us who is 74, her husband past away 2 years ago in May. I am the only Man in the family. I am the protector of this family.

As you know tensions are extremely high across the globe. North Korea testing ballistic missiles more than ever before, Ukraine war being supported by USA, Middle East tensions, being supported by USA. Hawai'i is alone in the ocean over 2,400 miles away from the mainland. If supplies were cut off, or a cyberattack, leaving the power grid rendered useless, we are open to be attacked. I FEEL VERY UNSAFE if Hawai'i were to ban our only right to protect ourselves.

Private citizen gun rights are protected under 2A and 14A.

The Second Amendment extends to all bearable arms, including those that were not in existence at the time of the founding. The Second Amendment right is fully applicable to Hawai'i, now more than ever.

The Fourteenth Amendment aligns with the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms for the purpose of self-defense.

I am writing in opposition of the assault weapons ban as SB3196 is an assault against our constitutional rights. Please vote NO for SB3196. Mahalo!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 11:30:51 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please oppose this ridiculous bill. This a total violation of our Second Amendment rights! You were "elected" to defend The Constitution and you are doing the exact opposite. Common sense would also tell you that illegally infringing on the rights of law abiding citizens will not solve anything. By disarming honest people, you will only give more power to criminals. Like the illegal drug epidemic in Hawaii, the criminals will always be able to get what they want! Wake up people and look at places where constitutional carry has been recognized. It's definitely a safer place to be. Everything this state does is the exact opposite of what's good for the people. Just look at what a shit hole you've made us into...

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 11:30:55 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill does nothing to increase public safety (note that the most deadly school shooting in US history - VA Tech - was committed with weapons that would still be legal under it), but guarantees lawsuits. Based on prior SCOTUS rulings, it would almost certainly be struck down. Personally, I think you should feel guilty wasting taxpayer resources defending laws that you know violate established precedents.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 11:33:36 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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: 2/12/2024 11:35:40 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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.

This bill violates our 2nd Amendment rights. Any legislator voting for this bill is violating the oath they made to uphold the Constitution.

Did you know Hawaii has the second most guns per capita of all the states in the US and we have relatively very low incidences of gun violence. Illinois has very restrictive gun laws, and very high gun violence incidences.

Honor your oath of office and do what is right for our state.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 11:37:34 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

strongly oppose. this bill will not do anything to change gun crimes. this is also unconstitutional. this only restricts the rights of law abiding citizens.

sincerely

Gavin Lohmneier

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 11:38:21 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196 on a number of grounds. A ban on AR and AK pattern rifles will not reduce gun violence, will turn thousands of law abiding citizens, including members of the military, into felons, will affect a number of locally owned small businesses, and finally, will not pass any sort of constitutional muster. As a state of the United States of America, residents of Hawaii are in fact endowed with the right to keep and bear arms. The Bruen decision made this very clear, and is the reason Hawaii began issuing concealed carry permits. Additionally, not banning semi automatic rifles will not suddenly turn Hawaii into the Wild West. Hawaii currently has a gun registry for all firearms, incredibly strict rules regarding sales both from gun stores and between citizens, a ban on open carry, and what is effectively a ban on possessing a firearm of any type anywhere other than one's home and the shooting range, of which there are only a few that are owned by the state, or the military. Banning the types of firearms highlighted in this bill is unnecessary, unconstitutional, will not reduce gun violence, and will turn otherwise law abiding citizens into felons.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 11:41:01 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
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".

BUTT OUT!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 11:43:22 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

*Help us keep Hawaii safe from senseless mass shootings by passing this bill. Our current assault weapons ban does not ban assault rifles and large capacity magazines, which makes no sense at all since these weapons are most often used in mass shootings. We need to close this loophole now.*

*Keep in mind that the NRA and gun clubs are a small minority of Hawaii's population, and we all need to be protected from these military-style weapons. We've already had more mass shootings this year than there are days in the year.*

*Please improve our safety by passing this bill.*

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 11:45:19 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am not a gun owner, never have been, nor will I ever be, however I strongly OPPOSE SB3196 and urge you to vote NO.

This violates private citizen rights of responsible gun owners under 2a and 14a.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 11:50:06 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

SB 3196 will finally close gaping holes in Hawaii's Assault Weapons Ban. These gaping holes exist because Hawaii's assault weapons ban FAILS to ban assault rifles and large capacity magazines for those assault weapons.

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. Please help keep Hawaii safe from this senseless violence.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 11:55:27 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kelly s Lai	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please oppose this bill!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 11:56:04 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

OPPOSE, OPPOSE, OPPOSE!!!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 11:57:29 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 bills,please try to use your time to solve the drug addicts/homeless epidemic that's been growing nonstop for the last 20 years.

thanks.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 12:02:08 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196. Every section of this proposed bill violates Article 1 section 17 State Constitution and the 2nd Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 12:05:31 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
D'Armand Cook	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing to urge you to strongly oppose Hawaii Senate Bill 3196 (SB 3196), which proposes stricter regulations on firearm ownership and limitations on self-defense rights. This bill has the potential to infringe upon our Second Amendment rights by imposing unnecessary restrictions on law-abiding citizens.

Here are some key reasons why I believe SB 3196 should NOT pass:

1. **Impact on Second Amendment Rights:** SB 3196 threatens our constitutional right to keep and bear arms. By imposing additional restrictions on gun ownership, this bill undermines the freedoms guaranteed by the Second Amendment.
2. **Limitations on Self-Defense:** Passage of SB 3196 could hinder the ability of law-abiding citizens to protect themselves and their families. It is essential that individuals have access to firearms for self-defense purposes, especially in situations where law enforcement may not be readily available.
3. **Unnecessary Regulations:** SB 3196 introduces unnecessary regulations that target responsible gun owners without effectively addressing the root causes of violence. Instead of penalizing law-abiding citizens, policymakers should focus on implementing measures that address mental health issues and promote responsible gun ownership.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 12:10:03 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Violation of my rights!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 12:10:30 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196. This proposed Bill is in violation of the 2nd Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and in violation of Article 1 section 17 State Constitution.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 12:12:59 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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Together, we can protect our Second Amendment rights and ensure the safety and security of our communities.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Sean Hirata

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 12:14:52 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

“The Constitution of most of our states (and of the United States) assert that all power is inherent in the people; that they may exercise it by themselves; that it is their right and duty to be at all times armed.” - Thomas Jefferson, letter to to John Cartwright, 5 June 1824. Based on the Constitution of the United States of America, the bill being proposed, Bill SB3196, is a shocking infringement on our constitutional right! We the people have the inherent right and freedom to keep and bear arms. We have the responsibility to protect our country from foreign aggression and from the “tyranny in government”. We have the freedom to provide for our friends, families and community through hunting! If we allow any limitations of our rights and liberties, we not only loose those rights and liberties but we also pave the way for the continual degradation of our constitutional freedoms!

There are multiple reasons that the ownership of semi-automatic firearms should remain legal in the state of Hawaii. The most important of those is the responsibility of the American people to defend themselves from any foreign aggression. Due to the political climate and the threat of war on multiple fronts, the necessity to maintain a freestanding militia is paramount! Hawaii is one of the most isolated location in the world with many strategic advantages for a foreign power. Reducing the ability of the people to help in the defense of our state is akin to tying one hand behind your back before a fight. “The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. A well regulated militia, composed of the body of the people, trained to arms, is the best and most natural defense of a free country. “ James Madison. Also, the right to own semiautomatic weapons is necessary because we the people have the right to defend ourselves against governmental infringements! The power of America is supposed to lie with the people, inherent and unalienable and the only way to maintain that balance of power is to be able to defend it. A body of people who are unable to defend their rights will soon loose them.

In addition to national defense and self-defense, the ability to own a semi-automatic weapon should remain legal in Hawaii because 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.

Lastly, Bill SB3196 should NOT be passed because throughout American history and throughout our states currently, the reduction or limitation 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 owning 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 for the purpose of national defense and stripping the people of this right greatly reduces our ability to defend against foreign threats. Also, the right to own firearms is integral to our ability to protect our liberties from a tyrannical government that means to slowly and steadily erode away at our freedoms. In addition, 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 gun regulations actually reduce crime or gun violence and instead of banning weapons we should focus on better safety and education programs.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 12:18:17 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I'm writing this to stand in opposition of this bill. Using "the aloha spirit" as scapegoat to remove constiution rights from Fellow Americans and myself . Need I remind the legislators that King Kamehameme used firearms to conquer sorry unite other Hawaiian islands . It was not the Aloha spirit that united the islands.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 12:25:00 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I Oppose. 2nd Amendment Rights.

Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs  
Chair Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair Brandon Elefante

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 CR225  
SB3196 – Relating to Firearms, Assault Weapons

TESTIMONY  
Judith Mills Wong

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, and Committee Members:

I write in support of SB3196.

The State of Hawaii has an admirable record of protecting the health and safety of we, the citizens, from misuse of firearms.

This bill expands and clarifies the definitions of assault rifles, assault shotguns, assault weapons and attachments and assault pistols. It prohibits bringing these weapons into the State and prohibits the sale or transfer to minors or other unauthorized individuals. It carefully delineates what items are included in the ban.

Assault weapons were designed for killing humans. Their only legitimate place is with police and military. Easy access to such dangerous weapons have come to horrific ends in many other state. They must be carefully regulated for the safety and security of the public.

I applaud the Senate for continuing to safeguard the public.

I strongly support of SB3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 12:29:29 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Opposed

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 12:30:47 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha, I oppose SB 3196. This is a poorly written piece of legislation and is 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 magazines would be banned as they can accept mags greater than 10 rounds—it's 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: 2/12/2024 12:31:26 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments: I oppose SB3196 as it affects the "safety and well-being" of firearm owners and enthusiasts as well as others. These proposed changes would make firearms less safe which may result in serious bodily injury or death. SECTION 2. 1 (3) A semiautomatic rifle that accepts a detachable magazine or that may be readily modified to accept a detachable magazine and has one or more of the following characteristics: Almost all semiautomatic rifles accept a detachable magazine and one of the safety devices or features mentioned so you would be banning almost all semiautomatic rifles. SECTION 2. 1 (3)(B) A pistol grip; A pistol grip can be used as a tool storage device for spare batteries, gun oil/cleaner, hex keys, etc.. One of the reasons that pistol-style grips are so common in machinery is because they are ergonomically designed to assure a positive hand grip so as not to lose control of the firearm. Isn't being able to control a firearm a Safety issue ? It also assists in the operating controls for use with minimal hand movement. In the case of the AR 15, using the thumb and or index finger to control the safety switch without needing to remove the palm from the grip. Isn't being able to turn a safety mechanism on or off safety issue ? A pistol Grip can be also be used as a tool storage device for spare batteries, gun oil/cleaner, hex keys, etc.. SECTION 2. 1 (3)(D) A flash suppressor; A flash suppressor's primary intent is to reduce the chances that the shooter will be blinded in low-light shooting conditions. Is not being able to clearly see what your shooting at a Safety Issue ? (3)(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; A "shroud" is also referred to as a hand guard, fore end or forearm which provides a safe heat-insulated surface for the user's hand to firmly hold onto without needing to worry about getting burned by the barrel, protects the user of the firearm from accidentally burning himself, herself or others with the hot barrel. Even a small number of shots can heat up a barrel enough to injure the use. Again, isn't being able to control a firearm a safety issue ? It can also serve as an attachment platform for lights, a teaching subject required for the Hawaii License to Carry classes. SECTION 2. 1 (3)(H) A threaded barrel capable of accepting a barrel extender, flash suppressor, forward hand grip, or silencer A flash suppressor as noted above is another safety device in firearms. Its primary intent is to reduce the chances that the shooter will be blinded in low-light shooting conditions. Is not being able to clearly see what your shooting at a Safety Issue ? Threaded barrels are also used to mount a compensator, a device attached to the barrel that helps to reduce recoil and muzzle rise during firing. It directs the gases produced by the fired round in a way that counteracts the upward force, allowing for better control and improved accuracy. Isn't control and accuracy desirable to firearm use ? SECTION 2. 2 (1) (B) A threaded barrel capable of accepting a barrel extender, flash suppressor, forward hand grip, or silencer; A flash suppressor as noted above is another safety device in firearms. Its primary intent is to reduce the chances that the shooter will be blinded in low-light shooting conditions. Threaded barrels are also used to mount a compensator, a device attached to the barrel that helps to reduce

recoil and muzzle rise during firing. It directs the gases produced by the fired round in a way that counteracts the upward force, allowing for better control and improved accuracy. In closing, I believe these proposals would be detrimental to the health and safety of firearm owners and would not be surprised if the City and County of Honolulu and or State of Hawaii would be liable for the damages, personal injury or death of those affected by these proposals. Respectfully submitted, Wm. F. Racoma

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 12:31:59 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
I. Robert Nehmad	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support Bill SB3196 because there is no need for civilians to have this type of weapon.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 12:34:05 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I Oppose SB3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 12:35:28 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Trenton Johnson	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: 2/12/2024 12:39:36 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill as it is against my 2nd amendment and the right to bare arms.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 12:40:23 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill, as a rifle owner and enthusiast I believe in the second amendment for the right to bear arms. This Bill only hurts LAW ABIDING CITIZENS not criminals. Criminals do not follow your laws you put into place. It only hurts law abiding citizen by not being able to protect ourselves from the criminal element. 10 rounds or a single shot rifle or pistol will not be enough to stop a group of people invading your home or possibly killing you or your family.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 12:42:01 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Storngly oppose this measure.

I submit that every gun crime committed in recent history has been commtted by someone who is already by State and Federal Law prohibited from owning and or possessing a firearm or ammunition.

What needs to be done is to enforce the laws on the books, put and keep some criminals in jail, not make new laws that will only affect law abiding folks as this bill seeks to accomplish.

This measure will only create a new group of criminals, as most of the listed firearms are in common use and possession, not prevent crime.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 12:43:04 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196. I just became a recent gun owner and I believe that SB3196 is unconstitutional. As a law abiding citizen, I have a constitutional right to bear arms and protect myself and my loved ones. I purchase my guns for the purpose of protecting my home. It will only be used as a home defense. I'm not an avid hunter or gun enthusiast. I just want to make sure our home is protected. With what is going on in this world and in this state, it's not going to get better. So, I oppose SB3196 because I have the right to defend myself, my family, and my home.

Thank you for your time.

Chevis English

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 12:46:57 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Dear Madams and Sirs,

During these uncertain times un top of an election year, I am writing to you asking you to honor your oath. Protect the Constitution. Oppose SB3196 and any more gun restricting laws which are already in place. Support your supporters and constituents, protect the rights of the people. Rights that you didnt give. Do not Infringe upon the people of this state or agree on infringement in any of the 50 states.Hawaii is one of the most restricting states regarding gun laws and gun ownership. Passing any new law will not stop violence. Violence is violence, the object used dont make a difference. Knife, bat, automobiles, sticks and stones etc. Why dont you go after those? The intent behind the object is where its at. Like any tool, firearms are neutral. Used for sport, fun. hunting to provide and protection. Oppose SB3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 12:51:57 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am writing in **opposition** to SB3196 as a citizen, a father, and a firefighter. This bill would do nothing to deter criminals who have already chosen to make a life out of disobeying the law, and will only serve to criminalize law-abiding citizens with the stroke of a pen. Recent events have demonstrated that HPD cannot stop attacks from happening, and that the citizens of Honolulu cannot rely on the justice system to keep dangerous offenders in jail, be it the acid attack on Danying Zhang to the hit & run incident involving Sara Yara at McKinley High School. Even the law against aerial fireworks and using cellphones while driving is ignored as nobody fears enforcement. Stripping us of our ability to lawfully protect ourselves not only leaves us defenseless, but will further embolden criminals. As a father and firefighter, I am at work for 24 hours shifts. My wife and I both train regularly with our firearms to ensure we are operating them safely & effectively, and I depend on her-- *not HPD*-- to be the first line of defense of our child and home while I am at work. I urge you to consider other means which will be much more effective at punishing criminals and not citizens for their actions.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 12:53:25 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this absolutely terrible bill. Constitutional issues all the way around. This will do nothing to curb gun violence in Hawaii. When was the last time an "assault weapon" was used here? What is an assault weapon? Nothing but a made up term to scare people who don't know any better. I hunt with semi automatic weapons because we hunt pig here mainly and shooting pigs while blocking trail is much easier with a semi automatic. Most handguns are also semi auto as well.

Bruen and Heller both upheld the 2A as an individual right. Heller specifically talks about how arms possessed for lawful purposes are protected by the 2A. My AR is possessed for lawful purposes and you have no right to pass this law. How many lawsuits are you willing to lose and how much tax payer money are you willing to waste? VOTE NO!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 12:54:09 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose any legislation that limits a citizen's 2nd amendment vote no on any legislation that limits a law abiding citizen's rights please

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 12:56:14 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Bill SB 3196 infringes on a citizens right to protect his home and family. This bill only acts to infringe on a citizens right to bear arms. Please stop infringing on our rights and pass a bill that allows conceal carry.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 12:56:48 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 to it will further restrict my right to protect myself and bear arms as a law abiding citizen.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 12:58:51 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

RE: SB3196 Relating to Firearms:

My name is Jon Tanouye and I am in OPPOSITION to this bill. As stated in the bill, Hawaii does have some of the most strict laws in the nation in acquiring firearms. As a law abiding citizen, I follow the rules and laws to acquire a firearm as my right. These types of rule changes takes away my rights directly as a citizen. It is not my fault for the wrong doings of other citizens that are causing trauma, stress, and anxiety to the communities around the state and the nation. Instead these wrong doings is penalizing myself and other law abiding citizens. I understand the safety of all citizens and people of our communities, but these types of laws is not a way of correcting the problems.

Supporting the Second Ammendment,

Jon Tanouye

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 1:00:40 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

You don't speak for all of us. Our rights shall not be taking away by all of you who don't live in areas where crime is rampant. You taking rights away from people who follow the laws. There should be stricter laws against the firearms that are illegally carried. Penalty for carrying a illegal firearm should be life in prison. Instead of punishing the law abiding citizen.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 1:04:20 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kamakani Kuhia	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I highly disagree with this bill and the watering down of my second amendment right.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 1:05:01 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alfred A Lasiter	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**Aloha,**

**I am against this Bill. i am a legal resident since 1957 and also a tax paying citizen, law abiding!!! I am a legal gun owner and have done everything you require me to do to obtain weapons. It is my right to defend myself, property, loved ones from Harm.**

**I have been through all the classes and tests. Gotten good education. But I am sorry to say you are letting Hawaii turn into one of those cities on the mainland, Chicago, Seattle, Portland, Frisco, etc., etc... Cesspools of crime amd drugs, homeless people. Is that what you want Honolulu to become??? I have been raised in Hawaii since 1957 and never seen so much crime now. Basically you are becomng a rubber stamp for all thos**

**Cities. How about Hawaii? We are different and need a strong law enforcement system. I had drug dealers live next to me for three years. I called the Vice in Kona on them, Vice came to my home, they knew about it and did "NOTHING!" Before you act like GOD, think about the many folks who are responsible.**

**Sincerely,**

**Alfred A. Lasiter Kamuela, Hawaii 96743**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 1:05:26 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Oppose this bill that infringes on rights enumerated in the U.S. Constitution

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 1:06:52 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it is seeking to ban the most commonly owned firearms in the United States. If this bill does pass it will not create a safer community. The criminals who disregard laws will still attain and use the firearms included in this bill. As a law abiding citizen I strongly urge that this bill does not pass.

Thank you for your time

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 1:10:29 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Galen J. Pao	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha members of the Hawaii State Legislature.

My name is Galen J. Pao. I am testifying that I oppose SB3196.

The banning of so-called assault type weapons refers to the most popular type of firearms owned by law-abiding citizens by the State of Hawaii and the Nation. With that being said it is in violation of the Constitution and also the decisions made by SCOTUS. This discriminatory ban on a particular type of firearm violates the right of a citizen to acquire a firearm of his choice. These firearms being targeted are legal to own as of this writing.

I also fail to see how banning these firearms from law abiding citizens will result in public safety. We are law abiding citizens. We do not break the law. Therefore we take the responsibility of firearm ownership seriously. All this legislation will do is dis-arm citizens and put us at the mercy of criminals who will not comply with this legislation. I have owned firearms for over 40 years. I own them because they provide a means of recreation which I enjoy and also gives me a means to protect my family at home if the need arises. If you take this away from me I will not be able to enjoy my chosen recreation nor will I be able to protect myself or my loved ones. Again, these firearms being targeted are legal firearms which I choose to own. I will support any and all groups that will inevitably challenge this legislation in court should it continue to move forward.

It is my sincere hope that my opposition concerns are taken into consideration of SB3196 which I believe is discriminatory, unconstitutional, and a blatant violation of 2nd amendment rights, the recent SCOTUS ruling, and the oaths of office to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States and State of Hawaii.

Thank You

Galen J. Pao

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 1:11:06 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Subject: Urgent Action Needed: Oppose Hawaii SB 3196

I am writing to urge you to strongly oppose Hawaii Senate Bill 3196 (SB 3196), which proposes stricter regulations on firearm ownership and limitations on self-defense rights. This bill has the potential to infringe upon our Second Amendment rights by imposing unnecessary restrictions on law-abiding citizens.

Here are some key reasons why I believe SB 3196 should NOT pass:

1. **Impact on Second Amendment Rights:** SB 3196 threatens our constitutional right to keep and bear arms. By imposing additional restrictions on gun ownership, this bill undermines the freedoms guaranteed by the Second Amendment.
2. **Limitations on Self-Defense:** Passage of SB 3196 could hinder the ability of law-abiding citizens to protect themselves and their families. It is essential that individuals have access to firearms for self-defense purposes, especially in situations where law enforcement may not be readily available.
3. **Unnecessary Regulations:** SB 3196 introduces unnecessary regulations that target responsible gun owners without effectively addressing the root causes of violence. Instead of penalizing law-abiding citizens, policymakers should focus on implementing measures that address mental health issues and promote responsible gun ownership.

Together, we can protect our Second Amendment rights and ensure the safety and security of our communities.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Keone Spies



**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 1:18:50 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
evan obrs	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: 2/12/2024 1:23:42 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

You guys can't even define "assault style". If I whip my keys in someone's face, I just assaulted them with a weapon.

Hunters need semi automatic rifles for their safety. Have you had a charging boar come at you full force? A bolt action ain't gonna cut it.

If the police, and private security protecting the politicians that **WORK FOR THE PEOPLE**, get to have these weapons to protect themselves, law abiding citizens should also!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 1:27:07 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Dear Senators:

I live in the district of Senator Glenn Wakai and I respectfully oppose SB3196. Once this bill is in place, many law-abiding gun owners will be negatively affected by this. These rules impact law-abiding citizens and does not deter the actual criminals who have no regard for any of these laws in the first place.

This bill also infringes upon protecting our 2nd amendment rights to keep and bear arms.

I also am opposed to this bill because it impinges upon women's rights to protect and defend ourselves and our family.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Kristine

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 1:28:05 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Laura Friedman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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 shooter event **THERE IS NO CIVILIAN NEED FOR THESE WEAPONS!**

Please support **SB3196** without delay.

Laura Friedman

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 1:29:07 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Liana Macdonald-Kainoa	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Liana Macdonald-Kainoa  
PO BOX 72 KEALAKEKUA, HI 96750  
February 12, 2024

Aloha,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to proposed bill SB3196 which aims to amend and add further prohibitions to the use of firearms in our state. As a Kama'aina born and used in Hawai'i 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.

Additionally, banning accessories and parts for firearms would further restrict the rights of law-abiding citizens without addressing the core issues 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. Furthermore, banning parts for firearms would have a detrimental impact on responsible gun owners who rely on these parts for maintenance and repair of their firearms. Many gun owners take great care in maintaining their firearms and ensuring they are in

proper working order. Banning parts would make it difficult or impossible for these individuals to keep their firearms in safe and operable condition.

In conclusion, I urge you to oppose any legislation that seeks to ban semi-automatic rifles, shotguns, pistols, accessories, or parts. Instead, I urge you to 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 solutions that promote safety and security in our communities without infringing upon our constitutional rights.

Thank you for considering my views on this important issue.

Mahalo,

Liana Macdonald-Kainoa

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 1:29:52 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Unconstitutional. Please read the constitution if you are going to be in office.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 1:29:52 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha, I strongly oppose SB3196. This does nothing against a person who illegally obtains firearms and only weakens law abiding citizens from practicing their constitutional rights under the 2nd amendment. Mahalo

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 1:30:10 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

As a responsible citizen. I strongly encourage Hawaii courts drop this bill for it infringes on constitutional rights. Maybe concentrate on illegal immigration. Instead of taking away rights from citizens. Leftist policies are ruining this great nation. Blue cities are falling to pure sh!\$. Like Chicago and NY Allowing criminals to run free. And defunding securities. And now this infringement on right to bare arms is disgraceful. And sounds like agenda 2030/ NWO to me.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 1:32:27 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Dear Legislators

As a responsible gun owner I vehemently oppose the bill that is going to be introduced SB 3196. My reasons being that it infringes on my right to have and acquire a legal weapon to defend myself and my family. This a right that is given to me by the Constitution of the United States. I am a responsible citizen and have received all training necessary to acquire and handle weapons. The concentration of my legislators should be on the failure of government to realize that the problem lies with its failure to address Mental Illness not with gun owners that are a help and asset to our communities.

Mahalo

Dennis D Miller- Kailua Kona

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 1:32:34 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose bill sb3196. This bill infringes on my God givin right to bear arms and the 2nd amendment of the constitution of the united states of america. This is flat out government over reach to controll citizens as the government pleases and does not have the publics intrest at hand. all it is doing is limiting the law abiding citizen to protect themselves in a time of life and death need. Criminals do not obey laws! This bill does nothing to curve gun violence.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 1:33:35 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly opposed this bill, because it against multiple recent Supreme Court rulings that relatives to 2A shouldn't be infringe.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 1:34:07 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

A true “assault weapons ban” would also ban the government from access to those same arms within it’s own borders, for use on it’s own people.

If you advocate for the stripping of access to these weapons from the citizens while retaining the Government’s rights to keep and bear those same weapons, you are simply advocating for a police state. You’re not anti-gun, you’re anti “armed citizen.”

There are plenty of “leaders” who advocated for a “police state.”

These “leaders” were responsible for \*millions\* of deaths, orders of magnitude more deaths than every mass shooting in American History combined. Our founding fathers knew this which is why we have the second amendment.

History proves there is no force more deadly than a totalitarian government mercilessly dominating their “subjects” after stripping every right they once held through “legal” means.

Don’t follow in their footsteps.

I do not consent.

Some quotes for you to ponder:

The people of the various provinces are strictly forbidden to have in their possession any swords, short swords, bows, spears, firearms, or other types of arms. The possession of unnecessary implements makes difficult the collection of taxes and dues and tends to foment uprisings.

-- Toyotomi Hideyoshi, dictator of Japan, August 1588

"One of the ordinary modes, by which tyrants accomplish their purposes without resistance, is, by disarming the people, and making it an offense to keep arms."

-- Constitutional scholar and Supreme Court Justice Joseph Story, 1840

Every Communist must grasp the truth, 'Political power grows out of the barrel of a gun.'

-- Mao Tse-tung, 1938, inadvertently endorsing the Second Amendment.

The most foolish mistake we could possibly make would be to permit the conquered Eastern peoples to have arms. History teaches that all conquerors who have allowed their subject races to carry arms have prepared their own downfall by doing so.

-- Adolph Hitler, April 11 1942.

Whether the authorities be invaders or merely local tyrants, the effect of such [gun control] laws is to place the individual at the mercy of the state, unable to resist.

-- Robert Anson Heinlein, 1949

"Both oligarch and tyrant mistrust the people, and therefore deprive them of arms."

--Aristotle

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 1:37:55 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this ban on these types of firearms. This is taking away our right as citizens to bare arms and protect us and our property, this bill is unconstitutional and it only further supports the criminals who with continue to break the laws that are already against the citizens of the state of Hawaii, United States of America. why is it only the law abiding citizens are expected to conform to such laws. We make the state and country. We work, pay our taxes, support the system and yet are still forced to conform to unnessasarry, unconstitutional laws that were meant to protect the law abiding citizens to begin with. Who does this protect? A criminal with criminal intent will cause crimes and break the laws that law abiding citizens are expected to follow. I do not agree with this bill, I will never agree to banning fire arms and said types. It is suppressing "we the people" and supporting them the criminals! I feel much safer knowing I have a way to protect my family and property if it ever need be. Within the confines of the law. Thank you for hearing my testimony. Aloha -Jordan

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 1:40:32 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ikaika kailiawa-smith	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Ikaika Kailiawa-smith, I am writing this to oppose SB3196.

I am a United States Army veteran. When I joined the military I took an oath like the members of congress to support and defend the United States constitution. In the 2nd amendment of the constitution it 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." once again let me repeat "the right of the PEOPLE to KEEP and BEAR arms SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED" this bill clearly violates the Constitution and the rights of the people. No where does it say that the government can discriminate on what weapons can be kept or used. SB3196 is a clear violation of our rights guaranteed to us. The constitution is the bedrock of our country and state. If this bill is allowed to pass then all amendments of the constitution are null and void. To my knowledge the governor of Hawaii has armed guards that protect him with the same weapons that SB3196 wants to ban. Will the government also be banned from carrying these firearms? Or using these attachments? No they will not be. So my question is why is politicians lives more important then the people that elected them? It is my belief that we are all equal. We all have a right endowed by our creator to protect and defend ourselves from criminals that look to harm us or our families.

May I remind the legislators that murder is illegal, yet it still happens. Clearly criminals do not care about laws so how will stopping lawful citizens from carrying weapons make us more safe? It won't. Sb3196 would be like taking away cars from sober drives because drunk drives injured someone. It is clearly senseless.

Once again I oppose any legislation that would prevent we the people the right to self protection how ever we see fit.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 1:44:04 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nicholas Landford	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

I firmly believe in the second amendment

**TESTIMONY OF ELLEN GODBEY CARSON IN SUPPORT OF SB 3196**  
**To the Senate PSM Committee**  
**Hearing: February 14, 2024, 3:00, in Room CR 225 & 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

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 1:47:02 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alexander Allen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello,

I oppose any restrictions against the 2nd Amendment of the US Constitution.

We must always to be able to defend ourselves from enemies abroad and a possible tyrannical government.

Citizens must have weapons and accessories that are equal to or greater than the capabilities and capacities of the US and any state government.

Don't forget how and why America was formed. We could not have done it as an unarmed or ill equipped citizenry.

Freedom for the people.

Freedom will prevail.

**“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: 2/12/2024 1:48:51 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This is just another attempt at restricting our constitutional rights and will be challenged in court. Why do you think this won't be challenged and this is just a knee jerk reaction to the SCOTUS decision. How much do you think it will cost to defend this idiotic position. Make laws that are relevant and enforceable.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 1:49:36 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Oppose.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 1:51:56 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

- As you have seen on New Year’s Eve. The fireworks go off. No laws stop criminal activity. Criminals do not follow the law. That is the definition of a criminal. So the laws you were trying to pass now. Are only going to affect law abiding citizens. And the right to defend themselves. Not the murder rate. Not criminal activity. Other than you’re going to create Criminal opportunity for underground guns. We all know the police are too few in the state to protect anybody. Because of the aloha spirit in the state. We have low gun crime. So passing laws to make law abiding citizens felons. Is not the answer. It’s easy and inexpensive to pass bad laws. Until there’s a lawsuit to overturn the law. Then it’s a lot of money to try to defend a bad law. Which you already know the Supreme Court will overturn. And is being challenged and overturned other states. Instead of setting up programs to help the The homeless, mentally ill, drug addiction, housing problems we have. And remember you have to have due process before you take any property from someone. All you’re trying to do Is to limit the second amendment. And I know this state has a long history of trying to limit gun rights .We have all seen what happens in countries where only the
- government, and Criminals have the guns. We the people are the government. That’s why We the people have the guns. You should be passing bills to train civilians on gun safety.

There should be a gun safety course in high school . If public safety is what you are trying to do. Not try to restrict constitutional rights.

Retired postal employee Maui

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

Comments:

Talofa,

I oppose any restrictions against the 2nd Amendment of the US Constitution.

We must always to be able to defend ourselves from enemies abroad and a possible tyrannical government.

Citizens must have weapons and accessories that are equal to or greater than the capabilities and capacities of the US and any state government.

Don't forget how and why America was formed. We could not have done it as an unarmed or ill equipped citizenry.

Freedom for the people.

Freedom will prevail.

**“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.”**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sheila Medeiros	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB3196! THIS BILL IS SKIRTING AROUND THE SCOTUS RULING AGAINST NEW YORK [New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen](#).

The Supreme Court on Thursday struck down a New York handgun-licensing law that required New Yorkers who want to carry a handgun in public to show a special need to defend themselves.

The [6-3 ruling](#), written by Justice Clarence Thomas, is the court’s first significant decision on gun rights in over a decade. In a far-reaching ruling, the court made clear that the [Second Amendment](#)’s guarantee of the right “to keep and bear arms” protects a broad right to carry a handgun outside the home for self-defense. Going forward, Thomas explained, courts should uphold gun restrictions only if there is a tradition of such regulation in U.S. history.

Thursday’s landmark decision came less than six weeks after a gunman killed 10 Black people at a Buffalo supermarket, and less than a month after 21 people – 19 children and two teachers – were shot to death at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas. In response to those shootings, the Senate this week reached an agreement on bipartisan gun-safety legislation that, if passed, would be the first federal gun-control legislation in nearly 30 years. The 80-page bill would (among other things) require tougher background checks for gun buyers under the age of 21 and provide more funding for mental-health resources.

The state law at the heart of [New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen](#) required anyone who wants to carry a concealed handgun outside the home to show “proper cause” for the license. New York courts interpreted that phrase to require applicants to show more than a general desire to protect themselves or their property. Instead, applicants must demonstrate a special need for self-defense – for example, a pattern of physical threats. Several other states, including California, Hawaii, Maryland, Massachusetts, and New Jersey, impose similar restrictions, as do many cities.

The lower courts upheld the New York law against a challenge from two men whose applications for concealed-carry licenses were denied. But on Thursday, the Supreme Court tossed out the law in an ideologically divided 63-page opinion.

NOW HAWAII IS TRYING TO SKIRT AROUND SCOTUS RULING AND THE US  
CONSTITUTION AND CREATE THEIR OWN LAWS THAT INFRINGE ON AMERICAN'S  
2ND AMENDMENT RIGHTS. STOP TRYING TO MAKE THE LAW ABIDING  
CONSTITUENTS DEFENSELESS AGAINST CRIMINALS THAT DON'T ABIDE BY LAWS  
YOU CREATE.

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SHEILA MEDEIROS

DISTRICT 43

**SB-3196**

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. This ban is too far reaching and makes many of the firearms that I already own illegal. I have made a substantial investment into my firearms collection, shooting sports, and hunting. The ban proposed in this bill will cause irreparable financial harm to me.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 1:57:53 PM

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

Comments:

Terangi Benioni  
PO Box 171  
Kamuela, HI 96743  
2/12/24

Aloha

I am writing to express my strong opposition to proposed bill SB3196 which aims to amend and add further prohibitions to the use of firearms in our state. As a Kama'aina born and used in Hawai'i 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.

Additionally, banning accessories and parts for firearms would further restrict the rights of law-abiding citizens without addressing the core issues 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.

Furthermore, banning parts for firearms would have a detrimental impact on responsible gun owners who rely on these parts for maintenance and repair of their firearms. Many gun owners take great care in maintaining their firearms and ensuring they are in proper working order. Banning parts would make it difficult or impossible for these individuals to keep their firearms in safe and operable condition. In conclusion, I urge you to oppose any legislation that seeks to ban semi-automatic rifles, shotguns, pistols, accessories, or parts. Instead, I urge you to 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 solutions that promote safety and security

in our communities without infringing upon our constitutional rights.  
Thank you for considering my views on this important issue.

Mahalo,

Terangi Benioni

**SB-3196**

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

Comments:

This submission is to OPPOSE SB3196.

I oppose of SB3196. This bill flies in the face of current and past opinions of the courts, AND more importantly, the Constitution of the United States of America. The right of it's citizenry to keep and bear all manner of arms is a protected right. The laws of this country do not give it's government the ability to furnish permission regarding the ownership and the use of arms. The Bill of Rights PURELY LIMITS the government's ability to infringe upon it's people. Time and again, the members of the state legislature beleive that they hold the power to ISSUE rights, instead of protecting them.

There will be much testimony submitted, highlighting spECIALLY the reasons why specific types of arms cannot be outlawed, owned or transferred. But the most important idea that the government needs to acknowledge, is that it is NOT their place, nor was it ever, within their purview to grant citizens permission to exercise their constitutionally protected rights.

The recent optinion by Hawaii's Supreme Court, stating that the Constitution of the United States of America need not be adhered to, indicates that the government and it's branches have lost their moral compass, and is willing to forsake freedom for personal opinion. This continuity of thought must be broken, and adherence to the basic laws must be reinstated. The right to Free Speech and Religion, the rights to congregate and protest, and the right to Keep and Bear Arms, along with the other amendments enumeratted in the Bill of Rights should be upheld with the same veracity and enthusiasm.

Do not let SB3196 continue to exist, and strike down similarly worded bills.

Sincerely,

Kent Kurihara

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 2:03:57 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose sb3196

you politicians are violating everyone's second amendment rights

again I oppose this bill!

Erin Lindsey

Big Island

February 12, 2024

Aloha

I am writing to express my strong opposition to proposed bill SB3196 which aims to amend and add further prohibitions to the use of firearms in our state. As a Kama'aina born and raised in Hawai'i and a staunch supporter of our constitutional rights, I firmly believe that such legislation would have detrimental effects on our society and individual liberties.

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Thank you for considering my views on this important issue.

Mahalo, Erin

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 2:04:31 PM

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

Comments:

Criminals don't follow laws, gun control does not work, why should a law abiding citizen suffer for criminals? Get them put in Jail and keep them their. Too many of them just getting a slap in the wrist, or let go cause state procecuter doesn't have the time to process.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 2:04:47 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Elizabeth Yee	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you for considering my comment with an open mind.

Please do not go through with this. If someone really wanted to hurt others, they would find a way, *regardless of the weapon*. Approving this may lead us down the path of implementing even more restrictions that would take away our freedoms to protect ourselves. If this passes, all this does is restrict law abiding citizens from defending themselves.

Respectfully, do you really think that criminals care about what gun or other weapon they're going to use? If they have it or they can get their hands on it, and they know it trumps other weapons that law abiding citizens will use, they're going to use it because it gives them an advantage to take what they want. They're criminals because they don't follow the law.

It's gruesome to think about, but what if someone forcibly enters your home with a weapon, rapes your partner and your kids, beats them, tortures them, and then kills them? What if they made you watch? No really. Sit and actually let your mind go to that awful place. You may not have the chance to get to the phone and call the police.

Unfortunately, that can very easily be anyone's reality.

What are you, a law abiding citizen, going to do in that situation after this bill passes? We can argue that people can still get other types of guns to protect themselves. But if the criminal is using it, shouldn't us law abiding citizens get to use it to protect ourselves, too? If people have the guns you're wanting to restrict, they should be able to use it. People should be able to defend themselves to *protect their lives* using whatever means necessary. Criminals don't play by the rules. Why should we have to when our lives are threatened?

If this bill passes, who do these restrictions actually serve?

Thank you for taking the time to read and consider my comment.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 2:10:40 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This Bill is an attack on our Constitution and our rights as American citizens, and an attack against our own ability to protect ourselves in our own homes. This legislature is working against the people not for the people. Law abiding citizens have the right to bear arms and the continuing infringement upon our second amendment rights will not be tolerated. Passing this bill would weaken the people and make non law enforcement citizens targets for those who are not abiding by the law and still have access to illegal firearms. The 2nd amendment is clear in "the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed upon", the passing of this bill would clearly infringe on the 2nd amendment. Those who have introduced this bill and support it are against the American people and would like to see our society fall to its knees and submit to government control. We must fight against this unconstitutional, anti American, totalitarian regime that has become Hawaii government or face a future where the constitution is something of the past. Just like the Hawaii government said "The thing about the old days, they the old days" -The Wire: Home Rooms (HBO television broadcast September 24, 2006) (season 4 episode 3). Which paints the picture that our Constitution means nothing to them because it's "old". These career politicians do not represent Hawaii and should be embarrassed. There is no room for tolerance when it comes to dismantling our fundamental rights and the rights of the people. Those who have a conscience and know what is right are opposed to this bill and any other bill that stands to infringe on any of our rights. It's time to stand against the corrupt state of Hawaii take back the government and make them serve the people.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 2:13:51 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Cyerra Aiona-Owings	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. The complete overreach of the government on our 2A rights here in Hawaii is unconstitutional.

**SB-3196**

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

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I have never heard of a crime being committed with a .50 cal. weapon. All the changes that you want to make are, comfort, for shooting items, and criminals do not use them. An assault weapon is misclassified. An assault weapon is fully automatic. Bad guys out on bail, released early from prison or out on bail are the ones committing crimes not good citizens.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 2:23:33 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

What is the purpose of banning commonly-owned firearms when the statistics have shown that Hawaii is able to keep firearm deaths to an absolute minimum while these firearms have remained in the lawful possession of the public all this time? Furthermore, there is are no statistics that prove “semi auto rifles” are the weapons utilized in the commission of reported crimes, while it remains publicly known that HANDGUNS remain the primary weapon utilized in reported murders and assaults regarding firearms.

These laws will punish me a honest hard working law abiding citizen.

## **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 paramount, the proposed ban on “high-capacity” (standard-capacity) magazines may inadvertently affect responsible gun owners who use them for lawful purposes.
- 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,

Keir B. Negron

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**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 2:32:12 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Here we go again! I strongly OPPOSE this bill. You want to trample on our rights and privileges as law-abiding citizens. You are violating our constitutional rights and ignoring rulings of the Supreme Court of the United States. Firearmrs are not the problem, it's a "people" problem. Everybody knows that, but it's easier to go after the "low-hanging fruit." When criminals misuse firearms, you take firearms away from the law-abiding citizen, because it's easier than addressing the real problem. This bill is just another attempt to "hang the hardware," and it will do nothing to reduce crime.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 2:37:03 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This is absolutly unconstitutional. You folks are proposing legislation that is in direct opposition of the highest law of the land. Our rights to bare arms shall not be infringed upon. You all ought to be ashamed of yourselves.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 2:38:00 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Dear Legislators,

I am writing to urge you to strongly oppose Hawaii Senate Bill 3196 (SB 3196), which proposes stricter regulations on firearm ownership and limitations on self-defense rights. This bill has the potential to infringe upon our Second Amendment rights by imposing unnecessary restrictions on law-abiding citizens.

Here are some key reasons why I believe SB 3196 should NOT pass:

1. **Impact on Second Amendment Rights:** SB 3196 threatens our constitutional right to keep and bear arms. By imposing additional restrictions on gun ownership, this bill undermines the freedoms guaranteed by the Second Amendment.
2. **Limitations on Self-Defense:** Passage of SB 3196 could hinder the ability of law-abiding citizens to protect themselves and their families. It is essential that individuals have access to firearms for self-defense purposes, especially in situations where law enforcement may not be readily available.
3. **Unnecessary Regulations:** SB 3196 introduces unnecessary regulations that target responsible gun owners without effectively addressing the root causes of violence. Instead of penalizing law-abiding citizens, policymakers should focus on implementing measures that address mental health issues and promote responsible gun ownership.

Together, we can protect our Second Amendment rights and ensure the safety and security of our communities.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Charlie White

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 2:39:20 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 magazing ban will make almost all gun owners into felons. This bill not only punishes gun owning citizens, but the 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**

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill because this is against our second amendment rights as a United States citizen.

**SB-3196**

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

Comments:

I opposed this bill.

**SB-3196**

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<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**

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

Comments:

Aloha,

As an hawaiian and American citizen , I am writing in opposition of 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 of Hawaii. This bill is not only unfair, but extremely vague and 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 magazing ban will make almost all gun owners into felons. This bill not only punishes gun owning citizens, but the 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".

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Our rights are already being infringed 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.

I would like to remind you that Hawaii is still a state of the Union and as such the Supremacy clause of the US constitution (article VI, Clause 2) establishes that the US Constitution is the Supreme Law of the Land. Furthermore, The Supreme Court has upheld that citizens have the right to protect themselves.

**SB-3196**

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

Comments:

This goes against the constitution and a citizen's right to bear arms. Guns are an important right and necessary for the defense of individuals, businesses, and lawful citizens. I oppose this bill! Taking away guns doesn't stop criminals, it only leaves citizens defenseless.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 2:53:11 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Why should a law abiding citizen be penalized on the crimes of a criminal. You council members live in a fantasy land where you think that baning these firearms will eliminate gun crimes, cause it wont it will ultimately victimize all the law abiding people while the criminals run rampage on us. You guys put so much resstrictions on the people but not on criminals, cops take forever to help when called and when things get stolen reports get lost in the thousands of reports made because CRIMINALS dont follow the law that you council members pass thru the house. Yet you try to infringe on our constitutional rights to bear arms to protect ourselves. BUT YOU CAN ALSO TAKE AWAY OUR RIGHTS TO VOTE FOR A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE AS WELL. Sad to say but the people passing these laws are the real crinnimals. I oppose this bill and everything that supports this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 2:53:18 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christy Kajiwarra Gusman	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Christy Kajiwarra Gusman and I am the Director for the Hawaii Youth Livestock Association. Our Organization teaches KIDS (and Parents) Firearms Safety Classes in the State of Hawaii for the past 5 years , we begin children from the age of 7 years old. I myself am an NRA Certified Instructor in Multiple Disciplines. We operate the Ukumehame Firing range in Maui County 2 days per month. This bill would hinder our operations as a lot of the proposed firearms that would be covered under the categories you are proposing are ones that we use for many of our programs, ie: the Ruger 10/22. This is one of the best and safest firearms for teaching children to PROPERLY SAFELY use a firearm.

Our program kills the curiosity of firearms and teaches responsibility and respect for safety and authority.

I also operate a local ranch here in Maui county and we use our firearms for wild pig and Deer eradication. As you are aware the deer problem here in Maui County is out of control and this would make it more difficult for farmers and ranchers to cure the issue. You cannot support us on by offering "bounties" for deer tails but expect us to shoot them with rocks or cameras.

My suggestion instead of penalizing responsible citizens why don't you make the punishment for criminals more severe.

This type of legislation disappoints me especially because there is many of you, like this bill's introducer Senator Kouchi, and others got your start with the plantation people supporting your campaigns with Smoke Meat and Lau Lau/Kalua pig fundraisers. Shot, made and donated by local community workers who were also hunters, Have you forgotten where you come from and those who got you started?

I would like to invite you and your staff to please contact me at (808) 870-3219 and come and see our program perhaps sit through one of our classes. Even if "Gun Ownership" is not on your list Getting educated should be.

I STRONGLY OPPOSE this bill.

Mahalo Piha,

Christy Kajiwara Gusman

(808) 870-3219

Wailuku Maui Hawaii

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 2:54:14 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this legislation. It will do nothing to curb any violence and only punished the law abiding. This will not allow me to best protect myself and family from harm.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 2:54:43 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Thomas Nikko Allen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**Aloha, I oppose SB 3196. This piece of legislation is poorly written and disregards all basic firearms logic. Why should basic safety features such as a barrel shroud be removed from a firearm? Pistol grips are simply a matter of stock design, nothing more. All firearms with detachable magazines would be banned as they can accept mags with an ammunition capacity that is greater than 10 rounds—it's simple mechanics. This bill will effectively ban almost all modern firearms with better safety features due to their basic design. This bill is overstepping the constitution and seeks to destroy the rights of the citizens of the state of Hawaii. Mahalo.**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 2:58:40 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please protect our families. Please protect our kupuna. Please protect our law enforcement officers.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 3:00:42 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dwaynnalynn Anzai	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dwaynnalynn Anzai

64-5067 Kalake St

Kamuela, Hi 96743

02/12/2024

Aloha

I am writing to express my strong opposition to proposed bill SB3196 which aims to amend and add further prohibitions to the use of firearms in our state. As a Kama'aina born and used in Hawai'i 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.

Additionally, banning accessories and parts for firearms would further restrict the rights of law-abiding citizens without addressing the core issues 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.

Furthermore, banning parts for firearms would have a detrimental impact on responsible gun owners who rely on these parts for maintenance and repair of their firearms. Many gun owners take great care in maintaining their firearms and ensuring they are in proper working order. Banning parts would make it difficult or impossible for these individuals to keep their firearms in safe and operable condition.

In conclusion, I urge you to oppose any legislation that seeks to ban semi-automatic rifles, shotguns, pistols, accessories, or parts. Instead, I urge you to 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 solutions that promote safety and security in our communities without infringing upon our constitutional rights.

Thank you for considering my views on this important issue.

Mahalo, Dwaynnalynn Anzai

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 3:00:57 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I understand what you think this bill is supposed to "prevent." But in reality, you're only taking away my right to defend myself and my family using a tool that I believe is my best option.

Guns don't kill people,.. people kill people. The criminals and/or mentally disturbed people commit horific crimes, These horific crimes are being headlined for their evil acts,.. the media takes those evil events and exploits them for viewership,.. then the law abiding citizens are looked at as the crazies who just want a gun to hurt people. I want a gun to help protect people, protect myself, protect my family. I oppose this bill on my behalf as well as all the other law abiding citizens who own guns. Thank you

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 3:06:49 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This is another unconstitution bill that is once again attempting to be passed by our elected officials that swore an oath to uphold and defend and yet do not.

Once again you all try to pass something you know will not pass as it goes to the SCOTUS just like the gun bill you passed last session. I cannot seem to think that this is more of a virtue signal as you know this is not constitutional by any means, yet we go down this road year after year.

Disappointing.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 3:06:58 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose bill. SB3196 is nothing more than a clear infringement upon the 2nd Amendment and Article 1, Section 17 of Hawaii Constitution and Bill of Rights.

It is our right to Keep and Bear Arms no matter what form the arms may take. And it is the duty of the Elected Officials as Public Servants to uphold and protect these rights. Not take it away and Abolish it.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 3:09:08 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This legislation is poorly written with politically-loaded definitions that have no basis in fact or relevance in regulating firearms.

An adequate civil defense requires the ability of citizens to secure and protect ourselves and our property. Law enforcement will never have the capacity to provide the protection required on the scale of a civil defense emergency and is in fact reliant on the ability of the average private citizens to provide basic security of their premises.

Oct 7, 2023 is a stark reminder of what happens when a population is lulled into complacency. When we have thousands of illegal border crossing of unknown origin, the potential for such an incident happening is even higher.

Protecting one another is ALOHA. Depriving us of our rights and ability to defend and protect one another is NOT ALOHA.

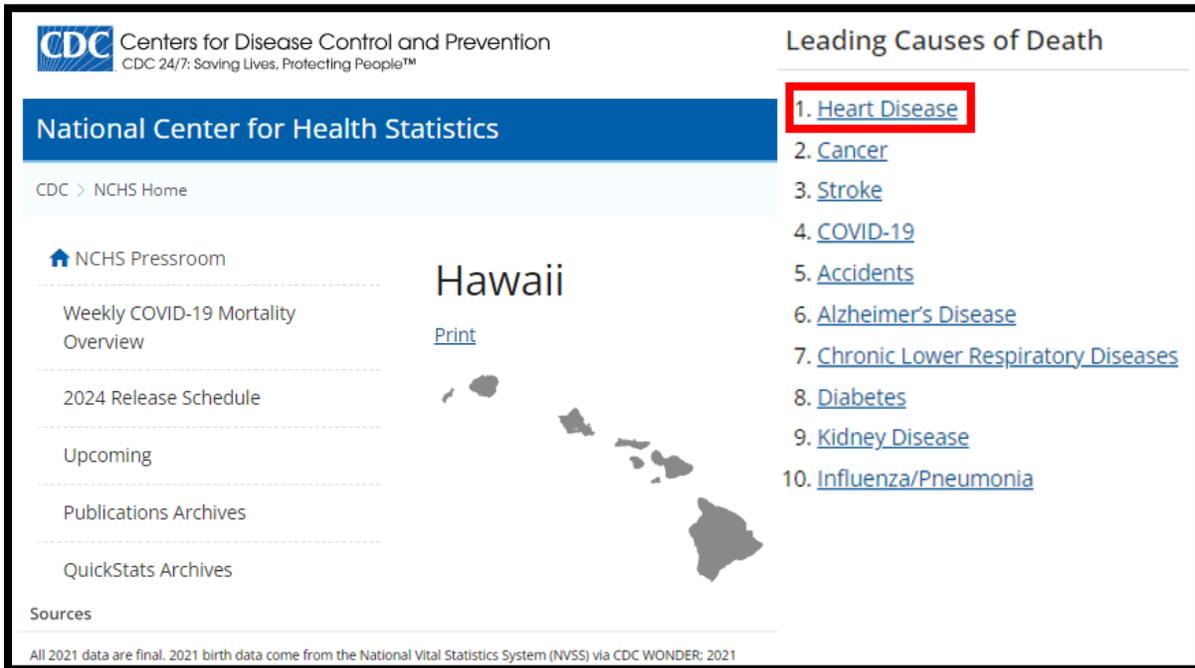
Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair  
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair  
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs  
Hearing: Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.  
Regarding: **SB3196 (Relating to Firearms)**  
**Voter Position: OPPOSITION**

Senators of the JDC Committee,

I express my **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 from a private-interest lobby organization reveals that **SB3196** is sponsored by a private interest group that does not represent the entirety of Hawaii's actual legislative constituency. Moreover, Section 1 of **SB3196** skews Centers for Disease Control data by leaving out the fact that heart disease is still the leading cause of death in the state. Such blatant omission demonstrates manipulative disingenuity. If public safety is the true priority, then this Legislature should focus legislative efforts to mitigate heart disease since heart disease maintains its top-spot as the leading cause of death in the state. Anyone who examines the full CDC dataset on the CDC.gov website would be able to see that for themselves.



Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/pressroom/states/hawaii/hi.htm>

## 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 take any action 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 fulfillment 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 inappropriately named 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 fictional 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/regular 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 act.

### **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 can be achieved by enabling law enforcement to do their jobs by the state Legislature’s coordination with the City and County of Honolulu to ensure full staffing of the Honolulu Police Department. The state 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 tear-jerking emotion disguised as “common sense” legislation, peddled by private interest lobby groups. If something were truly common sense, there would be no need for legislation since every individual would be applying the so-called common-sense activity within their daily lives.

Thank you for taking the time to review this testimony.

Respectfully,

Ryan C. Tinajero

Constituent of **Senate District 23**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 3:10:00 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Roch Leblanc	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Roch Leblanc

68-3616 Lahilahi Street

Waikoloa, HI 96738

February 12th, 2024

Aloha

I am writing to express my strong opposition to proposed bill SB3196 which aims to amend and add further prohibitions to the use of firearms in our state. As a Kama'aina and used in Hawai'i 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.

Additionally, banning accessories and parts for firearms would further restrict the rights of law-abiding citizens without addressing the core issues 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.

Furthermore, banning parts for firearms would have a detrimental impact on responsible gun owners who rely on these parts for maintenance and repair of their firearms. Many gun owners take great care in maintaining their firearms and ensuring they are in proper working order. Banning parts would make it difficult or impossible for these individuals to keep their firearms in safe and operable condition.

In conclusion, I urge you to oppose any legislation that seeks to ban semi-automatic rifles, shotguns, pistols, accessories, or parts. Instead, I urge you to 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 solutions that promote safety and security in our communities without infringing upon our constitutional rights.

Thank you for considering my views on this important issue.

Mahalo,

Roch Leblanc

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 3:15:23 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Kyle Katase

PO Box 72, Kealahou, HI 96750

February 12th, 2024

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Thank you for considering my views on this important issue.

Mahalo,

Kyle Katase

**ATTN:** AQUINO, AWA, CHANG, DECOITE, DELA CRUZ, ELEFANTE, FEVELLA, FUKUNAGA, GABBARD, HASHIMOTO, IHARA, INOUE, KANUHA, KEOKOKLOLE, KIDANI, KIM, KOUCHI, LEE, MCKELVEY, MORIWAKI, RHOADS, RICHARDS, SAN BUENAVENTURA, SHIMABUKURO, WAKAI

**Hearing Date:** February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024. 1500 hours

**From:** Tyler Kramer, Community Member.

### **Testimony in OPPOSITION of SB3196**

In section 1 of SB3196, it is clearly stated by the Legislature that the State already has some of the strongest gun laws in the Nation. The State of Hawaii also has the third lowest number of gun deaths per capita. These findings make the assault weapons ban under SB3196 unnecessary.

In the recent gun violence over the course of 2023, not one was committed with legally possessed Assault Weapons. Only one of the eighteen shootings last year, less than 6%, used any type of assault weapons platform. This one isolated incident used an unregistered and illegally obtained weapon. SB3196 if it was enacted previously would have done nothing to prevent this incident.

A ban on assault rifles in a state where no legally possessed assault rifles have ever been used in any crime, would not have prevented last year's gun violence. A ban on Assault Shotguns in a place that has no history of gun violence using assault shotguns, would not have prevented last year's gun violence. A ban on weapons that fire .50 cal ammunition, in a place where there has been no violence using such costly ammunition, would not have prevented last year's gun violence. Considering SB3196 does nothing to prevent the past gun violence, it is useless and would have minimal to no impact on future gun violence.

States where similar bills have been enacted, have not seen a decrease in gun violence. It is my belief that the Legislature is intelligent enough to recognize SB3196 would have no impact on gun violence.

While I do applaud the Legislature's attempt to lower gun violence, SB3196 does no such thing. I am against the useless and needless restrictions on law-abiding citizens. I am against SB3196.

Respectfully,

Tyler Kramer



February 12, 2024

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 3:19:03 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support [SB3196](#), which amends the prohibition on certain assault weapons to include assault rifles, assault shotguns, .50 caliber rifles, and assault weapon attachments.

Doris Segal Matsunaga

Waimea, Hawai'i Island

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 3:20:47 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Thomas Joe Allen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**Aloha, I oppose SB 3196. This piece of legislation is poorly written and disregards all basic firearms logic. Why should basic safety features such as a barrel shroud be removed from a firearm? Pistol grips are simply a matter of stock design, nothing more. All firearms with detachable magazines would be banned as they can accept mags greater than 10 rounds—it's simple mechanics. This bill will effectively ban almost all modern firearms with better safety features due to their basic design. This bill is overstepping the constitution and seeks to destroy the rights of the citizens of the state of Hawaii. This bill is unconstitutional Mahalo.**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 3:20:55 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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: 2/12/2024 3:25:04 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196. This bill will further go against our constitutional rights. This defacto ban will not stop crime. Unless you as a legasilative body, law enforecement and state prosecutors dont follow through with your laws against criminals you will never curb any gun violence or amny tyoe of violence for that matter. Year after year the legislative body continues to defy the supreme court decisions of Bruen and Heller. When will you think about how your decisions affect the people of hawaii? The fight for hawaii does not come from the gun community it comes from the city and state to realize that crinnals are the problem and not the law abiding gun owners of hawaii.

Do you know how many people travel in and out of the islands to hunt, train and shoot in the mainland US? We would have no way to recieve training if we cant take our firearms in and out of the state. This clearly violates the second and 5th ammendment.

How will your law enforcement maintain thier firearms with this prohibition. We as gun owners will not be able to maintain our firearms which will create more of a safety issue.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 3:27:23 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Oppose

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 3:27:33 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I strongly oppose SB 3196. This bill goes against the Supreme Court rulings and is blatantly unconstitutional. I hope everyone in the state legislature decides to vote against this bill.

The District of Columbia v. Heller case established that firearms in common use can be owned by civilians and New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc. v. Bruen established that the government needs to show that a law coincides with the text, history, and tradition of the United States at the time of the Second Amendment's ratification. The firearms listed in SB 3196 are all very common and does not coincide with the text, history, and tradition of the Second Amendment. Not allowing civilians to possess an entire category of firearms goes against the Heller and Bruen cases.

SB 3196 violates the constitution, namely the Second Amendment. The Second Amendment 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. Basically, like other amendments such as the First Amendment it tells government what it is not allowed to do. The people have a right to keep (possess) and bear (carry) arms under the United States constitution. Hawaii, being one of those states has to comply with the constitution, even if the elected representatives do not like it. Furthermore, the Hawaii State Constitution Article 1 Section 17 is the exact same as the United States Constitution's Second Amendment. SB 3196 violates the United States Constitution and the Hawaii State Constitution. Neither document mentions that people may own only the arms the government gives them permission to.

I hope the elected representatives of Hawaii remember the oath they swore when they took office: I solemnly swear (or affirm), in the presence of Almighty God, that I will faithfully support the Constitution and laws of the United States, and conscientiously and impartially discharge my duties as a member of the legislature, or as an officer of the government of the Territory of Hawaii (as the case may be). I hope their word actualy means something to them and they vote against this bill. Voting for SB 3196 would violate their oath to support the Constitution.

Thank you,

Jordan Au



**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 3:43:37 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
allan almeida	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I respectfully submit testimony in strong opposition of SB 3196 in reference to prohibitions within this bill that goes against the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution.

My name is Allan Almeida and I have semi-auto firearms and served as 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.

The issues I have with SB 3196 is with the language of the term of assault weapon and the narrative of prohibiting those of us that have done everything required to own a firearm in Hawaii is a clear violation of our Second Amendment!

Classifying Semi-Auto Firearms as assault weapons is plain wrong in my opinion. In addition to what is outlined in the bill...there is no such firearm as an assault pistol!

As a firearms owner, I continue to pride myself in my safe handling of my firearms. I take owning a firearm very serious as every firearms owner should. And now, the State of Hawaii wants to enact a law that will punish responsible firearms owners!!

In closing, with Hawaii already having some of the strictest firearm laws in the United States, I strongly oppose SB3196 due to constitutionality of said bill.

Thank you for your time,

/s/ Allan ALMEIDA

Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii



**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 3:44:18 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kegan J Conway	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, Kegan Conway, fully oppose this bill as it is a direct attack on my rights as an American. This bill is built on greed and power hungry politicians with no logic or necessity behind it.

Kegan Conway

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 3:45:53 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

**I OPPOSE THIS BILL!**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 3:56:33 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee Members,

Please pass this bill. Help us close our loop holes in our assault weapons ban and keep our islands safer for our communities.

Mahalo,

Shannon M.

Hawai'i Island Resident

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 4:04:05 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill! This goes against the second amendment and my rights is an American.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 4:12:18 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

**Dear Senators,**

**My name is Samuel Lim and I am 16 years old. I am a constituent of Glenn Wakai’s district and I am strongly opposed to bill “SB3196 - Assault Weapon Ban” for the the following reasons:**

- 1. It is a direct infringement to our 2nd Amendment Right of bearing arms to protect the security of a free state. By placing this ban on nearly all semi-automatic rifles, semi-automatic shotguns, assault pistols, and magazines (10-rounds or more) and weapon parts; citizens are essentially unable to obtain and bear arms in order to defend themselves and keep a free state, as per the United States Constitution.**
- 2. Not being able to import weapon parts will make it hard to impossible for Hawaii citizens to repair and maintain their firearms.**
- 3. Gun Control laws in general don’t make sense. Why would a criminal, who by definition - breaks laws, follow and oblige to a new law put in place? Why would we create new laws for people who already break the existing laws? If this bill is passed, law-abiding citizens will no longer be able to defend themselves against criminals, who will still maintain guns, since criminals are not law-abiding.**

**For these reasons, I would like to ask the Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs Committee to kill the bill “SB3196 ”, in order to prevent the infringement of Hawaii citizen’s 2nd amendment rights.**

**Thank you for your time.**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 4:20:23 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Oppose

every citizen has a right to defend them selves. There is a gun in every hand of an enemy, good people don't kill bad people kill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 4:23:18 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jewel Carnett	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Lawmakers,

I am writing to urge you to strongly oppose Hawaii Senate Bill 3196 (SB 3196), which proposes stricter regulations on firearm owners and limitations on self-defense rights. This Bill has the potential to infringe upon our Second Amendment rights by imposing unnecessary restrictions on law-abiding citizens.

I believe SB 3196 should **not** be passed for these reasons:

1. It impacts on our Second Amendment Rights. It would threaten our constitutional right to keep and bear arms. By imposing additional restrictions on gun ownership, this Bill undermines the Freedoms guaranteed by the Second Amendment.
2. Limitations on self-defense: passage of SB 3196 could hinder the ability of law-abiding citizens to protect themselves and their families. When Law enforcement is not readily available, access to firearms for self-defense purposes is essential.
3. Unnecessary Regulations: SB 3196 introduces unnecessary regulations that target **responsible** gun owners without effectively addressing the root causes of violence. Instead of penalizing law-abiding citizens, policymakers should focus on implementing measures that address mental health issues and promote responsible gun ownership.

Together, we can protect our Second Amendment Rights and ensure the safety and security of all of our communities. Keep our Ohana safe! And keep Hawaii safe! Continue to spread our Aloha for generations to come.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration to this important matter!

Sincerely,

Jewel Carnett

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 4:31:47 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly disagree with this bill!! Please allow the people of Hawaii to protect themselves, thank you.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 4:34:30 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I'm submitting my testimony is opposition of SB3196. Hawai'i already has some of the strictest gun laws in the nation. This bill is a direct infringement on my second amendment rights and United States Constitution. I am a law-abiding citizen that has never committed any crimes. Yet, it seems that every time there is a shooting by a criminal who illegally possess a gun like the one on January 1st on Oahu, law abiding citizens are the ones who get punished for criminals' actions. Please wise up and realize that no matter how many laws you pass, criminals will still find ways to break the law and harm innocent people. Please do not take away my right to defend my family. Passing ridiculous bills such as this only hurt law abiding citizens and make criminals more emboldened. Look at New York or California for example that have by far the toughest gun laws in the nation. The crime in those states and cities are by also the worst in the nation.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 4:34:31 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Instead of making it harder than it already is to have access to firearms maybe the state legislator should focus more on keeping these firearms out of the hands of criminals! Do you think if this bill passes that all the people doing drive by shooting that been happening will stop!!?? The 2A is our right to bear arms and protect us and our family from anyone inteded to do harm or kill.

Just like the buy back gun program a few months ago, did that help the uptick of drive by shootings we've been having lately??

You know what stops a bad guy with a gun? A good guy with a gun.

**DO NOT PASS THIS BILL!!**

As a Hawaii resident and a strong supporter of the Second Amendment, I am against SB3196. This bill unfairly targets law-abiding citizens by further restricting their right to own firearms for self-defense and recreational purposes. It seeks to ban certain types of rifles, shotguns, and handguns, which encroaches upon our constitutional rights without effectively addressing the underlying issues contributing to violence. Criminals will continue to disregard such laws, leaving law-abiding citizens vulnerable. Additionally, limiting magazine capacities penalizes responsible gun owners. Instead of punishing law-abiding citizens, efforts should focus on holistic solutions, including mental health support, crime prevention measures, and promoting responsible gun ownership. SB3196 represents a misguided approach that undermines our fundamental freedoms.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 4:39:31 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose bill SB3196 as this would limit my ability to hunt properly. And like the bill states in the first paragraph- we are the ranked third lowest gun deaths in the states. Putting more of restrictions on guns would make providing for our families, off of our lands, harder. Putting more restrictions is a slippery slop into loosing out 2nd amendment rights all together. Thank you for you time.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 4:46:36 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 4:49:55 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 this bill it does not make any sense whatsoever and it will not stop or prevent more crimes In HAWAII NA so please please please do not pass this bill

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 4:52:33 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha kākou:

I am the current legal owner of an AR15 semi-automatic rifle. I safely utilize this rifle for hunting and home protection. Access to my firearm is not allowed to anyone but me. Our family lives in a rural part of Hawaii, where home protection is something we've strived to keep even with property theft, nearby assault/ murder, threat of home intrusion and personal injury, especially to my wife, two daughters, and young boys in my home. I do not live near a police station, and response time to my home by law enforcement is not quick. I oppose the prohibition of my firearm on the following points:

- The prohibition of the AR I own will eliminate my available firearms for hunting to none. I cannot by law hunt with pistols in Hawaii.
- Because of this prohibition, I will need to sell my AR at a price that will be vastly lower than purchase price, and buy a rifle for hunting that will cost me vastly more in Hawaii, requiring me also to spend money on new ammunition and training, which will deter me from purchasing new. I will then not have a rifle to deter home intrusion with a larger weapon like a long gun, which is visible from far away. It is also more effective through certain barriers around my home.
- The AR is a very comfortable firearm for my wife to use when I am unavailable/ incapacitated. She is proficient at using it and it is a firearm that is effective for her capabilities and frame.
- The look of an AR (the forward grips, the rails, the telescoping stock, the flash suppressor) do nothing to further the intensive nature of the firearm; frankly it's just a look. However, when people simply see my (an) AR, they are deterred from home invasion or adverse action toward my wife and children. This is not possible with a pistol; from afar a pistol is not as visible as the current firearm I have.
- The round limitation in magazine capacity will cause my firearm to be very difficult to use, and more limiting on law abiding citizens than on criminals.
- Criminals have simple access to the magazines beyond 10 rounds, and they will not give them up. I do not want to be forced to reload in an adverse situation where someone is trying to do harm to my wife or daughters. I want to be on a level playing field with them as they come for me or my children. These magazines provide peace of mind to me so I can sleep at night.

- Prohibition of these firearms will cause a panic and a fulfillment of a threat made by the far right in saying that "they [the government] are gonna come for your guns." This form of prohibition will be a fulfillment of that shallow threat, making it a certain reality.

Please reconsider this matter and do not pass this bill in its current form.

Me ka ha'aha'a

Keali'i Haverly

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 4:52:40 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
TOM LODGE	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To the Senate Committee on firearms.

SB3196 - STRENUOUSLY OPPOSE

HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE

SB3196 RELATING TO FIREARMS CONFISCATION

<https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/senate.aspx>

The second amendment applies to all 50 states, not at the discretion of each state, or individuals within that state. Secondly, many of us have had these firearms for decades without incident. This is a made-up problem with the intent to DISARM CITIZENS, THE VERY REASON FOR THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THWART TYRANICAL GOVERNMENTS... Like Hawai'i is bent on becoming.

[https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessions/session2024/bills/SB3196\\_.pdf](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessions/session2024/bills/SB3196_.pdf)

This bill pretty much excludes ownership of ANY SEMI-AUTOMATIC firearm in Hawai'i.

<https://constitutioncenter.org/the-Constitution/amendments/amendment-ii>

And as a refresher

Amendment II

A well-regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.

This has been AFFIRMED OVER AND OVER AND MOST RECENTLY WITH BRUIN. Rhodes is OVERSTEPPING HIS AUTHORITY and the States Authority by LARGE MEASURE. The purpose of the Second Amendment is NOT FOR HUNTING. It is to keep TYRANICAL GOVERNMENTS IN CHECK. Hawai'i is one of the LEAST FREEST STATES IN AMERICA.. and this is just expanding this tyranny. (Does Hawai'i have freedom?



The Aloha State ranked second-to-last for the 12th consecutive year in the libertarian research organization Cato Institute's Freedom in the 50 States Index. Since the organization began tracking state and local public policies tied to personal and economic freedoms, Hawai'i has never been out of the bottom five. (Nov 24, 2023)

### **Hawai'i receives low marks for economic, personal freedom**

The Amendment doesn't give the states the right to EXCLUDE typical firearm in COMMON USE... as provided by Bruin.

WE STRENUOUSLY OPPOSE this bill.

Thank you and Much Aloha.

Tom Lodge

Does Hawai'i have freedom?

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**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 4:53:44 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This is going against our 2nd amendment rights. This will only affect us law abiding citizens and will have no affect on the ones that break the law.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 4:55:19 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This is a clear violation of 2nd amendment rights. The terms "assault pistol", "assault rifle" and "assault shotgun" are ridiculous. Do we call knives used for attacks "assault knives"? Or people that use their hands to commit battery, "assault hands"? No.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 5:11:17 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 vigorously oppose this bill or any other bill like this that takes away the rights of the people to keep and bear arms.

All firearms are well suited under the 2nd Amendment Bill of Rights and the Hawaii State Bill which is copied word for word.

Whoever votes for this in favor of this bill will be in contempt of the people, US constitution, Bill of rights.

This bill is overly broad and vague as to what firearms are to be banned.

This will set up as only the police, gov't agencies, and the military will have firearms but I guess that is what you want. A police state.

You will find that people will not comply as in other states that have passed simiar bills into law.

How is it going to be enforced? Mass raids / warrants based on registrations?

Vote NO on this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 5:16:12 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose sb3196. It's another infringement against the law abiding citizens of Hawaii and will not be followed by criminals that will break the laws regardless of which or how many more rules or laws you enact. Focus should be on enforcing the ones already there and not being so soft on crime. The state would be better served by adding a stand your ground law for its armed law abiding citizens.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 5:17:36 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. You think this will solve the issue. You are taking our rights as law abiding citizens. You are taking away our rights to live freely. Have the right to choose what we want. Enough is enough!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 5:19:34 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

**Testimony before the SENATE COMMITTEE ON**

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**

**SB 3196**

**Relating to Firearms**

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

3:00 PM

State Capitol, Conference Room 225

Submitted by Susan A. Li

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Susan A. Li and I submit this testimony in support of SB 3196, Relating to Firearms.

Hawaii has a long history of strong and sensible gun regulation to protect its residents and visitors. However, current law fails to include assault rifles and shotguns in the list of prohibited assault weapons. This bill would correct this oversight and extend the prohibition on assault pistols to assault rifles and shotguns as well.

As recent history in our country has shown, many mass shootings are carried out with assault rifles. Prohibiting them from entering or being in our state will provide greater security and safety for us all.

Accordingly, I urge the committee to pass SB 3196. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 5:21:00 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am a private citizen and strongly support this bill. It pertains to weapons of war that belong in the military, not in ordinary, untrained citizens' hands. This bill will make Hawaii residents safer and less fearful of suffering the kind of mass shootings that so regularly and horrifically take place on the mainland. Thank you.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 5:22:08 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This is a poorly written piece of legislation fraught with issues. Why should something be banned because of a standard piece of safety equipment such as a shroud? Pistol grips are simple a matter of stock design, nothing more. All firearms with detachable magazines would in fact be banned as they can accept mags greater than 10 rounds. 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: 2/12/2024 5:23:32 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose 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.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 5:23:35 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

There is no such thing as an "assault" weapon. Assault is an action and firearms do not act on their own. It's called a rifle and many people own one legally. There is already a strict law for law abiding firearms owners and the capacity carry for magazines. Why make more laws on top of laws?

Criminals is who the legislature should make laws for make it so they actually go to jail when they commit crimes. Legal firearms owners are obeying LAWS. Criminals do not. Big difference.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 5:24:13 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha. Please stop criminalizing LEGAL gun ownership. Your laws DO NOT stop criminal activity. They only create victims of the citizens who are unable to protect themselves or their ohana.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 5:33:04 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill infringes on my constitutional rites I vehemently oppose it. Stop allowing scare tatics that are used to erode our civil liberties.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 5:39:45 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose sb3196. shall not be infringed

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 5:49:22 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 because it violates my 2nd amendment rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 5:53:18 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am against this bill any any other gun bans or magazine bans. This infringes on my Second Amendment rights as a US citizen and is unconstitutional. You would be seizing our private property and I would be disarmed from protecting myself and my Ohana.

30 round magazines are not high capacity, they are standard capacity. If three armed criminals come into my property with 10 round mags each that would equal 30 rounds against my 10 round magazine.

Criminals will always have guns and anything else they want. This law would only restrict law biding citizens. The "assault weapons" are NOT military grade full auto or burst fire but semi auto.

Mahalo.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 5:56:11 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This Bill is complete trash. All you are trying to do is hurt law abiding citizens. You are not allowing us to protect our selfs with the proper tools. You think guns are the problem?? NO!! Its HUMANS that are the problem. Mental illness is the issue. Spend more time trying to fix that issue instead of hurting law abiding citizens from the ability to protect themselves with the proper equipment from any enemy. Foreign or Domestic. Give us the opportunity to be able to defend ourselves in the absolute worst case scenereo. iStrongly oppose this Bill!!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 6:02:39 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Doug Pasnik	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: 2/12/2024 6:05:38 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I do not support this measure

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 6:08:46 PM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE SB3196

You politicians are VIOLATING mines and everyone eles 2nd Amendment Rights!

Again I OPPOSE THIS BILL!

The State of Hawii already has strict laws on this and the law abiding citizens have followed them. It is the individuals who do NOT follow the currnet laws that create these unlawful eventsl. Creating more laws will not stop the crimininals. They don't follow laws. If you keep doing this, you're only hurting the law-abiding citizens. And violating our 2A rights. The criminals endorse SB3196 because it will make it easier for them to harm the law-abiding citizens.

Respectfully

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 6:19:25 PM

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

Comments:

Dear Chair Wakai & committee members,

Thank you for this opportunity to offer **STRONG SUPPORT** for the passage of SB3196 and other legislative efforts to maintain public safety and carefully manage the number and types of guns available to residents in Hawaii particularly in the aftermath of the 2023 Supreme Court ruling.

I appreciate Hawai'i legislator's efforts to ensure Hawai's low rate of gun violence will be enjoyed by future generations. Most of my family, friends and neighbors strongly agree this is an important part of our local way of life.

Thank you.

Annette Taeko Mente

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 6:19:39 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this ridiculous unconstitutional bill.

There is no such thing as an assault rifle. Assault is an action and rifle is an inanimate object. Without a person the weapon cannot assault anything.

Guns have never been the problem.

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

Comments:

Hi I am a us citizen and I am opposed of the Bill SB3196. It disrupts our second amendment to bare arms. Criminals, by definition, do not obey the law. Gun control laws only affect us law-abiding people who go through legal paperwork to obtain firearms, background check, medical records. Criminals obtain their firearms through illegal channels and will never be deterred by state and federal laws. Statistics show Chicago and New York have the strongest gun laws in the United States but violent crimes is still an all time high. While gun owned and concealed carry states have the lowest rate. This bill is unconstitutional because it limits us one what we could use to protect ourselves, our family, our homes, and our island our ohana.

Thank you. Kevin P.

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

Comments:

Please pass SB3196 to strengthen Hawaii's ban on assault weapons. We are so fortunate to live in this state, one of the few places in the country where mass murders and injuries have not taken place at a school, a church or a popular community setting. The shooting of 7 people at Xerox more than 20 years ago pales by what has happened across the United States. But every loophole needs to be firmly closed if we are to maintain this admirable record. No average citizen has any legitimate use for assault rifles and large capacity magazines. They cannot be used in hunting and are certainly not needed for "self defense." Assault weapons are modeled on military weapons, capable of inflicting the greatest harm on the greatest number of people in the least time. I will never understand the rationale that the NRA and local gun advocates have for wanting such weapons but, no matter how vocal they are, please remember that they remain a small minority in our community and do not reflect who we are or how we want to live. Their right to have a weapon whose only purpose is mass injury or murder does not take precedence over the rights of the majority of Hawaii's citizens to live without fear of these kinds of weapons.

With much gratitude for your integrity in standing up to gun lobbies.

Jennifer Taylor

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

Comments:

2nd amendment right to bear arms. Oppose this unconstitutional bill

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

Comments:

I support SB3196 prohibiting the sale or possession of military style assault weapons including rifles, assault shotguns, large caliber rifles and the sale of possession of attachments that can modify guns to fire as an assault weapon.

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 6:26:13 PM

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

Comments:

This bill is UNconstitutional! As a citizen of the United States, I should be able to protect myself, my family , and my property. This ban is passing the line of infringement upon our personal and constitutional rights!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 6:26:23 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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.

1. 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 “assault rifles and assault 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.
2. Semiautomatic rifles/shotguns and high-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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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: 2/12/2024 6:26:40 PM

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

Comments:

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In opposition of SB3196

The second amendment in the bill of rights 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 Second Amendment, in order for the role it plays in our to society to be fully understood, must be contemplated in the same way that the Founding Fathers contemplated its creation so many years ago. The need for the Second Amendment rose from the need of the American people to feel safe and secure in the country they had built on the idea of independence, and to have the means to defend themselves, their families, and their rights against all who might try to stand in the way of their freedom – including National Security. The Founding Fathers disliked the idea of large, powerful, standing armies, who had the ability to seize power from the unarmed American people and thrust America into government tyranny at any time – the same sort of government tyranny that they had just sailed across the ocean to escape.

Not only does the Second Amendment provide citizens with peace of mind that they can protect themselves against the authority, but it also allows citizens to protect themselves from fellow Americans, should the need arise. Firearms help to create a level playing field for all people, regardless of their age, size, gender, or even disability. Because we have the ability to carry arms, dangerous people no longer have the ability to pick and choose “easy” victims due to their lesser size or strength. No matter who you are, an added measure of security can make all the difference in a dangerous situation.

Law abiding, sane, moral people need the right to bear arms to protect themselves, and SB3196 will undermine these ideas and the 2nd ammendment

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 6:34:10 PM

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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.

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 6:37:27 PM

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

Comments:

I'm a real person who took the time to create an account and testify against this illegal bill, not a copy/paste name to boost numbers for support of this bill, this goes against the supreme courts Bruens decision and will be overturned wasting our tax dollars, please put forth a bill that goes after criminals and not law abiding citizens , thank you

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 6:39:27 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kimberly Abaricia	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

As an ardent defender of our Second Amendment rights, I vehemently oppose any proposed ban on assault rifles and pistols. The Second Amendment is not merely a relic of the past; it is a vital safeguard of our individual freedoms and a bulwark against tyranny.

Our Founding Fathers understood the importance of an armed populace in preserving liberty and deterring government overreach. The right to bear arms is a fundamental aspect of our American identity, rooted in the principles of self-defense and individual sovereignty.

Furthermore, banning assault rifles and pistols would unjustly punish law-abiding citizens who responsibly exercise their constitutional rights. The vast majority of gun owners are law-abiding individuals who use their firearms for lawful purposes, including self-defense, recreation, and hunting. Any attempt to curtail their rights is a direct affront to the principles of liberty and justice upon which our nation was founded.

Moreover, it is essential to recognize that firearms are merely tools and do not possess intrinsic moral qualities. The focus should be on addressing the root causes of violence, such as mental illness, poverty, and social alienation, rather than scapegoating firearms themselves.

Additionally, history has shown that gun bans are ineffective at reducing crime and violence. Criminals, by definition, do not adhere to laws and will continue to obtain firearms through illegal means regardless of any bans or restrictions imposed. Thus, such measures only serve to disarm law-abiding citizens while emboldening criminals.

In conclusion, the proposed ban on assault rifles and pistols represents a dangerous encroachment on our Second Amendment rights and fails to address the underlying issues contributing to violence in our society. Instead of infringing upon our constitutional freedoms, we should focus on implementing evidence-based solutions that promote responsible gun ownership, enhance mental health services, and address the root causes of violence. Only through a balanced and comprehensive approach can we truly safeguard both our rights and our communities.

Mahalo,

kimmy Abaricia

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ryan Kilkenny	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.

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 6:44:54 PM

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<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

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

Comments:

As a concerned American citizen, and military Veteran, passing said bill would be an infringement on American rights and the 2nd amendment of the United States Constitution. I oppose said bill that would increase the amount of laws against American citizens rights. I personally own weapons, however, have been professionally trained and certified to handle, care for, and utilize firearms. Specifically, weapon attachments do nothing to the weapons lethality, the weapon is still a weapon. I also participate in Airsoft, which is a great hobby and sport much like paintball. Being able to own and purchase weapon attachments is what allows us to be able to have fun and create our own kits (gear setup) that we all love and enjoy, suppose it is a "fantasy". All types of people from all over the world utilize Airsoft for sport and pass time activity. Furthermore, with Airsofts non-lethality, it allows us to use it as a great opportunity and training aid to be able to teach kids, teens, and adults alike about weapons safety, personal defense, team building skills, leadership skills, and much more! All in all, passing this bill would not only be hindering the vast communities and population that own, and utilize firearms for training, recreation, or hobby. It would also be disadvantageous to the rest of the communities that play the non-lethal sport of Airsoft. I would like reiterate, I am an American Veteran, and I oppose bill SB3196.

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 6:51:47 PM

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

Comments:

This bill does nothing to deter criminals from obtaining firearms illegally, nor does it serve to make the people of Hawaii safer. Bans such as these have been put in place in California, and have not made a measurable difference in public safety.

Restricting the ability of good hearted, taxpaying, law abiding citizens to exercise our Second Amendment rights is not only a violation of lawmakers duties to uphold the Constitution, it is a direct assault on the freedom and liberty that makes this country the greatest nation in the history of the world.

Additionally, this bill and gun control laws like these will empower criminals and make the people of this state vulnerable and unable to protect themselves and their loved ones without facing harsh penalties. Every human being has an inherent right to protect life by any means necessary. That is where infringing upon the Second Amendment is just senseless politics.

I expect better efforts from our elected officials. Not just copying California's ill conceived ideas and pretending like those laws actually protect the people.

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 6:54:21 PM

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

Comments:

This bill is ridiculous and goes against the constitution of the United States. As a free people we demand the right to bear arms according to the second amendment. Do not pass this bill!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:01:09 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 Hawai‘i, 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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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:06:18 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

There's a 2A for a good reason !

I OPPOSE SB3196

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:06:52 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose sb3196

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Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I Strongly oppose SB3196.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tyler Foster	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.

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:14:31 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Hawaii is making it more and more difficult for law abiding citizens to be able to protect themselves and exercise their second amendment rights. This is not right.

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:17:20 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am a Hunter, Homesteader and a law, abiding gun owner I oppose this bill

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:17:45 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

As a concerned law abiding citizen I hate to see you trying to take away more of our rights. Continuing to try and punish law abiding responsible gun owners is not the right move. Did you guys not take an oath to uphold the constitution of the United States of America? Disgusting behavior.

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:18:00 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Honorable Members of the Committee,

I am submitting this testimony to express my strong opposition to Hawaii Bill SB3196. This bill proposes significant and unconstitutional amendments to firearm regulations in our State of Hawaii. This bill will unjustly infringe upon the rights of law-abiding citizens. 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. 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.

The proposed expansion of the definition of assault weapons is incorrect. There is no such thing as an assault weapon. Not even the military calls any weapon an “assault” anything. All we were ever taught in the Army was that it’s not a gun, those are on ships. It’s your rifle. “Assault weapon” is a media created hype term. A pen, pencil, tree branch, coffee cup, etc. can all be used to assault a person and cause severe injury including death. The imposition of new restriction on firearm ownership represent a clear infringement on the Second Amendment rights of all law-abiding citizens. The right to keep and bear arms is a fundamental constitutional right and as with all within the Bill of Rights, should not be infringed.

To enhance public safety, you need to address the root causes of any and all violence in our communities. Instead of targeting law-abiding citizens of which some are firearm owners, the focus should address mental health issues, socio-economic disparities (high cost of living), and imposing harsh penalties for criminals that commit violent crimes. Penalties should be compounded for repeat offenders as they are proving they need to be separated from what could be a civil society.

The proposed restrictions of firearms would disproportionately impact law-abiding citizens 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. The restrictions will have absolutely no effect on criminals. By the definition of criminals, they do not follow laws. Illegal firearms most likely have origins from outside of the State. This has increased because the State of Hawaii sends its incarcerated to Saguaro in Arizona where they now gain affiliations with mainland gangs and cartels. When they return to Hawaii, they keep those affiliations. Ask any HPD Officer if the sending inmates to Saguaro has had an effect on Hawaii crime. If we can

spend billions on the rail, we can spend a few million for prisons here where family can visit their loved ones and maybe reform them.

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 will a different tool. As stated previously by the definition of the word Criminal, they do not follow laws. 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. How many convictions is too much? My daughter was stabbed multiple times by a first offender who clearly had mental health issues. Who knows what he is learning at Saguaro. All we know is he is coming back. And he said he won't forget us. And you want to restrict my right to defend myself? Read the statistics on how accurate Police are in shooting situations. Less than 35%! And they are professionals. The criminal will 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.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:22:10 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

To whom this may concern:

I strongly oppose bill 3196SB.

V/R,

Sara Chase

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:25:12 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kawika Domagalski	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Kawika Domagalski, I am writing this to oppose SB3196.

To start, this bill is unconstitutional regardless on how we feel about it. A sentence in the Second amendment in our constitution states that our firearms "Shall not be infringed", this bill is a huge infringement as if our second amendment rights are not already being infringed.

Growing up my grandpa was a Los Angeles police officer for 30 years. He obviously saw a lot of gun crimes in the city during the 1980's and 1990's. With Los Angeles being a famous state with strict gun laws, it did not do anything to help lower the gun crime rate at all. My grandpa always taught us to protect our selves because you never know when a person is gonna harm you, or the people you love around you, and police can't always there to aid you in a split second.

My point being is mainly, most of the states with strict firearm laws usually have the highest gun crimes (LA, Chicago, NY, ect.) so if your goal is to restrict guns to lower gun crimes, statistically, it's not gonna work. Most mass shootings happen is "gun free zones". Out of all the firearm related arrest my grandpa did in his years of being in the police department, almost 100% of the firearms was not registered, not counting the self defense shooting from people protecting them selves from home invaders. This law(SB3196) will only be infringing law abiding people to exercise their 2A rights. Criminals WILL always get what ever they want because simply, they don't follow the law.

Mahalo for your time.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:27:50 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Rifles 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. banning assault weapons will not reduce crime and will only lead to the erosion of the right to bear arms.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:28:03 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill and you are violating our 2nd amendment rights!!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:30:30 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha, to who it may concern.

This bill to ban and regulate any firearms and very unconstitutional and it is against our rights to bear arms. I Allen Surbida, oppose this bill and we citizens should be able to keep our firearms .

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:33:41 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. As a responsible firearm owner I don't want this bill to impose restrictions on guns for law abiding citizens. This bill won't put any restrictions on criminals obtaining illegal firearms. Also, these restrictions will only impose greater restrictions for the possible future.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:35:12 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

The Supreme Court has already ruled that our constitutional rights to bear arms shall not be infringed. We should be able to constitutional carry. We shouldn't even need a concealed carry license. There is no such thing as an assault rifle. We have the right to bear arms. Stop trying in infringe on our constitutional rights!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:37:38 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I hope for no ban because I feel the people should practice their rights to bare arms. It allows people to protect their family's from harm properly . A rifle is a rifle, there should not be any difference other than model, make , and caliber. I don't think law abiding citizens should be punished for unlawful acts made by irresponsible individuals.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:37:40 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Creating new laws is not the answer,... we need to focus on enforcing current laws. Criminals will use any type of guns they can get hands on. And why should we take that away from law abiding citizens? It don't make any sense?

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:40:36 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Reuel C Reyel	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

*Aloha! I appreciate this opportunity to share my thoughts in writing.*

My name is **Reuel Reyel**, a proud citizen of **Ewa Beach**, and I want to express my opposition to **SB3196**, a bill related to firearms.

Hawaii stands out as one of the states with the **strongest gun safety laws** in the nation and boasts one of the **lowest gun deaths per capita**. I wholeheartedly support the legislature’s commitment to safeguarding the safety and well-being of its citizens. Having personally purchased rifles last year, I can attest that the process is both **extensive and necessary**. Responsible gun ownership remains paramount, and the existing laws are well-designed to promote this.

However, my disagreement lies in the concept of **disarmament** and the potential disregard for our **Second Amendment rights**. Stripping law-abiding gun owners of rifles—often used for lawful purposes and rarely involved in crimes—does not enhance citizen protection. Instead, it diminishes our ability to safeguard ourselves, our families, our communities, and our property.

As Amy Swearer, Senior Legal Policy Analyst at the Heritage Foundation, aptly stated: *“Nothing in the data about gun violence in the United States or the technical aspects of semi-automatic firearms supports a policy of disarming responsible gun owners.”* This sentiment holds true, especially in Hawaii. According to the **Center for Disease Control (CDC)** and the **Educational Fund to Stop Gun Violence**, the majority of the 62 gun-related deaths in 2019 were due to suicide (66%), with only a fraction (23%) attributed to homicides. Let us focus on comprehensive solutions that address the root causes of violence while respecting our constitutional rights.

Moreover, **GunViolenceArchive.org**, an independent data collection and research group unaffiliated with any advocacy organization, highlights another critical issue: the lack of comprehensive data on gun violence. Public information provided from news media and law enforcement reports often fails to disseminate details about the types of weapons used in criminal incidents. Through GunViolenceArchive, only one case directly identifies an **AK47**—specifically, the most recent manhunt involving **Sidney Tafokitau**, which resulted in injuries to two of our own HPD officers and a 39-year-old woman he was supposedly associated with.

Further analysis of data from **January 1, 2000, to February 12, 2024**, reveals six known rifle-related incidents. Among these, three involve “assault-style” weapons: the recent Tafokitau incident, the 2017 Club Alley Cat incident, and the 2019 Shipyard incident. Two incidents were related to burglary and robbery, with no injuries or shootings involved. Within the same date range, only one shotgun-related incident is noted—from 2015 on **Kamehameha IV Rd**, resulting in the death of the suspect.

The lack of evidence does not align proportionately with legislative responses regarding the legal ownership of rifles and shotguns, whether “assault-style” or otherwise. It underscores a lack of awareness regarding firearms such as the **AR-15** or the **AK-47** and their modes of regulation—both legally and technically—that make them safe and useful for law-abiding citizens.

I, too, have recently acquired an AR-15 and a slide-action shotgun for both recreation, sport, and home defense. God willing, I will never have to use either in self-defense to save my own life. I would rather however like the option to than be subject to the mercy of any would be assailants.

Thank you for allowing me to voice my perspective.

Sincerely,

**Reuel Reyel**

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:41:07 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I appose the bill because it is unconstitutional.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:41:19 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly opposed BS3196. It is not right, We civilians who strictly follow rules and go through the process obtaining our firearms legally should not be punished and taken our right to bear arms. Criminals will be more likely to commit crimes if they know that US civilians are not armed and no way to defend ourselves against them.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:42:08 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Hello,

This bill proposed is an infringement on our rights as citizens of the United States of America. Owning weapons for self preservation and recreation is our God given rights and any attempt at restricting or controlling them is a violation of said rights.

I am an avid competition shooter and use firearms responsibly, and it shows that shooting is not only for self defence but also for recreation as well. It is a great way of building a community as with any hobby, in which there is many different sports. Trap and Skeet, Hunting, precision rifle competition, NRA high power rifle, action pistol which is run by the United States Practical Shooting Association, 3 Gun Matches, and there are many more types of shooting sports. Passing this bill will negatively affect all of these different type of sports and will disenfranchise many responsible gun owners.

Owning an AR-15 or any "assault style" weapon should not be restricted to civilians, this is necessary for the security of a free state. Having an effective means of self defense is an inherit right for all of us. Please do not pass this proposed law and do not let our rights be taken away.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:44:38 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Steven Foth	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: 2/12/2024 7:45:31 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
sherry fisher	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 holes in Hawaii's Assault Weapons Ban and protect citizens properly

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.

Please help keep Hawaii safe from this senseless violence.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:47:10 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:47:16 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose. As our second amendment does say the right to bear arms I agree with the second amendment rights.

second amendment of the United States 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."

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:48:10 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am a law abiding citizen.

The 2nd Amendment protects my right to carry a firearm so that I may protect myself.

Bills like this do not support my rights as an

American Citizen.

Bills like this actively restrict my rights and the rights of all Americans.

These laws empower and encourage criminals.

The average police response time can be anywhere from 3 minutes to 15 minutes, by that time I could be beaten, raped or killed.

Do not restrict my ability to protect myself or my family.

It is your responsibility to encourage your citizens to protect themselves and their community.

Unless your goal is to make your citizens victims.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:48:33 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose bill SB3196 because it is unconstitutional!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:49:54 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please OPPOSE SB3196 in its entirety. This is just another way to eliminate the 2nd amendment of the US Constitution. The language bans all semi automatic firearms without the visuals of eliminating the right to keep and bear arms. Look at other jurisdictions that are being taken to court on similar bans. Don't let Hawaii be another California. These laws will only affect the law abiding and not the criminals. OPPOSE SB3196 in its entirety please.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:49:59 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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.

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:50:02 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose bill 3196 sb.

Charlie Lindsey

Big Island

February 12, 2024

Aloha

I am writing to express my strong opposition to proposed bill SB3196 which aims to amend and add further prohibitions to the use of firearms in our state. As a Kama'aina born and raised in Hawai'i 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.

Additionally, banning accessories and parts for firearms would further restrict the rights of law-abiding citizens without addressing the core issues 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.

Furthermore, banning parts for firearms would have a detrimental impact on responsible gun owners who rely on these parts for maintenance and repair of their firearms. Many gun owners take great care in maintaining their firearms and ensuring they are in proper working order. Banning parts would make it difficult or impossible for these individuals to keep their firearms in safe and operable condition.

In conclusion, I urge you to oppose any legislation that seeks to ban semi-automatic rifles, shotguns, pistols, accessories, or parts. Instead, I urge you to 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 solutions that promote safety and security in our communities without infringing upon our constitutional rights.

Thank you for considering my views on this important issue.

Mahalo, Charlie

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:52:43 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

The prohibition on semi-automatic rifles or any weapon is unconstitutional. Instead of the State looking into banning any weapons, they should look into how these underage people or make background checks more strict. How about the state looking into its own corrupt system and improving the lives of its people instead of making it worse.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 7:52:55 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB 3196. I reserve the right to choose my choice of firearm to acquire. Hawaii's attempt to infringe on my 2A constitutional right is unacceptable, and wrong.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:02:16 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196. It is an infringement on our second amendment rights. Thank you for your time.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:02:20 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

**I DO NOT agree with this bill!**

This bill will go against my 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”

2nd amendment Protects my **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 and for recreational activities like hunting to provide food for my family. Hunting goes back generations in my family. Creating this bill will take away this tradition away from me being able to pass it down to my future kids

Mahalo,

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:02:45 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

With the definition assault rifle there's no such thing...as stated in the US bill of right our right to bear arms SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED...taken away or even be held to your feelings....we as Americans have seen the his of our rights slowly being stripped away...I HIGHLY SUPPORT MY RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS.. its not only about what the firearm is part of the rhetoric that this bill needs to pass...I HIGHLY AM IN OPPOSITION TO THIS BILL

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:03:12 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

Almost every year in the last 10 years someone has proposed a law like this into the Hawaii legislature, can you please just stop already. This is seriously getting old making us have to keep coming back every year like clock work to beg you not to restrict our legal right to own common firearms that have hardly been used in the commission of crimes within our state in the last ... since we have been a state, unless you count unregistered firearms in the hands of felons or other Hawaii law restricted individuals which has been a chronic problem on Oahu lately. Additionally the firearms used most commonly in crimes within Hawaii are semi automatic handguns that wouldn't even be banned under this proposed law, so what are you seriously trying to do?

I know you don't normally care what we the people have to say but for once could you try.

Mahalo

chris

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:05:14 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:05:14 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose bill SB3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:09:00 PM

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

Comments:

Hawaii is the only state in the nation with an assault weapons ban that doesn't ban assault rifles and large capacity magazines for those weapons. SB 3196 will finally close those gaping holes.

Assault weapons are 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.

Our nation already has more mass shootings than there are days in the year. Please help keep Hawaii safe from this senseless violence.

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196.

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:12:00 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
mark	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 well-being 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!?

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:12:05 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
tony frascarelli	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am strongly opposed to this bill.

in 1971 upon entering Army basic training I was issued a M16 rifle. I'm 74 now and since the early 1980s I have always owned one or more AR15 rifles originally described as the civilian version of the M16. I've used these military styled rifles for target shooting and hunting. Easy to maintain and comfortable to shoot, the AR15 is one of the few rifles my wife enjoys shooting mostly due to its adjustable stock.

Now this bill's proponents seek to ban this and other "assault type" or military looks like rifles. Why? Because they look scary? A recent study by the NIH found that assault type rifles accounted for between 2-12% of guns used in crimes in general. So what percentage of all crimes in Hawaii have involved the use of assault type firearms? Do the proponents of the bill know? Do they even care or do they just want to ban them in "the spirit of aloha."

Those who favor this bill likely fail to realize that that those who serve or have served in the military tend to gravitate to the type of firearm that they were trained on and are most familiar with. Following WWI it was the bolt action rifle. After WWII it remained the bolt action rifle along with some newer commercial semi auto hunting rifles. Following the introduction of the M16 during the Vietnam War, the Ar15 and similar styled rifles became the choice of those interested in the shooting sports.

Year after year I see continued attacks on firearms ownership in Hawaii. I have no doubt that enactment of SB 3196 would be just the first major step in the proponents continuing efforts to ban other classes of firearms. What would that step be? A ban on lever action centerfire and rimfire rifles? I hope not as I'm a fan of the western movie genre.

Rather than continuing to demonize firearms and their legal owners maybe the proponents of this bill could spend more time trying to come up with a solution what seems to me to be an increase in nonviolent as well as violent crimes across the state. Spending a little more time in trying to get a term limits bill through the Legislature would also be appreciated.

Thank you for your time.



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

Comments:

I wish you lawmakers put as much effort into taking guns out of the hands of criminals as you do taking them away from law abiding citizens! Gun violence doesn't come from people who obey the law. Why don't you recognize that and go after criminals????And, FYI, aloha spirit doesn't work if everyone (including criminals) doesn't have it. Your arguments are so made up and obviously fabricated so you can infringe on our 2nd amendment rights. Stop wasting taxpayer money to fight LAW ABIDING CITIZENS!!!

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

Comments:

Hawaii is the 50th state to the United States and therefore we fall under the US constitution and it is our birth given right to "keep and bear arms" and it is not specific to the type of arms we the people are allowed to possess, to support this goes against the constitution, so I strongly oppose this bill SB3196

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:18:21 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose bill SB3196.

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:18:44 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Georgia Rawlings	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am against the extremes of SB3196.

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 suppress bright flashes and the accompanying noise, or a simple pistol grip which effectively makes the rifle more stable when used. 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 alot 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 TicTok.



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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:19:26 PM

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

Comments:

On October 19 2023, a similar ban implemented in California was declared to violate the 2nd Amendment by Senior Judge Roger Benitez of the Southern District of California. Why do we continue to punish law abiding citizens. Criminals by definition are those that do not follow laws as they are written and it doesn't matter what laws are in place those individuals will not conform. You will only be setting more restrictions on those that obey and support the police and our government.

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:19:40 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Robert A Marks	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair and members - please pass this bill. It will save lives.

Robert Marks

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:23:04 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

The state of Hawaii has consistently attempted to create laws that directly conflict with the U.S. Constitution. The rights of Hawaii residents (US citizens) are being threatened by lawmakers who are apparently uneducated on the founding principles of our country. These constant attacks on our God given rights are not only a misguided waste of legislative function, but are also a direct threat and insult to the people that allow these elected officials to represent them. Their only purpose is to ensure our freedoms under the constitution are protected. This bill (SB3196) in no way accomplishes that task.

There are no guns that are called Assault rifles, Assault shotguns or Assault pistols.

The very definition of Assault means to make a physical attack on. There are rifles, shotguns, pistols and machine guns and sub-machine guns. The last two are prohibited in Hawaii. The Hawaii Revised Statutes already has definitions for weapons and laws regarding what is legal. It is clear that this bill was not researched thoroughly and was drafted by copying some other bill from another anti-gun organization.

Prohibiting these guns is an infringement on the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment and inhibits law abiding citizens from defending themselves and their families from those that would do “us” harm. This only allows criminals, who don’t care about the law or obtaining guns illegally from using them on those that will now be defenseless from criminals, with only law enforcement being the only way to keep the public safe.

It is statistical proof that Hawaii has the lowest amount of gun violence. It’s true, no place has zero gun violence and I would also like this to stop, but disarming law abiding citizens and violating our 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment right is not the way to do this. Guns don’t kill people, people kill people and if those criminals truly want to do harm, then if they don’t have access to a gun, they’ll use a knife or something else.

From the FBI Uniform Crime Reports in 2019, it shows Hawaii had 32 homicides, 9 were from firearms (5 handguns and 4 unknown weapons). None were from rifles or shotguns. 7 were from knives or cutting instruments, 11 were from other weapons and 5 were caused by hands/fists/feet/etc.

Ref: <https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2019/crime-in-the-u.s.-2019/topic-pages/tables/table-20>



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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	5	0	0	4	7	11	5

“In 2015, Hawai‘i had a mere 2.6 gun deaths per 100,000 residents, compared to 11.8 nationally and an astonishing rate of 19.2 in Alaska. Even Hawai‘i’s urban areas are relatively free of gun violence. Honolulu, the capital of Hawai‘i, has the lowest violent crime rate of any city in America. Its homicide rate is similar to the Dallas suburb of Plano, Texas, which is among the country’s most affluent communities.

What is Hawai‘i doing right—and can it be a model for the nation?”

Ref: COLIN MOORE | JULY 31, 2018

There is no perfect place in the world that is free from violence, but Hawaii is doing pretty good and without violating our right to bear arms and carry concealed. We have had no incidents of those with Concealed Carry Weapons (CCW), taking part in crimes or using them recklessly. Only those sheep that are being fed by the propaganda from the white house and democrats want to take away our freedoms, rights and weapons to protect ourselves from criminals that will use that opportunity to do us harm when we are even more defenseless. It’s obvious when making a bill, they would use the term Assault weapon. Again, there are no assault weapons. Please verify with the ATF on weapon definitions.

You will also open the state to lawsuits since what you are trying to ban is also parts and accessories that do not correlate with criminals that use guns. They steal or use guns without registering them and banning accessories will do nothing to stop criminals. You’re only infringing on the rights of law abiding citizens. This bill also has no exclusion for law enforcement or private security. So are they supposed to be restricted of guns, rifles or accessories that assist in stopping criminals? The bill aims to prevent the use of firearms that are currently in use by the Honolulu Police Department.

## 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."

On June 28, 2010, a deeply divided Supreme Court upholds gun-ownership rights within homes on a national basis, expanding on a 2008 decision applying to the District of Columbia.

In 2008, the Court in a 5-4 decision in [District of Columbia v. Heller](#) held that a D.C. law that restricted unlicensed functional handguns within homes violated the Second Amendment. Justice Antonin Scalia wrote the *Heller* majority opinion. “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,” Scalia said.

“We are aware of the problem of handgun violence in this country, and we take seriously the concerns raised by the many *amici* who believe that prohibition of handgun ownership is a solution,” Scalia concluded. “The Constitution leaves the District of Columbia a variety of tools for combating that problem, including some measures regulating handguns. But the enshrinement of constitutional rights necessarily takes certain policy choices off the table.” Voting with Justice Scalia were Chief Justice John Roberts, and Justices Anthony Kennedy, Clarence Thomas, and Samuel Alito.

Two years later, Justice Alito wrote for the same majority bloc in [McDonald v. Chicago](#), where the Court answered a question it didn’t tackle in 2008: Does the Second Amendment protect against *state* infringement of the right to possess a handgun for self-defense?

The Court held that it did, and thereby “incorporated” the Second Amendment as also applying to the states through the 14th Amendment’s Due Process Clause. “It is clear that the Framers and ratifiers of the Fourteenth Amendment counted

the right to keep and bear arms among those fundamental rights necessary to our system of ordered liberty,” Alito said. “A provision of the Bill of Rights that protects a right that is fundamental from an American perspective applies equally to the Federal Government and the States.”

Ref: National Constitution Center, June 28, 2023

Open your eyes, research both sides and get actual data before making an uneducated decision or one that has been clouded by misinformation and propaganda. Currently there are many lawsuits going to the supreme court that deal with this very issue from other states like California who are trying to do the same thing. You will open the State to legal battles and eventually will lose and how much more money will that cost the State to pass a bill that will only be repealed after it is ruled unconstitutional.

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Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 am testifying in regards to SB 3196 (weapons ban). I strongly oppose this bill because it is an infringement on our 2nd amendment right. Time and time again the legislature is persistent in introducing "assault" weapons ban each session. This is not the answer to protecting the public.

As stated in the bill, Hawaii has received the grade of A minus in regards to gun safety. If thats the case, I do not see the reason as to why Hawaii needs an assault weapons ban. The problem with the term assault weapon is that no one can define what it is. An assault weapon can be anything. Ranging from guns, knives and cars. Does the legislature tend to ban those items as well? I would say cars have been killing more people in Hawaii than guns have.

This is an inefficient way of going about protecting the public. I strongly recommend that the legislature look to other ways and means in going about protecting the public.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:24:11 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose sb3196. Criminals don't follow gun laws, this bill only targets law abiding citizens. How will this make me safer in Hawaii? This bill takes away my options for purchasing firearms, why should I be punished when I have not done anything to restrict my firearm purchases.

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:26:29 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Why is this bill even being proposed? What merits banning all these things that have been deemed in common use? The 2nd ammendment clearly states shall not be infringed yet our legislatures continually try to infringe on our God given rights as an American citizen. What will this accomplish? I mean seriously think about it! Which criminal will this stop? How many crimes have all these laws stopped??? Zero! Everytime bills like these are proposed the only people affected by it is law abiding citizens period. If all these laws did anything to stop criminals wouldn't there be zero murders? Zero robberies? Zero stabbings? The last time I checked those were already illegal right? What will taking away the freedoms of law abiding citizens accomplish? What exactly are you trying to accomplish? Make law abiding citizens pay for the acts of a few bad eggs(criminals)? So you want to effectively disarm and deny the rights of law abiding citizens to protect our selves from the criminal element here in Hawaii? While giving criminals the right to keep doing what they have always been doing? Our Hawaii Constitution literally copies the Constitution word for word when it comes to the 2nd ammendment and yet those in charge and who took an oath to uphold the Constitution, continually go against it. You keep infringing on our God given Constitutionally protected rights.

You cannot go after the law abiding and claim you are trying to cut down crime. These tools that you are trying to ban are all in common use and they have been for decades. How can you ban something like that? And how does having less than 10 rounds make anything safe? All that is doing is giving criminals the upper hand. Are we as law abiding citizens supposed to use bolt action rifles to protect ourselves? How is it if we as law abiding break a law we need to face consequences but criminals and those who literally go against the Constitution don't?

We use these tools for hunting as well as for protection. Why are you trying to take that away?

This bill will do nothing to stop any criminal. It will only affect the law abiding. As every other infringement does. Criminals won't follow any of these Bills period.

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:27:07 PM

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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:

I am compelled to articulate my opposition to the proposed gun legislation in Hawai‘i, 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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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Wrayden	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly appose SB3196

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:30:13 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee Members,

My name is Nick Croft and I heavily oppose SB3196. This is unconstitutional and takes away more ways that I'm not able to protect my family if needed. This would not impact the criminals that already don't follow laws. It would only impact us law abiding citizens against the bad people that could harm my family. I like to know that I can protect my family if the rare occurrence would happen. I know the police are on our sides, but when help is only minutes away when seconds matter does not do us any good.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Nick Croft

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. It is a pure and simple violation of one's second amendment rights.

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:32:15 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Davin Ah Yee	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose bill SB3196. I believe the main reasonings for the banning of these firearms etc are the mishaps of individuals wrong doing which those people are to be punished not the firearm that is chosen in such acts. Just to be clear thier are no ASSAULT style weapons allowed in Hawaii nor does any shop/store etc sell these type of weapons that are being proposed.

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:32:48 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am opposed to SB3196 as it is way too inclusive and takes away our Constitutional right to bear arms. It will make many people who already own one of these guns into criminals. People are leaving Hawaii not just because of the high cost of living but because of the tyrannical legislature that takes away our rights. Next to California and New York we are the worse state to live in because of the one sided nature of our politics. Please do not pass this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:33:09 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. Now you are listing airsoft replica guns as an assault weapon. This bill is unconstitutional on many levels. Please read the bis you are introducing. This is an all around bad bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:37:26 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. Similar regulations in other states have shown that these regulations do not solve the problem they intent to.

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Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:39:18 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Hello,

The US constitution is not a suggestion to our local law makers. The second amendment is not to be bent and twisted to appease a single party. Why waste our taxpayer dollars with a useless bill that not only infringes on our 2nd amendment right to a maximum, but has also been struck down before in other courts. This bill, if passed, will be struck down again. Why waste our taxpayer dollars on this. This irrational bill is a disgrace to all citizens of this state. The senators who introduced this bill should be ashamed of themselves. There is no basis.

Sincerely,

Josh

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. This bill will not materially improve public safety. This bill stands a high chance to being struck down in the US Supreme Court and will further damage gun control efforts through poor legislation as the legislatures of New York and DC have found out. Furthermore, this bill intends to criminalize the possession of a broad range of firearms seldom used in crimes and are in-fact a public good when employed by armed citizens for the defense of their own lives. Finally, this bill is nakedly political - dog-piling on other states proposing similar bills to taunt the US Supreme Court to force narratives regarding what one political party regards as an illegitimate court. This bill does nothing to address tough issues that the legislature campaigned on - none had a gun control platform before being elected. This is a feel-good bill to trick citizens that their elected officials are doing something. Finally, this bill has the effect of punishing and criminalizing citizens of a particular political persuasion threatening them with the color of the law because they uphold the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights. Stop this bill and tackle the tough issues such as homelessness, mental health, fentanyl, the extreme cost of living, housing, and care for the elderly. While this body dithers Hawaii's youth leave Hawaii or live as peons in an increasingly two-class society (rich and working underclass).

**SB-3196**

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Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Senators Wakai, Chang, Keohokalole, Kidani, Shimabukuro, and Moriwaki,

I strongly oppose SB3196

how does banning a certain type of firearm and its accessories, stop criminals and the mentally impaired from using it? If you really feel that this bill will reduce gun violence, then ban automobiles, because they kill people, ban alcohol, because they kill people, ban tobacco products, because they kill people.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:45:30 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

SB3196 bans nearly every semi-automatic rifle known to man. What adds insult is that SB3196 makes exceptions that clearly benefit the law makers since they rely on armed guards.

This bill will automatically make criminals of anyone who already owns the firearms on the list "assault rifle" since most owners already own and posses a detachable mag for these rifles.

It is obvous that the introduces of SB3196 do not have the technical backgorund to have drafted such an extensive list without help from special interest groups.

Shame on you for sponsoring something like this that is so disconnected from our local people and what they want. Shame on you for allowing yourself to be bought out by outside influences to our state.

This bill will change nothing but making law abiding citizens crimials overnight. This bill will do nothing but ensure that criminals will be the only ones with semi-automatic rifles.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:46:54 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:48:20 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill due strongly to the fact that it is unconstitutional and infringing upon the 2nd amendment.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:52:11 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I stand in firm opposition to this bill.

Hawaii currently has the toughest gun laws when compared to the rest of the country. And as we all know, criminals do not follow the law. This over-reaching ban of a multitude of different makes and models does nothing to stopping crime. If you are in support of this ban, please identify to all of us why these particular makes and models are more "dangerous" than those not on the list?

This bills main goal is to eventually disarm all law abiding citizens and limit/dictate how much ammo I can carry in my firearm to defend myself, my family and our God given rights as protected by the Constitution. This cannot be allowed to happen because while we follow the laws, criminals will find a way to get weapons and use them to commit further crimes. I for one want to be able to fight back because you politicians and law enforcement won't do it for me.

I am the first line of defense to protecting myself and I want the tools to be able to do that.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:52:45 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Expressing opposition to further limitations on rights given to citizens via the second amendment of the US constitution. The second amendment provides the god-given right for citizens to protect themselves against others and the checks and balances required to prevent potential for the government to have too much power and cause a tyrannical situation. As silly as that sounds to a lot of people, the reason it was crafted as such was to prevent too much power over the people and limiting the freedoms of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

it is understood that unfortunate events happen with the usage of firearms illegally, it's sad but it's reality and given criminals do not abide by laws, it is the obligation of any citizen to have the freedom and right enshrined in the constitution to protect themselves and family. It is unfortunate that in order to do so, citizens have to use the same tool that bad people use to harm others. In a perfect world, none of these issues would exist, however, the world is not perfect and further limiting the ability for a citizen to protect him or herself on top of the fact it is enshrined in the constitution is something can sound like a good idea, but in execution it'll further limit individual rights and is another step toward tipping the power to governing bodies instead of the intention of the constitution, which was to keep the power over liberty up to the people. The whole purpose in the wording and execution of the constitution was to protect these unalienable rights.

The second amendment does not come with fine print or conditions, it simply states the right to bear and keep arms. Until the constitution is changed, which we hope never happens, there is no precedent for the further limitations proposed by the state government.

the simple fact is the ones who commit crimes using firearms are statistically extremely small in comparison to other means of violence and, as unfortunate as it sounds, the only way to stop a bad guy with a gun, is a good guy with a gun. It's the very reason our military and police are armed with guns. Further limiting this right would prevent the vast majority of law abiding citizens from their god-given right. If this weren't truth, then the people responsible for enforcing our laws would not carry guns. If you rely on them to properly utilize the gun as a protection tool, then you cannot logically justify further restrictions on citizens doing the same responsibly.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:55:10 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Robert L Revilla Jr

P.O. Box 606 kamuela, Hi. 96743

2/12/2024

Aloha

I am writing to express my strong opposition to proposed bill SB3196 which aims to amend and add further prohibitions to the use of firearms in our state. As a Kama'aina born and used in Hawai'i 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.

Additionally, banning accessories and parts for firearms would further restrict the rights of law-abiding citizens without addressing the core issues 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.

Furthermore, banning parts for firearms would have a detrimental impact on responsible gun owners who rely on these parts for maintenance and repair of their firearms. Many gun owners

take great care in maintaining their firearms and ensuring they are in proper working order. Banning parts would make it difficult or impossible for these individuals to keep their firearms in safe and operable condition.

In conclusion, I urge you to oppose any legislation that seeks to ban semi-automatic rifles, shotguns, pistols, accessories, or parts. Instead, I urge you to 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 solutions that promote safety and security in our communities without infringing upon our constitutional rights.

Thank you for considering my views on this important issue.

Mahalo,

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:57:56 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
MATTHEW GRIFFIN	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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12 Feb 2026

Representative Wakai, Representative Chang, Representative Keohokaloe, Representative Kidani, Representative Shimbukuro, Representative Moriwaki

Subject: Opposition to S.B. NO. 3196

Dear Representatives,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my strong opposition to S.B. NO.3196s, relating to firearms. While I understand the importance of ensuring public safety and preventing gun violence, I believe that this proposed legislation goes too far and infringes upon the rights of law-abiding citizens.

Firstly, I appreciate the efforts to address safety concerns, as highlighted by the statistics mentioned in the bill. However, I am concerned about the broad scope of the proposed restrictions on assault weapons and firearms. The definitions provided for assault rifles, assault shotguns, and assault weapon attachments seem overly comprehensive and may inadvertently impact responsible gun owners.

Additionally, the proposed restrictions on detachable magazines with over ten rounds and the prohibition of bringing certain firearms into the state raise questions about the practicality and effectiveness of such measures. It is essential to strike a balance between ensuring public safety and respecting the rights of individuals who use firearms responsibly for self-defense and sporting purposes.

Moreover, the exceptions provided for law enforcement and the military seem to create a double standard, potentially diminishing the rights of retired law enforcement, veterans, and law-abiding citizens. As a constituent, I urge you to reconsider the bill's language and explore alternative

solutions that prioritize both public safety and the constitutional rights of responsible gun owners.

I appreciate your dedication to public service and your consideration of diverse perspectives on this matter. I kindly request that you take into account the concerns of law-abiding citizens like myself when deliberating on S.B. NO. 3196. Thank you for your time and attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

Matthew Griffin

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:58:20 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose this bill. For those that are trying to move this bill forward, this only hurts the law abiding citizens that follow the permit and gun laws. Criminals will continue to take the low road and do bad things. I am a hunter that practices safety with weapons and I teach my children from young that this is not a toy.

mahalo,

Donn

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:59:53 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill as it is a complete infringement on the second amendment and will make law abiding citizens into criminals at the stroke of a pen. This bill will do nothing to stop firearm crimes because no criminal will follow this law anyway. Most gun crimes in the last few years have been committed by criminals who obtained weapons illegally. These people couldn't care less about these laws.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 8:59:57 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I feel this bill and alot of others only impede the rights of lawful gun owners. the rights and liberties are being taken away left and right from law abiding citizens. the criminals will have weapons no matter what going through black market channels and theft. making it illegal to have certain firearms will make no difference when it comes to criminals using firearms in commission of a crime. Drugs are illegal but still a huge problem here thats rampant. restricting law abiding citizens will not change anything.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:00:26 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Honorable Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs Committee,

I urge you to please oppose SB3196: Relating to Firearms.

Mahalo!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:02:17 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmentaland Military Affairs,

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: 2/12/2024 9:02:34 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am strongly opposed to this bill. Limiting access to semi automatic rifles will have a negative impact on hunting, firearm enthusiasts and will contribute to criminals being the only people with these types of firearms. It is a violation of my second amendment rights as a citizen of the United States.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:04:09 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose bill SB3196 because it is unconstitutional!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:07:23 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose to bill SB3196 and do not support it.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:07:49 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 a excessive and broad over reach into the rights of law abiding citizens.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:08:10 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 THE RULES. Upwards trends of assaults, burglaries, and firearm fatalities, have had an increase as a result of government who will enact laws, when they do not understand firearms or actual safety. Hawai'i is a state and does not need to follow other states. We should be unique when it comes to this issue and solve it our own way instead of following other states' statues.

I believe that if you want to make Hawai'i safer you should actually speak to gun owning, law abiding citizens and professionals.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:09:28 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, and Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs,

I support SB3196. Please support this bill.

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. You just watch national news and there are shooting in public places all the time. This is a serious safety issue. Please help keep Hawaii safe from this senseless violence.

Please support SB3196. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on such an important issue.

Mahalo,

Caroline Kunitake

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:10:45 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Im am in opposition of this bill as I believe this affects our 2nd amendment rights. Citizens have a right to these things stated in this bill as many other states do not restrict any of these and have proven to be safer places to reside. If we severly limit the access to these will weaken law abiding citizens. We all know violent crime is on the rise in hawaii and criminals will always find away to get anything whether it be legal or illegal but law abiding citizens will always follow the laws and procedures in aquiring firearms and these accessories. So in a self defense scenario our good honest law abiding citizens will always have the lower hand. If your response to this is if your a law abiding citizen you would just run and call the police. That does 2 things 1 you expose your self by running away and many statiscs show the average response time of the police is 15mins or more especially due to the fact the police are short staffed. By limiting the access to these accessories especially magazine capacity you will severely handicap the good guys as anyone who has ever had experience with a gun and self defense have said its still difficult to handle under stress

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:10:48 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I absolutely oppose this bill. it's so far beyond a reprehensible representation of our government, to hamstringing our constitutional rights, the rights we have to secure ourselves, our families, and our communities. All in the name of "public safety".

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:13:37 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jayson Guzman	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

What part of shall not be infringed is hard to understand. This new bill is unconstitutional. That would make us worse than the state of California. We all see how there is so much crime there. Why even try to hide this bill and try to sweep it under the rug.

Without the 2nd amendment no other amendment will have any backing. What you are doing is unconstitutional. It's what our forefathers wrote and predicted would happen. Please be better. Don't be the tyrants that you are portraying. Disarming the people at a time like this is not right. With the borders open. Millions of illegal aliens already on the mainland a lot of citizens are not resting easy. The Democratic Party and their agenda of keeping Biden in office is disgusting. The worst president in history. All other countries are laughing at us.

First of all assault weapons are fully automatic weapons. These weapons of war are different than what the military has. Most people don't even know that an AR means Armalite. It's what the media has been trying to scare the people with. Guns don't kill people, people kill people. Criminals don't care about the laws. Criminals are the ones doing these evil deeds. Don't go after the manufacturer of the guns. Go after the individuals using them to commit crime and murder. Stop wasting our tax money on stupid stuff like catching speeders or people with dark tint.

Stop with all this magazine ban. The constitution doesn't mean we should only have muskets. Just like how freedom of speech is available to social media. When it's time to defend myself and my family. I don't want my life to be in the hands of people who have never seen violence, who have armed security, who live in gated communities with 24/7 security. Put yourself in our situation. Someone coming to you, your home. With intent to commit crime and or murder. 10 rounds will not be enough. Only trained professionals can probably do that. We're just normal civilians. We will need all the rounds we need to stop that threat.

Again, stop with this nonsense. Stop being un-American. Go after real problems and start helping the people not hurting the people. We don't have assault weapons, learn the definition prior to brainwashing people. There is a difference from what an assault weapon is and is not. The magazine ban will only hurt the people. Anything with less than 10 rounds will hurt. In a time

where it's time to use a gun, having a magazine ban will certainly be a lose lose situation for the law abiding citizen and not the criminal.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:13:39 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I would like to say that "banning" anything here in Hawai'i has been proven time and time again to be not only unsuccessful but ends up magnifying the problem sometimes to unimaginable levels. Case and point, fireworks! Fireworks have never been as bad as they are now. And have only gotten increasingly worse since the state put a ban on them.

I live in Waiahole where sometimes it takes law enforcement a "little while" to respond. The need to protect my family out here in the country is beginning to be a real problem with homeless issues creeping ever closer with no real solution in sight. A law abiding, tax paying citizen such as myself is afforded rights from the constitution that shall not be infringed. I feel it is an attack on our country and our freedoms to have politicians and lawmakers chipping away at our constitution and our bill of rights which is what they were hired to protect and uphold!

In closing, this is an issue that cannot be solved by throwing a ban at it. But rather an issue of culture and mental instability that has been brewing right in front of our faces and quite simply has been ignored! We need to start focusing on educating our children and raising them the right way instead of teaching them that they can sweep problems under the rug by throwing the word "ban" at it and ignoring the underlying problems that have lead to unfortunate outcomes!

Thank you,

Sincerely Paul Bland

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:16:19 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this Bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:16:42 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. It goes against my 2A rights. I enjoy my freedom of going to the gun range and knowing I'm able to protect my family if any such need arises.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:17:17 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 Hawaii, 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: 2/12/2024 9:17:39 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

We don't need assault weapons in Hawaii. No member of the public should have these guns.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:18:21 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this Bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:18:26 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I believe this infringes on my constitutional right of the second amendment, and I strongly oppose this bill. sb3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:21:03 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Strongly opposed to this infringement

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:22:09 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196 and the effort to take away our 2nd amendment rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:24:48 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ryder Kurashige	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is a direct attack on my 2nd amendment rights. We should be able to choose freely of the firearms that we protect our homes with. Self defense does not have terms and conditions. Defending and protecting a family and home is every U.S citizens right. So, to limit us on how we do it- defeats the point of our 2nd amendments..

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:28:01 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Law-abiding Hawaii residents and gun-owners constantly labor to comply with each of the numerous bills and revised statutes restricting gun ownership. It is understood that regulation is the goal of congress, however it cannot be done if basic constitutional rights are deemed irrelevant. The working and middle class are not afforded police or private security like the distinguished dignitaries of the senate. The limits placed on law-abiding gun owners are meant to oppress and make it so we cannot defend when law enforcement does not answer the distress call. Criminals have and always will obtain contraband, therefore attempting to trample constitutional rights to make firearms contraband is a punishment doled out against innocents. Legally obtained and responsibly owned firearms are NOT the weapons used in the majority of crimes in the state or the nation. The Hawaii State Senate is preaching Aloha Spirit but fails again to protect its people from being influenced and abandoning rights for promise of peace.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:28:48 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:31:11 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill for it goes against my second amendment rights. It goes against everything my father went to war for.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:35:10 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196. We have all seen a increase in gun violence in the last few years. This is no longer the same Hawaii I grew up in. The big problem is with violent repeat offenders and other criminals using "ghost guns" to shoot people and commit other crimes. It is more important now than ever to not take away law abiding citizens ability to defend ourselves. If this bill passes it will essentially allow criminals to continue to run wild and leave us law abiding citizens defenseless. Not to mention this is a huge violation of The Constitution and our 2nd Amendment rights. Please please think about this and do the right thing. Do not take away our ability to protect ourselves and our families. HPD does a great job responding to crimes but they can't be everywhere all the time. I truly fear Hawaii will turn into the wild west if this law passes. Taking away firearms from law abiding citizens is not the answer. Instead come up with a bill that actually punishes the criminals using ghost guns rather than letting those guys right back on the street to keep committing violence.

Respectfully,

Kamalu Miller

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:37:26 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 bill 3196 because it show the incompetence of the lawmakers who wrote it. This bill was written to disarm the American people and to empower the criminals. As anyone knows the democrats has let other countries into the United States by way of the Mexican border. Countries such as China are coming through the border by the thousands, now that this is happening our country has a good chance of being invaded by foreigners from within and with the American people disarmed by which this bill will do the Americans we will not be able to defend our families. I urge you to please stop trying to change the 2nd amendment rights to bare arms. The drugs and crime are so bad in Hawaii and the state has done little to stop crime, in fact, for the past two years or more it seems like the state promotes crime and it's doers. Taking guns away from Americans will not stop crime it will just make the good citizens defenseless against the criminals. Please use your common sense and akamai and trash this bill 3196.

Thank you,

Chris Pang

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:39:49 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 only hurt law-abiding citizens. Banning certain types of firearms will not protect people from criminals who already do not follow the law.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:44:29 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly oppose SB3196. I do not believe this bill will accomplish anything towards the prevention of gun violence but would rather prevent law abiding citizens from being able to own them in case of emergency situations where they may need them to defend themselves and their families. Gun violence stems from other issues such as illegal drug use and mental illness. We should focus on these issues instead.

Mahalo,

Spencer Bowman

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:47:32 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Josiah	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

As the date comes up to discuss the proposed bill that seeks to impose sweeping restrictions on firearms, I am reminded of the importance of remaining vigilant in the defense of our constitutional rights. The measures outlined in this bill represent a dangerous overreach of government authority and a direct threat to our freedoms.

Labeling all rifles and shotguns as “assault weapons” is not only misleading but also a deliberate attempt to vilify law-abiding gun owners. It ignores the reality that the overwhelming majority of firearms in civilian hands are used responsibly for legitimate purposes, such as self-defense and sporting activities.

Furthermore, restricting magazine sizes and prohibiting the transfer of firearms only serves to hinder the ability of law-abiding citizens to exercise their Second Amendment rights. It does nothing to address the root causes of violence in our society and only serves to erode the trust between the government and its citizens.

Now more than ever, we must stand united against attempts to undermine our freedoms and liberties. We must hold our elected officials accountable and demand that they uphold the principles of individual rights and limited government.

I urge you to reject this misguided legislation and to work towards solutions that address the root causes of violence while respecting the rights of law-abiding citizens. Let us stand together in defense of our freedoms and ensure that the voices of the people are heard and respected.

Mahalo.

12 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: 2/12/2024 9:55:06 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 threat, such as a tyrannical government.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:57:48 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

In Hawaii, the necessity for semi-automatic weapons under the Second Amendment is underscored by several factors. Firstly, semi-automatic firearms provide citizens with a means of self-defense that is commensurate with the capabilities of potential threats they may face. In situations where individuals may confront multiple assailants or encounter dangerous wildlife, semi-automatic weapons offer the necessary firepower to effectively deter or neutralize such threats.

Moreover, semi-automatic firearms facilitate lawful recreational activities such as target shooting and hunting, contributing to the cultural and sporting heritage of the state. These firearms allow enthusiasts to engage in these pursuits with greater efficiency and enjoyment compared to alternative options.

Additionally, in emergency scenarios such as natural disasters or civil unrest, semi-automatic weapons can play a crucial role in safeguarding lives and property. Their capability enables individuals to respond swiftly to evolving situations and protect themselves and their communities from immediate dangers.

Furthermore, the right to possess semi-automatic firearms serves as a bulwark against potential encroachments on individual liberties by ensuring parity in arms between citizens and the state. In the event of a breakdown in the rule of law or the emergence of tyrannical governance, the populace's access to semi-automatic weapons can serve as a deterrent against authoritarian overreach.

Ultimately, in Hawaii, the possession of semi-automatic firearms is integral to the exercise of Second Amendment rights, providing citizens with the means to defend themselves, participate in lawful activities, respond to emergencies, and uphold the principles of liberty and self-governance.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:58:25 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha legislater , i strongly oppose this bill because crimminal do not follow the laws and we our law abiden citazen cant protect ourself from more multiply crimminals that already have them and scrced to use them.

Thank you

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 9:58:52 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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: 2/12/2024 10:00:53 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am submitting testimony in strong opposition of SB3196. The author of the bill 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." Passing legislation further restricting legal gun ownership is not only unwarranted and unneeded (based on the author of the bill's statements as listed above), it will only further burden and infringe on the 2nd amendment rights of law-abiding citizens.

Violence is a symptom of a larger social problem here in Hawaii. I urge lawmakers to stop following the mainland rhetoric of tighter gun control equates to safer communities. California, Illinois, and Chicago are prime examples of the failure of this logic. This bill, if passed, will turn law-abiding citizens into potential felons overnight, and overburden an already overburdened police force with the task of enforcing an unconstitutional law that disarms law-abiding citizens.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:06:08 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196! It's unconstitutional to add more limits to the already limited right to bear arms. More restrictions on law abiding citizens is not the answer. Increase the consequences on the criminals who illegally obtain firearms. The citizens who actually uphold the law and put up with the hoops the government makes them jump through do not deserve this blatant infringement on their constitutional right to bear arms.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:06:31 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
dklching@gmail.com	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I write this testimony as a staunch supporter of the Second Amendment, a cornerstone of our nation’s founding principles, which enshrines the right of the people to keep and bear arms. This right is not merely a historical artifact, nor is it an outdated notion irrelevant to modern society. Instead, it is a vital part of our democratic fabric, ensuring that citizens have the means to protect themselves, their families, and their property. It also serves as a bulwark against tyranny, a reminder to those in power that their authority is derived from the consent of the governed.

Recent efforts to impose stringent gun control measures, while often well-intentioned, represent an encroachment on this fundamental right. Such measures not only fail to address the root causes of violence in our society but also unfairly penalize law-abiding citizens, stripping them of the means to defend themselves. The focus of our efforts should not be on restricting the rights of the many because of the actions of a few. Instead, we should aim to enforce existing laws more effectively, address mental health issues, and foster a culture that values life and respects the rights of others.

The Second Amendment is not an unlimited right, nor should it be. Reasonable regulations, consistent with the intent of our Founding Fathers, are necessary and appropriate. However, any regulation must be carefully weighed against the fundamental right to self-defense and the protection of liberty. The conversation around gun control must be nuanced, respecting the legitimate needs and concerns of all citizens.

In conclusion, I urge policymakers and the public alike to consider the profound importance of the Second Amendment. It is not just about guns; it is about preserving the very essence of our freedom. Let us not be swayed by momentary passions or the false promise of security through the erosion of our liberties. Instead, let us stand firm in our commitment to the principles upon which our nation was founded, including the enduring right to keep and bear arms.

Mahalo,

Dillon Ching

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:07:40 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

To Whom It May Concern,

In defending the Second Amendment in Hawaii, it's imperative to underscore the importance of semi-automatic weapons as a fundamental component of firearms ownership. Semi-automatic firearms, which automatically load a new round into the chamber after each shot fired, serve several crucial purposes in the context of individual rights, self-defense, and the preservation of liberty.

Firstly, semi-automatic weapons offer practical advantages for self-defense and protection. In scenarios where individuals may face multiple assailants or encounters requiring rapid response, semi-automatic firearms provide the necessary firepower to effectively neutralize threats and ensure personal safety. This is particularly relevant in Hawaii, where remote locations and limited law enforcement resources may necessitate a higher level of self-reliance in emergency situations.

Moreover, semi-automatic firearms are versatile tools that can be adapted to various purposes, including hunting, sport shooting, and competitive shooting events. In Hawaii, where hunting and outdoor recreation are integral parts of the culture, semi-automatic rifles and shotguns offer hunters the ability to quickly and humanely dispatch game, ensuring ethical and efficient hunting practices.

Furthermore, the ability to own semi-automatic weapons is essential for preserving the balance of power between the citizenry and the government. The Second Amendment was enshrined in the Constitution to ensure that individuals have the means to resist tyranny and oppression, should the need arise. Semi-automatic firearms, with their capacity for rapid and sustained fire, serve as a deterrent against potential threats to individual liberties and help to maintain a check on government overreach.

It's also crucial to recognize that semi-automatic firearms are among the most commonly owned and widely available firearms in the United States. Banning or severely restricting access to semi-automatic weapons would infringe upon the rights of law-abiding citizens and undermine the principles of individual freedom and self-determination. Such measures would

disproportionately affect responsible gun owners while doing little to address the root causes of violence or enhance public safety.

Moreover, semi-automatic firearms are protected by the Second Amendment, which explicitly guarantees the right of individuals to keep and bear arms. Any attempt to prohibit or restrict access to these firearms would constitute an infringement on constitutionally protected rights and set a dangerous precedent for further erosion of civil liberties.

In conclusion, semi-automatic weapons are indispensable for defending the Second Amendment in Hawaii and ensuring the preservation of individual rights, self-defense capabilities, and the broader principles of liberty and democracy. While responsible regulation and oversight are essential to promote public safety and prevent misuse, any measures taken must respect the rights of law-abiding citizens and uphold the fundamental freedoms enshrined in the Constitution.

Mahalo,

Rodney Lawrence

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:10:10 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 semi-auto actions) that are in common use for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self defense in the home. This bill will be in violation under District of Columbia V. Heller 554 U.S. 570 (2008) and will only affect law abiding gun owners who already met mental/health checks, background screening and etc. to obtain the permits to acquire firearms.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:11:21 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose

SB3040

SB3042

SB3349

SB2845

SB3196

Thank you

Ryan Williamson

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:11:59 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha

I oppose this bill as it infringes on the rights of the people. Hawaii comes from a long line of hunters and servicemen and women who learned gun safety as a young adult. Hawaii has a air rifle interschlastic program where students learn to compete in marksmanship. Which is an olympic sport.

Every American has the right to bear arms. It is our God given right . America is the only country with the freedom to do so. Passing this bill is counter to what manifest destiny is and the power to protect house and home.

Please reconsider passing this bill.

Mahalo

kaipo

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:15:19 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly disagree with SB3196. It seeks to take away LAW ABIDING citizens right to own firearms of their choosing. This RIGHT is protected under the 2nd ammendment of the United States Constitution. Thank you

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:23:52 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I do not support this bill. It further reduces what I believe to be my Constitutional Rights under the Second Amendment. I further believe this bill is targeting the law abiding citizen for further government regulation of what should be a right as a US Citizen. Please do not pass this bill into law. Mahalo.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:24:04 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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

This bill seeks to outlaw most semi automatic rifles in one blanket move, 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 ,

You, as state legislators who have taken the pledge 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 in order to create an illusion of safety. 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 threat 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.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:24:14 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose all bills that infringe on my right as a United States citizen to bear arms,that is my constitutional right.

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 to too mainland to hunt. 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: 2/12/2024 10:27:28 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
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: 2/12/2024 10:30:11 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I apposed this bill, we have the right to protect ourselves and family at all cost. We have the right to bare fire arms.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:33:08 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jeffrey S. Ochi	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in opposition to SB3196. What is the definition of "assault weapons"? I am an avid sportsman/hunter, and currently have taken numerous firearm safety courses, and also have a valid State of Hawaii Hunting license. I currently own "**modern** sporting rifles, shotguns, and pistols" these modern sporting firearms are used for hunting and should **not** be considered as an assault weapon! Modern sporting firearms also have attachments, such as optics, enhanced safety features, and recoil reducing attachments which contribute to accuracy, ergonomics, and safety to humanely and safely harvest game. These attachments are **not** to be considered as "assault weapon attachments" I myself and countless other sportsmen and recreational shooters follow State and Federal firearm laws and are **responsible** firearms owners. SB3196 is too vague, not "well thought thru", and without merit to actual definition(s) and should **not** be passed! I don't think any "modern sporting firearm" is called an assault weapon. This written testimony is as short and "to the point" as I could compose, firearms in the hands of legal and responsible owners is safe and our right as an American and State of Hawaii Citizen. **I strongly OPPOSE SB3196**

Brandon Dias  
343A Manono Street  
Kailua, HI 96734

February 12, 2024

Written Testimony in Opposition to SB 3196 Relating to Firearmas

Since the inception of these United States the Second Amendment was a critical part of our Constitution that was put in place for its citizens to have the ability to bear arms in order to protect themselves from various adversaries both foreign and domestic. SB3196 would directly limit and hinder the law-abiding citizens' ability to do what the founding fathers intended by placing them at a severe disadvantage against those potential adversaries. This piece of legislation directly undermines what our founding fathers intended. It is very concerning is that SB3196 allows police and military to possess these banned/restricted firearms but limits the law-abiding citizen.

Why should a police officer have the ability to possess these firearms when at the end of the day they are people just like everyone else - people who break laws just like the common criminal does which is evidenced by the conviction of HPD's own officers charged with crimes including domestic violence, drug charges, hindering prosecution, and to top it off firearms offenses. Then the cherry on top is that HPD's own chief of police was convicted of multiple crimes. To be clear I am not trying to shed a bad light on HPD, my intent is to illustrate that even the few can be and have been proven to be the types that break the law. The other concern is that the SCOTUS has already ruled that "police have no specific obligation to protect" unless they are compelled to do so. So basically in a time of turmoil the private law abiding citizen will be at a severe disadvantage considering the criminals who have no right owning a firearm will surely still have them weather or not this bill is passed. Why would I think the criminals would still have these banned items, because **CRIMINALS DO NOT OBEY THE LAW**. If you think simply banning something will stop it from being in criminal hands that makes you either stupid or naive or worse of all an anarchist that only wants to see this great nation fall. This can simply be put into perspective by witnessing the countless amount of illegal fireworks that light up Oahu's skyline every year. How long ago was it that fireworks were banned – 13? Has anything changed...not a single thing except that there are more and more each and every year. A reasonable mind would assume that this ban would only create an even larger black market opportunity for these now banned items just like they did with the fireworks. Surely you see this would simply create another lucrative business opportunity criminals.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:34:23 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose bill SB3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:37:47 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David Kim	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To Whom It May Concern,

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



**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:40:29 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:42:38 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

As a gun owner by passing a law like this is not right.To own a firearm in Hawaii we have one of the strictest regulations in the nation.I own firearms over twenty years in which I got legally by back round checks and safety courses.I'm a hunter sports shooter and collector.My family and I are in a gun club,we are all being supervised and in a safe environment.I use an ar15 style rifle for competitions with high compacity mag for multiple targets on course Guns don't kill people people kill people like alcohol if you drink and drink you could hurt or kill people but we're not trying to ban alcohol and yet your attempting to ban firearms.I agree like in Oahu we have a gun violence problem but they are all being committed by criminals and I'm sure those guns weren't theirs.Like the fireworks problems we see them everywhere in the sky you can't buy them in anywhere but someone shipped them here same like the gun you can get them illegally if you're a criminal or got denied by law to own one legally.We have to get background checks,take classes,get physical test to own a firearm maybe we can add a safe place to store like safes as a requirement too.I really don't know the answer but talking away our rights is not the answer we have strict guidelines and rules already .Please don't pass this .. thank you your time

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:43:08 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kaioluhia Miguel-Hamakua	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

These firearms are to protect me when the government fails to do so. At the moment something requires the military to activate, the Guard to protect 'important' buildings and the cops are overrun, these firearms serve as my own defense. In a time of distress, people become 1 of 3 things the aggressor, the victims or hold their own. Take our guns and we will all become victims. They will allow me to protect my family. The people you believe you are keeping weapons from, are not and will not be affected by this regulation. They are not using legally acquired and registered weapons to comit the heinous crimes in which you are attempting to stop with this knee jerk reaction. We all know the unconstitutional aspect of it. Think this through.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:43:38 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 and any bill that infringes on my 2nd amendment right to bear arms as an American citizen.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:47:56 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Honorable Members of the Legislature,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed bill relating to firearms. While I understand the intention behind the bill to enhance public safety, I believe that it is overly restrictive and encroaches upon the rights of law-abiding citizens without effectively addressing the root causes of gun violence.

First and foremost, I must emphasize that Hawaii already boasts some of the strictest gun safety laws in the nation, and the state has received commendation for its efforts in this regard. The proposed amendments seek to expand the scope of prohibited firearms and accessories, including assault rifles, assault shotguns, .50 caliber rifles, and various attachments. However, these measures fail to distinguish between lawful gun owners and those who pose a genuine threat to public safety.

Furthermore, the definition of "assault weapons" outlined in the bill is excessively broad and arbitrary. It unfairly targets firearms based on cosmetic features rather than their functionality or intended use. Many of the firearms listed in the bill are commonly owned for legitimate purposes such as self-defense, sport shooting, and hunting. Banning these firearms would unjustly deprive law-abiding citizens of their constitutional rights without offering any tangible benefits in terms of reducing crime.

Moreover, the proposed prohibition on detachable magazines with a capacity exceeding ten rounds is unreasonable and impractical. Such magazines are standard equipment for many firearms commonly used by responsible gun owners. Limiting magazine capacity arbitrarily restricts the ability of individuals to defend themselves effectively in potentially life-threatening situations.

It is also important to note that the bill fails to address the underlying factors contributing to gun violence, such as mental health issues, socioeconomic disparities, and the illegal firearms trade. Instead of enacting sweeping restrictions on law-abiding citizens, policymakers should focus on implementing targeted interventions that address these root causes and promote responsible gun ownership through education and outreach programs.

I urge you to reconsider the proposed bill and prioritize evidence-based policies that strike a balance between public safety and individual rights. Criminalizing law-abiding citizens and

imposing unnecessary restrictions on firearms will not make our communities safer. Instead, we should work together to find comprehensive solutions that address the complex issue of gun violence while respecting the constitutional rights of law-abiding citizens.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,

Sean Medrano

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:48:21 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Gun control is wonderful in theory. The belief that by simply passing a law criminals will fall in-lock step, and the world will be safer place. The problem with theories and such lofty ideas, is they often fall appart when applied to reality. This highly restrictive bill, in addition to being unconstitutional under the United States Supreme Court decision in *Bruen*, does not comport with reality. It completely ignores, either out of naiveté, or willful indifference, a fundamental fact: criminals by definition do not obey our laws.

By analogy, this bill is the equivalent of demanding that everyone tie their shoelaces together in order to prevent thieves from running out of stores with stolen merchandise. Silly, yes? So when a bill like this restricts magazines, types of firearms, or any number of arbitrary nuances of firearms ownership, all it does is hamstring the law abiding citizenry. You are tying our proverbial shoelaces together in hopes of ensaring the criminal running barefoot. Please reconsider your support of this bill.

Thank you for your time.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:49:57 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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 strongly oppose bill SB3196

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 the extreme majority of other firearms owners, have done nothing but practice strict, lawful, and responsible firearm ownership.

A new definition created for “assault weapon attachment” is so vague it encompasses virtually any item that can be attached to a long gun as well as any replacement parts. This is clearly a prohibition on parts vital for fixing and maintaining long guns 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.

There is no grandfather clause for detachable magazines capable of holding more than 10 rounds. There are likely hundreds of thousands of standard capacity magazines in the hands of law-abiding citizens and tens of thousands of Hawaii residents will be instantly criminalized.

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: 2/12/2024 10:53:06 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. It severely limits my ability, as a Native Hawaiian and citizen of this State and the United States Of America, to exercise my 2nd Ammendment rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:54:32 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE SB3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:54:35 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Second amendment rights I have the right to have these guns if I want them. I feel safer having a ar15 over trusting the state or the government to protect me and my family.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 10:55:34 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196. As it violates the United States Constitution in particular the Second Amendment. I oppose the senate bill as a resident of Hawaii and a citizen of the United States of America.

**SB-2845**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 3:03:57 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Oppose. Teaching responsibility with hunting & target practice helps hunger people learn. If they want to hunt, they should be able to buy the ammo for it. Stop chipping away at rights. If there are criminals then uphold the law, criminals will still get ammo if they want to.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 11:03:09 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Hawaii has a low gun violence in the nation with no assault rifles bans,

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 11:04:47 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
steven lee	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE SB 3196.

It violates the constitutional rights of Hawaii's law-abiding citizens to have and enjoy the most commonly owned firearm in the country such as the AR-15.

Hawaii already has the third lowest gun violence per capita in the country, and there clearly is no need for the excessive prohibitions in SB3196.

This bill would cost Hawaii's law-abiding citizens many tens of millions of dollars by taking away their most commonly owned firearms.

This bill would make tens of thousands of good, and currently law-abiding citizens, felons subject to imprisonment, by making their legal firearms prohibited firearms due to no fault of their own. As representatives of the people, you should not be imposing these excessive costs and imposing felony designations on our citizens for not doing anything illegal.

This bill would not reduce crime. It would make Hawaii's citizens easier victims for the criminals who simply disregard the laws such as this. These criminals are hoping that you will support their ability to commit crimes against Hawaii's innocent citizens by disarming the law-abiding citizens of Hawaii and making them easier victims of their crimes.

If you want to support the criminals who would enjoy victimizing defenseless and unarmed people in Hawaii, you vote in favor of this bill would support the criminals at a great expense to the people of Hawaii.

Instead of supporting the criminals, please support Hawaii's law-abiding citizens.

Don't support the criminals. OPPOSE SB3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 11:24:53 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Bevin Parker-Evans	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Glenn, Vice Chair Elefante, and members of the Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, Fukunaga, Rhoads and Awa:

Thank you for hearing my testimony in strong support of Senate Bill # 3196. I am a private citizen from the island of Kaua'i and I am in strong support of this bill because I too realized a while back that many guns of warfare were excluded by the current and outdated Hawaii law banning assault weapons in Hawaii. Due to hundreds of mass shootings nationwide with multiple deaths and injuries because of a high ammunition capacity of automatic assault weapons, we need to act now. Especially because these weapons have been proven to sometimes keep even police forces and first responders from being able to capture and/or attack a shooter at a mass shooting event, it is easy to see why are police forces do not want this confrontation as everyone knows that assault weapons are weapons of war and very difficult to fight against. We know because of USA statistics, that our Hawaii-strong guns laws are keeping the people of Hawaii safer.

To continue to protect our citizens from criminals who wish to own Assault weapons, it is essential to continue to update the Hawaii Gun laws as you have worked to do with this current bill SB3196.

We need to protect our citizens, especially our children in public and private schools and this bill is one way that proves Hawaii can monitor the changes in technology and weapon manufacturing, over a period of time, to update and improve our successful gun laws. Thank you for sponsoring this important bill for our safety. I am hoping this bill will easily pass through all phases of our legislative process.

Mahalo,

Bev Parker, Kaua'i

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 11:25:16 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196. All gun control laws do is make it easier for criminals and harder for law abiding citizens.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 11:32:40 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Senate,

This is my short testimony to the bill. I don't own any guns, but go hunting frequently with people who do own guns. Obviously my experience is not that of the entire state, but people who own guns legally tend to respect all laws and regulations. Of course this is not the case for someone who obtains a gun illegally, in which case, they likely do whatever they want. The expansion of the ban is excessive and is restraining for responsible gun owners, while it doesn't combat ill intent or illegal weapons sales.

Mahalo,

Pascal

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 11:39:34 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

My name is Victor Gariando,I oppose SB 3196 because of the implications of banning the sales of the accessories for weapons included with this bill including but not limited to forward grips and retractable or adjustable stocks and rail systems, the reason I bring up this specific part of the bill is because I am a part of an airsoft community, in this community we own replicas of real world firearms that shoot a 6mm plastic or biodegradable ball projectiles by use of gas/Co2 or an electric driven piston, these replicas cannot be altered to fire real bullets/ammunition, because our replicas are 1:1 scales of real firearms we are to distinguish our replicas via a blaze orange tip/flash hider to indicate that the replica is not a real fire arm, with the description out of the way, I am against the bill because for the ban against accessories for weapons because we have airsoft versions of products that would be affected by this sales ban because of the similarities of the real and airsoft grade accessories, if this ban were to take affect our communities of airsofters and builders would loose our creative freedom to build a replica that is special to us, I myself have 8 replicas that I own that have been modified to fit my niche as a player each replica easily costing around the \$750 to \$7950 price range of money spent, each player in our community prides ourselves of how we can distinguish one player from another and if this bill passes we can expect a huge drop in potential and current players, I have acquired all my gear and replica accessories from airsoft sites like Evike.com and AirsoftGI.com, I am once again in opposition of this bill to protect our hobby of airsoft from being affected by government oversight.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 11:40:56 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jennifer Cabjuan	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

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.

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.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 11:43:24 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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.

## **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 disadvantaged 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.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lori Fujimoto  
2/12/2024

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 11:55:02 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

From: Christopher Caldwell

Submitted on February 12, 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 the rights of law-abiding citizens and 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 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. 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 to 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.

It should be noted the state of Hawaii has maintained an A grade and current 6th ranking nationally with the Giffords Law Center, a preeminent gun control org, 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.

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.

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Rory Fujimoto, S/A  
2/12/2024

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:12:02 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This is unconstitutional. It is a right just as any other. We, law abiding citizens, work hard and follow the law. An order like this affects law abiding citizens but it does not affect criminals. A SEMI AUTO rifle is just a tool. It takes a person to operate a tool. An assault rifle is a rifle able to switch from semi auto to full auto. A full auto rifle cannot be obtained in this state. Just because some weapons have a detachable magazine does not make it an assault weapon. Weapons with detachable magazines makes the job of hunting, pest eradication and sport shooting more efficient. Whether it is specific gun parts, caliber sizes or magazine capacities. None of these things are a real problematic issue in this state and this nation. The only issue I see is my right to own tools being taken away. Tools that I use to put food on my table. Tools that I have as a defence for my family and I. This bill will cure nothing in our state. Wasted time, money and efforts for no beneficial outcome. It is like trying to fix something that is not broken. This is an infringement on our 2nd amendment and shall not be supported.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:12:03 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Karlyn Pearl	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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.**

I support **SB3196**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:13:51 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB 3196, to which it infringes my Second Amendment Rights

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:15:12 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196 because it denies my constitutional rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:18:04 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Taylor Nakamura  
February 12, 2024

Committee on SB3196  
Hawaii State Legislature  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Subject: Opposition to SB 3196

Dear Committee Members,

As a lifelong resident of Hawaii, I stand before you to express my firm opposition to SB 3196. My name is Taylor Nakamura, and I am committed to the well-being and safety of our community.

I am a responsible and law-abiding citizen who believes in the positive impact that firearms have on the safety of our islands. With over 50 hours a year dedicated to handgun and rifle training, I ensure that my handling of firearms is disciplined and focused on the protection of my home and loved ones. The rise in crime over recent years has not left us untouched, and the ability to defend our families is a source of peace of mind.

Our rights as American citizens, enshrined in the Second Amendment, are not just historical artifacts but living guarantees of our freedom and security. SB 3196, in its current form, jeopardizes those guarantees without offering a real solution to the challenges we face.

I urge you to consider the voices of responsible citizens like myself and oppose SB 3196. Let us work together on initiatives that genuinely make Hawaii safer without compromising the rights that are foundational to our way of life.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Taylor Nakamura



**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:34:06 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sean 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 gun responsible? Saying that we need to ban guns?

Another example is the state of Illinois. It is ranked 3rd according to 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 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: 2/13/2024 12:49:26 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose bill SB3196

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 the public is calling "catch and release" activities. Capable people present in the event of violence would technically be the actual first responders. Some gun owners have the mindset 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.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:26:31 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

With all due respect, I absolutely Appose SB-3196

Passing SB-3196 is an infringement by erosion of our Second Amendment Rights. ( we all have the rights to defend ourselves with the best means possible).

SB-3196 is a direct and egregious assault on law-abiding citizen Gun owners presumably because of the actions of criminals and the mentally ill.

Law abiding citizen Gun owners are Not the Problem.

Firearms, Firearms parts, semiautomatic Firearms, ammunition or anything else pertaining to Firearms are Not the Problem.

The mentally ill and criminals Are the Problem and will always be regardless of any law in the past present or future.

Passing SB-3196 will put every law abiding citizen in harms way, criminals will be so emboldened to take advantage of a neutered almost gun free society without equal means of Firearms capabilities and defenses.

Criminals and the mentally ill will always find a way to get any Firearms they wish regardless of any law.

It is up to law abiding citizens to maintain order by means of equal force as a deterrent.

I will always feel safe in a room filled with a hundred law abiding citizens armed with semiautomatic rifles and pistols than in a room with one criminal with wicked intentions.

Semiautomatic Firearms are the best deterrent to any attempt of crime by criminals to the innocent.

It is time for everyone to take responsibility for their actions, and stop blaming actions of people on Guns (objects that do nothing on there own) they don't have legs,arms or brains.

There is a mental health epidemic going on, that's the problem, weak minds, no morality, no respect, no honor, no self control, no discipline no hope. The mindset of people need to be strengthened.

The Legislature is saying it's "committed to protect the safety and well-being of its citizens "

If the Legislature truly believes this then SB-3196 should be struck down and attention should be focused on mental well-being and well-fair for the desperate souls lashing out with violence, by any means regardless of whether or not it's a firearm.

To be stripped of life, liberty, property and the best means to defend ourselves because bad apples is unjust and unconditional.

I appose: SB-3196 for the safety and well-being for all citizens, may we all be fruitful and prosperous in a responsibly armed society.

Thank you for your time, sincerely

Judah Woolford

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:27:29 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Anson Kimura	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB3196.

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, and may put all gun stores in the State out of business as it basically bans most of their current inventory 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: 2/13/2024 1:28:58 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill SB 3196. This bill is far overreach. 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. And this bill will have no impact on crime or violence, 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. And 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. And as far as I can tell there isn't any grandfather clause so this bill could have massive financial implications for many firearm owners.

This bill is a massive infringement on our Second amendment rights. This bill is modeled similarly to other "Assault Weapon Bans" from other states which are currently being challenged in courts. And 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 based on "common use" and based on 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: 2/13/2024 1:38:16 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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, chicao 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.

Sincerely,

A Concerned Citizen

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:41:33 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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: 2/13/2024 1:45:43 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Yao Buttel	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Yao Buttel 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.

Sincerely,

Yao Buttel



**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:48:43 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose the proposed bill SB3196 regarding a ban on "assault firearms" for a variety of reasons. Realistically, many of us law abiding citizens that own said firearms go through a lengthy process to show that we are indeed capable of handling and owning said firearms. However, non law-abiding citizens are finding ways to obtain these same firearms illegally and pose as threats to other civilians that mind their own business. If these people that obtain firearms illegally still have their weapons, what makes anyone think passing this bill would make "them" follow this bill? In fact, those of us legally owning firearms will no longer be able to have a means of self defense or protection, if you will, against those that have illegal firearms. Please don't take away our rights to owning these firearms, especially those of us that have been properly trained to handle them and have been taught the true value of the meaning "with power comes responsibility".

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:04:26 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

As a normal law abiding citizen of hawaii i oppose bill sb3196 and the politicians that introduced bill SB 3196,

i have been a firearm enthusiast from 1980's , i am now 66 years old ,

thank you, Dennis m

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:19:31 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
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 an 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.

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: 2/13/2024 3:19:09 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Oppose

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 4:05:23 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

My position to bill SB3196 is that I am opposed. Let me first off by saying that it is our right as American citizens to bear arms. Whether it be for hunting or in a self defense situation. WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS! I don't see a pistol any more lethal than a rifle. I believe this assault weapons ban is against our rights and we deserve to bare arms as law abiding citizens whether there is 5 rounds or 30 rounds or whether it has a pistol grip or a handstop on it. None of those things change anything. As for banning assault weapons in general I believe that us law abiding citizens aren't the people you should be worrying about. It's the people getting firearms illegally. Your only hurting law abiding citizens these bills aren't gonna stop the criminals, the bad guys. In part where you guys say we should ban the guns and consider aloha spirit. As a law abiding citizen that owns firearms I have aloha spirit. But the bad guy that's trying to rob you or kill you for what you have doesn't and if my life is in imminent danger I believe I deserve the right to defend myself whether it be with a pistol or a rifle. Let's say worse case scenario there's 5 people trying to mob me with knives or illegally owned guns of their own. 1 bullet may not stop each person. I believe all situations can be settled with aloha spirit but some people don't have the aloha spirit and are just out to do bad things to people. These bills don't help gun violence it makes it worse. Soon more and more of these criminals will have more illegally owned weapons and us law abiding citizens will have none as it is our right to own. You shouldn't punish us for what the criminals in this world do.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 4:08:45 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Alanndo Saradpon-Hill	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill, you folks have no right to tell me and other citizens how we can protect and what we should own . It truly is appalling that this is your only thought to "help" the people of hawaii,by stripping and restricting our Constitutional rights. What have you all done to help Lahaina? NOTHING, me and my brothers and sisters will be filing and sending thus bill to the Supreme Court to push this bill back for Violation to our amendments . It's my property, if this bill passes many law abiding citizens turn into criminals while the criminals will still keep their arms.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 4:24:46 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bruce Combs	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Members of the Committee:

It seems as if you are going out of your way to demonstrate the utter contempt with which you hold the law and our Constitution.

Specifically, you have done nothing but lose, and lose badly, in all Federal court challenges to your past firearms law-making.

And here you propose to ban common firearms that the highest court in the land has already ruled to be of a type lawfully possessed by Hawai'i citizens.

And you propose laws that would criminalizes tens of thousands of Hawai'i citizens for the possession of gun magazines in common useage, again flouting the Federal courts.

Your point, it seems, is not to make equitable law in line with Constitutional principles, but to use your authority to create ad hoc "law", unlawful edicts, to support your wish to deprive citizens of their right to protect themselves, instead of adhering to the law and Constitution as you must.

The very last sentence of your bill further exposes that agenda, wherein you create "exceptions for the acquisition and possession of prohibited firearms for members of law enforcement and the military," but deny these rights to all others, in direct contravention of SCOTUS in the Heller decision.

On this point you also inadvertently prove the wisdom of SCOTUS in Heller, which interpreted the Second Amendment as to confer an individual right to bear arms in part to combat the schemes of those such as yourself who would disarm and hold the public at bay with armed, government-sponsored suppression, using the "collective" type of Second Amendment right that you prefer.

Tyranny is government operating outside of the law, that is, operating with abandon. Ad hoc law isn't law. It is artifice and pretense.

For these reasons you must vote against S.B. 3196.



**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 4:31:55 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this unconstitutional SB3196. This bill will extremely benefit criminals. It will endanger and hinder the law abiding people.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 4:49:18 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Stop taking away law abiding citizens rights to bear arms.. This bill will only affect the law abiding citizens, remember criminals DO NOT FOLLOW LAWS.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 4:53:08 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jc Hutchinson estabilio	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Jc Hutchinson Estabilio this letter is in accordance to the SB3196 bill that is trying to be passed all this does is stop law, abiding citizens from owning specific types of weaponry and attachments when this does nothing to stop criminal activity, it only stops law-abiding citizens from protecting themselves just as the old saying goes “ I rather have it and not need it then need it and not have it” and in passing this bill what’s to stop you from passing another taking all guns away infringing on our second amendment, right which is “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 solidifies one of America's most fundamental freedoms please do not take that away from the American people.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 5:03:01 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill and what it stands for as it is unconstitutional to take away our right to defend ourselves as American citizens. The United States constitution which applies to every state even the "aloha state" states "... the right of the people to keep and bear arms, SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED." This bill will go against the freedom we are given as American citizens and take away our rights. Anything related to limiting what the people can own to defend themselves is an infringement on our 2nd amendment right whether it be a magazine capacity ban or a ban on a particular type of firearm or firearm accessory. Laws like this only hurt law abiding citizens as criminals don't play by the same rules.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 5:24:01 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

SB3196 violates our 2nd amendment

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 5:32:30 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 5:33:38 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose BS3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 5:36:38 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please close the loopholes and fix the law. We can prevent so much tragedy and protect our families.

**SB-3196**

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Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose bill sb3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 5:56:30 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am a law abiding citizen and I oppose this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 6:03:04 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alvin Ilaban	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Alvin Ilaban

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Aloha

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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.

Additionally, banning accessories and parts for firearms would further restrict the rights of law-abiding citizens without addressing the core issues 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.

Furthermore, banning parts for firearms would have a detrimental impact on responsible gun owners who rely on these parts for maintenance and repair of their firearms. Many gun owners take great care in maintaining their firearms and ensuring they are in proper working order.

Banning parts would make it difficult or impossible for these individuals to keep their firearms in safe and operable condition.

In conclusion, I urge you to oppose any legislation that seeks to ban semi-automatic rifles, shotguns, pistols, accessories, or parts. Instead, I urge you to 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 solutions that promote safety and security in our communities without infringing upon our constitutional rights.

Thank you for considering my views on this important issue.

Mahalo,

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 6:06:08 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Trevor Perez	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TREVOR PEREZ

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Mahalo,

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 6:33:20 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Oppose SB 3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 6:37:11 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Senator Glen Wakai, Chair, Senator Brandon Elefante, Vice Chair and members of the Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs,

My name is Terence Lee and I am a resident from the Windward side of Oahu. I am in support of this bill. I am a gun violence survivor. I was at work when a crazy man entered and shot me 5 times. That was December 19 1992. For over 30 years I have been following the path of guns and gun violence because I struggle with this to this day.

I have lived in many cities before returning home, all the while watching this gun violence escalate. Please keep Hawaii safe. I support this bill.

Mahalo,

Terence Lee

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 6:40:53 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE SB3196. The definitions for assault rifles, shotguns, and pistols categorically includes many firearms owned, possessed, and used by Hawaii residents for other than criminal purposes, such as personal defense, shooting sports, hunting, collection, and recreation. For example, AR-15 type rifles such as the Colt Sporting Rifles and Rock River Arms LAR includes National Match versions which are used in nationally-sanctioned rifle competition. Among the features which can classify a firearm as assault type where a magazine is not placed in the grip includes a number of high-end pistols used for national and international shooting sports competition. The proposal essentially deprives Second Amendment rights of citizens and as well as infringes entities in commerce (i.e., gunshops, manufacturers and distributors, etc.) contrary to the legislative intent to ensure public safety. Considering the influx of illegal and criminal aliens crossing the southern as well as northern borders of the U.S. and the rising crimes by illegals, the proposal gives full advantage to those who have no problem in committing violent crimes on our citizens and businesses. Many people do not believe this will happen in Hawaii but it can.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 6:50:50 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am opposed to sb 3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 6:57:44 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

1. 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: 2/13/2024 6:57:52 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Riley Richards	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 second amendment that i enlisted to fight in the military to uphold and protect. You need to respect and uphold that amendment as well as a part of the government of the United States of America. "Shall not be infringed" biggest part of that and somehow people love to try to play on words. That sounds pretty dry cut to me.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 7:02:24 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This goes against my second amendment rights and everything my grandfathers and father went to war for!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 7:05:04 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I say no to SB3196 bills

## Testimony SB 3196

### RELATING TO FIREARMS.

Chairman Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair Brandon Elephante, and members of Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> 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 *NYSPPRA 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> 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 (2021)** – 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.

- **Bevis vs. the City of Naperville (Illinois)** - the 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit has upheld a ban on AR15 and AK47s, however seeking emergency relief from the Supreme Court, Bevis and the National Association for Gun Rights argue that laws banning weapons that are in "common use" for lawful purposes are unconstitutional under the Second Amendment.
- **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*. 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 signing of a State of Hawai'i Assault weapons ban. However, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment advocates in the State of Hawai'i fully intend to challenge this measure if signed into law.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 7:17:33 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. This bill does nothing to keep firearms out of the hands of criminals. This bill arbitrarily bans certain firearms that do nothing to keep Hawaii safer by having a firearm within a certain weight requirement, a threaded barrel, and certain styles of grips that make no difference and do not make firearms assault or not assault weapons. This bill is not supported in any way by any data or science that will improve the safety of our communities. Our government funds wars overseas and spends billions of dollars to arm other countries and its people, however continually tries to disarm its own citizens.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 7:17:57 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shaun Lehman	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB3196, on th ebasis tha it does nothing to improve publiic 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 2nd ammendment rights of American citizens.

Here in Hawaii, we see daily news of vasioous assaults and attcks 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. The violence is not limited to firearms, thus plaicng more restrinctions will not imporve public safety, not when a pipe or a bottle of acid can be used so easily.
2. When firearms are inviolved, it is rare if ever that a ull ten rounds are fired. Thus, restricting magazine capacity will not improve public safety.
3. Current legislation to acquire and own firearms in Hawaii is very resrtictive (among the toughest in the country), designed to ensure that only law-abiding citizens without mental issues are permitted to acquire firearms. The majority of firearm assault reports involve guns that were obtained illegally, not registered and often used by known criminals.
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. Thus,a firearm that was obtained legally, is suddenly illegal at no fault of the owner.
5. The 2nd amendment guarantees citizens' rights to bear arms to dend themselves. This right is taken away if the intended magazine capacity is limited or taken away.

Thank you for your time and attention. Please consider my comments and preserve our constitutional freedoms.

Mahalo,

Shaun Lehman

Kauai

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Submitted on: 2/13/2024 7:18:33 AM

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<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: 2/13/2024 7:21:03 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I whole heartly oppose this bill. It would be unsafe for hunters or any person who needs to defend themselves. Also it goes directly against the 2nd ammendment. Finally the people doing all these shooting are not law abiding citizens and you will only be making rules against for friends family and neighbors who abide by laws.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 7:27:41 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 7:32:53 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I do not support this bill. I urge you no vote. Mahalo.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 7:33:22 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
David P. Alvarado Jr.	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

My name is David Alvarado Jr. and I thank you for the opportunity to share my concern and strong opposition to SB3196. As a LAW ABIDING, responsible, gun owner, a bill such as this will make me and thousands of other felons overnight, thus thrusting me and other responsible citizens in the criminal light which I, and many others fight and strive to stay out of each and every day. In efforts to combat crime, which I assume this bill is intended to do, all it really does is persecute LEGAL gun owners, however doesn't really address the real problem...the criminals. After all, expecting persons who engage in criminal activity to follow new laws, in a state who already has the 5th most stringent gun laws, is kind of unrealistic. Instead, I feel that getting tougher on punishment for law breakers may be a better approach, rather than persecute citizens, who are doing their all to follow the law.

Additionally, as I strive to stay up to date with current events via news ect...I do not, and have not seen any increase in incidents involving SPORTING RIFLES aka ARMALITE RIFLES, which by the way is the correct term, not assault rifles. Most recently I have only heard and seen in the news incidents involving mostly stabbings, and some handgun incidents, perpetrated by mentally unsound individuals. Instead I think that our tax dollars should be better spent providing the necessary healthcare for said individuals.

As previously stated, thank you for the opportunity to express my concerns in this matter, and I hope you will not make me and thousands of your constituents a FELON.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 7:34:08 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE this bill. Not only does it violate my 2nd amendment right, but as a woman with smaller hands, a semi-auto rifle is the best tool for my self defense. The way the rifles are built, helps my smaller hands and smaller body frame manage recoil, which means I am more accurate with the rifle. Because I am responsible for every round that leaves the barrel, if I miss while defending myself, then I am responsible for what ever that bullet hits. So these types of firearms gives me the most accuracy from missing.

When you also ban the standard capacity magazines these rifles come with (30 rounds), this limits me as well. I do not have big pockets to hold extra magazines if you limit them to only 10 rounds. Maybe males who wear bigger pants have bigger pockets, but womens pants pockets are known to be smaller. Many pants/shorts don't even fit my cell phone.

This bill will also do nothing to stop bad guys from obtaining these types of firearms, it only leaves people like me defenseless.

Finally, think about the pending lawsuits about this bill. Let these play out first before passing anything because this will cause Hawaii time and money to defend.

Many on this committe already voted with regard to the sensitive places bill to leave me without the best tool for self defense because I am unable to conceal carry in many locations. You open me up to being a victim and protecting any rapist, active shooter, kidnapper, or anyone who wants to do women harm. By disarming the victims, you protect the aggressor/criminal.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 7:42:10 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support this bill, it closes some loopholes! Please vote Yes.

Thank you,

Kathleen Keilman

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 7:45:40 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

You are limiting law abiding citizens rights to protect themselves! I don't want a repeat of the battle of Iao Valley.... don't know the story?

Kamehameha the 1st could not conquer Kahekili on Maui. Not until he rolled up with canons and muskets. This story is a good lesson that if you don't have the most effective tools to protect yourself, you will lose your land, your family, your rights, and your life if you can't match up to the opposing threat.

This is a fight for second amendment rights and even for Hawaiian Rights. Enough already. You can't control the gun, only the people who behold the gun. No matter how hard you try, someone will unlawful posses a gun. And that's who I am protecting my self and my family from. Especially on my property and on my land.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 7:45:56 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 and help to stop the madness!  
Mahalo from a concerned citizen.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 7:47:18 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Qwincey Walker	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: 2/13/2024 7:47:32 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill that would be against our 2nd amendment rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 7:50:25 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196.

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Submitted on: 2/13/2024 7:55:28 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill! You law makers should be working on tougher consequences and mandatory gun safety education in schools. You politicians needs to Spend our monies properly and keep the law abiding citizen safe! Keep in mind, the law breakers will still have illegal firearms!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 7:58:14 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it is just an anti-gun groups wish list. Nothing in the bill will help with crime. Everything in it, is about stopping law abiding citizens from enjoying the shooting sports. It will stop all travel with firearms to the mainland, because it will be illegal to bring back all your legally owned and registered firearms. Ordering parts to repair your rifle and shotguns will no longer be allowed, I can see future legislation banning parts for gas operated cars, so we will have no choice but to buy electric or take the Rail to nowhere.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 8:03:46 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I STRONGLY oppose banning so called "assault rifles" and "assault shotguns". The politicians that are pushing this through will only give criminals an advantage, and will disarm law abiding citizens. I will not give up my safety and means of protection.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 8:04:11 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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, a tax payer and a person who was born and raised in Hawaii. I highly oppose this bill. As a law abiding American citizen you are infringing on my rights. This bill not stop criminals and will only affect law abiding citizens like myself. I am not a gun advocate but the people I know that are are some if the most trustworthy and honest people I know. Please do not pass this bill.

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Dear Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 3196. While I understand the intention behind this bill is to enhance public safety and reduce gun violence, I believe the proposed measures are not the right solution and may inadvertently penalize law-abiding citizens who responsibly own and use firearms.

I am a law-abiding firearms owner and former member of our U.S. Armed Services. Our family resides on Hawaii Island in the rural area of Pepeekeo in North Hilo. Our Second Amendment right to bear arms is a pillar of our ability to defend ourselves and our lives.

The broad definitions and expansions of what constitutes "assault weapons," including assault rifles, shotguns, .50 caliber rifles, and certain attachments, threaten to encompass a wide range of firearms that are commonly used for legitimate purposes, such as hunting, sport shooting, and self-defense. The categorization of these firearms as inherently dangerous overlooks the reality that the vast majority of firearm owners are law-abiding citizens who safely use their weapons.

Moreover, the ban on firearms with a detachable magazine of over ten rounds capacity could render many standard firearms illegal. This restriction fails to recognize that the capacity of a firearm's magazine does not inherently make it more dangerous in the hands of a responsible owner. Such measures could severely limit individuals' ability to defend themselves and their property, infringing upon their Second Amendment rights.

The prohibition on bringing or transferring assault rifles and shotguns into the state, while intended to prevent the influx of potentially dangerous weapons, may also negatively impact competitive shooters and hunters who travel to Hawaii, further impacting the state's tourism and local economies.

While I fully support efforts to prevent gun violence and ensure the safety of our communities, I urge the legislature to reconsider the approach taken in SB 3196. Instead, I advocate for measures that focus on enforcing existing laws, improving mental health support, and addressing the root causes of violence without broadly infringing on the rights of responsible gun owners.

Thank you for considering my perspective on this critical issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Myles De Coito". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Myles De Coito

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Submitted on: 2/13/2024 8:22:28 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am opposed to this bill. This is ridiculous that you would attempt to further infringe upon our rights as American citizens

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 8:30:29 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I am firmly against any more regulations limiting the access to purchasing and bearing semi auto weapons in the state of Hawaii and restricting the right to carry in all places other than government buildings already being guarded by licensed and armed officials. Any other area is not safe for citizens to access without carrying defensive weapons if legally allowed to carry. The state of Hawaii needs to stop contradicting the supreme court of the US and continue to waste taxpayer money on defending lawsuits that will inevitably be brought against it.

Mark Pillori

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Submitted on: 2/13/2024 8:30:31 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Whereas "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." Additional legislation is superfluous and unnecessary.

Whereas similar legislation by other states have brought lawsuits where the legislation was overturned by higher courts, thus this legislation is sure to cost Hawaii taxpayers who already pay the highest taxes in the nation.

Whereas the majority of the bans are for cosmetic reasons rather than functional.

Whereas "...shall not be infringed." is both clear and concise and this proposed bill violates a fundamental human right.

Whereas policy makers for the State of Hawaii have failed to improve upon its most basic services of maintaining infrastructure, education and diversifying the economy, it is doubtful that this legislature has the purview to improve upon an individual citizen's safety.

Whereas Hawaii ranks 49th in personal and economic freedom from both The Frasier Institute and The Cato Institute (amongst others but the list would be too lengthy for this testimony) this proposed legislation and others similar will be sure to place Hawaii last at 50th.

Whereas this is not an issue that is important to voters nor does it attempt to fix a known issue, but is simply a means for ideologically driven policy makers to enforce their subjective idea of morality on the entirety of Hawaii's citizenry.

Whereas this legislature continues to rupture trust with its citizens by using the limited legislative session to debate policies such as this which restrict individual freedoms rather than solving for the acute housing crisis, repairing infrastructure (2nd worse in the nation), diversifying the economy or fixing a disreputable DOE. This loss of trust in our governmental institutions & its leaders will prove to be much more dangerous to our society than certain firearms in the hands of law-abiding citizens.

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Submitted on: 2/13/2024 8:35:14 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 gun laws are already strict enough. Adding more guns to a ban list wont accomplish much as those guns aren't a problem. The root of the problem is the person who wants to commit crimes which is what should be addressed.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 8:36:12 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

The U.S. constitution limits the power the people allow their representatives to have at both the federal and state Government levels, it doesn't limit the peoples rights. The bill of rights was given to the people by all mighty GOD, not the Government. The 2nd amendment within the constitution state's the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. In the recent supreme court case " Bruen vs New York Pistol and Rifle " the court affirmed the right to keep and bear arms. The test for adjudicating this ruling is text, history , and tradition of the second amendment of the nation' "not the state" since 1791. The hawaii supreme court in its latest ruling has rebuked the supreme law of the land stating the spirit of Aloha, which isn't included in the nations text, history or tradition. This is lawless behavior on the part of this governemnt which the people have not authorized, and should these this bill and others like it continue, citizens of the state will have to move to states which protect their god given rights. I have lived in Hawaii for 59 years, but liberty is more important than paradise

Respectfully,

Scott Fernandez

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 8:38:33 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha members voting on this bill,

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 vulnerable people 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.

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.

Joshua Dukes

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Submitted on: 2/13/2024 8:39:27 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
CJ R	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a law enforcement officer within the State of Hawaii. I have the privilege and the honor to uphold the law and swore an oath to adhere and protect the Constitution. SB3196 and all others alike, go against the United States Constitution. SB3196 is not in the best interest of law abiding citizens. When we will we understand that laws are not followed by criminals and only followed by law abiding citizens. The issues are clear to those that pay attention. The solution is not to make new law regarding this manner, the solution is to actually keep the criminals who commit crimes with firearms over and over again; inside prison away from the law abiding population. SB3196 is a blatant violation of the second amendment of the United States Constitution, myself and many other in the position I am in, do not support SB3196. Stop the court system from releasing felons and career criminals with supervised release with no one to supervise them, and firearms offenses will substantially drop in frequency.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 8:40:47 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

My written testimony is in opposition to SB3196. Not only is it a violation of our 2nd amendment rights. It practically strips away our right to defend our homes/property, family and ourselves from criminals with the intent to physically harm myself and others. If Hawaii can't control illegal fireworks and drugs from entering our state, what makes them think they can stop fire arms. Hawaii today is a much more dangerous crime and drug infested island then just a few years ago. We all see it. Everywhere you go there's a risk of violence nowadays. Police sirens are constantly going off a lot more frequently. The focus should be on helping the mental stability of those individuals and not impose a law on the rest of the population that renders them defenseless. Every time there's a shooting our local politicians think they can solve it by writing laws to ban the weapons. Under the current administration Hawaii can expect to have dangerous illegal immigrants landing on our island soon if not already and spreading throughout our neighborhoods. Their intent is to cause harm. It's going to get worse so it's better to be prepared and safe than a victim of violence. I Oppose SB3196 more focus needs to be on education and stricter background checks.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 8:42:58 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill! This bill is unconstitutional.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 8:44:40 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha, honorable legislators.

Thank you for your concern for the public safety of people on this island. Although this bill looks good on paper it will do nothing but put the safety of law abiding citizens at risk. More than 99 percent of gun violence happens here in Hawaii through ghost guns and illegal firearms. This bill will do nothing to circumvent these crimes but now you are restricting the good people to effectively protect themselves thus doing this will deem extremely unconstitutional. I pray that you folks will make the right decision.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 8:45:01 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

In Opposition of SB3196

1. It a violative of a person's rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution and the Hawaii Constitution (Second Amendment)

2. It will hurt or closes FFI dealers in hawaii

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 8:46:57 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Stop violating our Constitutional rights!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 8:49:56 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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 strongly say this bill is not consistent with our way of life, our guaranteed rights, and our ability to protect ourselves, our livestock, our 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.

Mahalo nui,

Calvin Howell

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 8:51:10 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This is not for the law abiding citizens!!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 8:52:05 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please pass

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Submitted on: 2/13/2024 8:57:34 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill

guns makes my lifestyle feel safe makes my family feel safe. If there's an instructor that can teach people the right way to use a gun then everybody will live peaceful.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 9:02:52 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 9:03:25 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

The restrictions are too stringent. Also, the inability to will/sell the firearm to someone should be allowed. The Telescoping stock is of importance for those individuals with restricted mobility and/or shorter arm reach. Improper fitting firearms can cause more safety issues than the ability to adjust the length of pull to match the individual's need(s). The barrel shroud limitation needs to be removed. Again, a safety measure.

The pistol with a magazine that attached outside of the grip is ridiculous! Used to shoot a .22 target pistol that had magazine in front of the trigger guard. This was purely for sport/competition, but under these restrictions, I cannot own one! This bulky target/match piston is considered an "assault" weapon by this ridiculous over reaching law!

This was obviously written by individuals who are not passionate about shooting sports and negatively impact those who pursue target shooting/competitions. I CANNOT support this measure!

Karen Worthington, Kula, HI 96790

February 13, 2024

To: Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair, and Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair  
Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

From: Karen Worthington, Private Citizen

Re: **SB3196: RELATING TO FIREARMS**  
**Hawaii State Capitol, Room 225 and Videoconference, February 14, 2023, 3:00 PM**

**Position: SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Wakai, Senator Elefante, and Committee Members:

I am writing to ask you to pass SB3196 to protect Hawai'i families through clear laws and requirements relating to the types of firearms allowed in our state. I speak as a parent and the daughter of an Army combat veteran who was a firearms coach and competitor.

I believe that owning and using a firearm is a privilege, and there are some firearms that belong in the hands of law enforcement and military personnel and not in the hands of private citizens. SB196 clarifies what firearms are not suited for civilian life in our state because they are more likely to result in injury and death on a large scale. I am grateful to see legislation designed to protect our residents from the potential deadly consequences of less-regulated gun ownership, especially the presence of the weapons included in SB3196.

I ask that your committee pass SB3196 to provide clear guidance regarding what firearms are allowed in Hawai'i. This bill sends a clear message that our priority is protecting the rights of all citizens, especially our keiki, from brutal, preventable gun violence.

Please commit to protecting children by passing SB3196.

Best regards,



Karen Worthington

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 9:09:58 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 am writing in strong opposition of this bill. Although it is well-intentioned, SB 3196 will do little to increase public safety in our state. What it will do is punish the many law abiding citizens who own firearms that would be swept up by the broad language of the proposed ban. Hawaii already has effective firearms laws on the books. These 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: 2/13/2024 9:18:44 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Hawaii has the strictest Gun Laws and your good citizens have obeyed every one of them. Miscreants by their name have not and will never obey your laws. That's why we call them criminals.

Finally, please be reasonable and perhaps, earn the respect of your Public Office. What was the last recorded crime committed by a Winchester 94 lever action rifle or the last death cause by an airsoft toy?

If you want to "Save the Keikis in the Spirit of Aloha," address the high homelessness of Chronics by re-invoking Hawaii's 1970's Vagrancy Laws, improving Hawaii's mental health programs and fixing CPS so that another child doesn't starve to death while your broken system watched. It's shameful.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 9:21:08 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

To Whom This may Concern

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide written testimony. I want to state I am a former service member that defended the Constitution. I feel that this bill goes against both the US and Hawaii Constitution. I cannot believe that our Hawaii congressional delegation would put a law that so blatantly abuses the 2nd Amendment. Soon the government will be telling us what to say, what religion we must comply with, that the 4th amendment no longer applies, that the 14th amendment for due process and men do not have a right to vote. This is an attack on the Constitution and US citizens individual rights. This bill must not be approved.

Thank you for allowing me this testimony

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 9:21:12 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 9:24:11 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Thaddea H Pitts	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

On reference to SB3196

Re: Wakai,Keohokalolle,Chang,Kidani,Shimabokuro,Moriwaki

Concerns on rifle ban v mental health in Hawaii

According to to pew research.org, Hawaii has the lowest gun deaths in their research done in 2021. Why would a rifle ban be necessary when government regulations such as the Hunters safety course and gun registration are already in place?

According to FBI statistics in 2020, studies show

“Rifles- the category sometimes referred to as ‘assault rifles’, were involved in 3% of murders nation wide. “Horrible but not enough to warrant a ban on rifles.

Concerns for the for the latest shooter in Texas at Lakewood Church show the shooter was mentally disturbed. A fact that continues to creep up in these mass murder events.

Where our focus is needed is not on banning guns, but on the mental health needs of the people of Hawaii. According to a report on Khon News, the 11th leading cause of death in Hawaii is due to suicides—again supporting the need for mental health funding not banning weapons.

It was also noted that during Covid lockdowns which was mandated by the government, caused a rise in suicides. Again, I see this could be contributed to mental health issues.

Conclusion:

Mental health is a major concern in our state not to be ignored. This needs to be addressed. As I see the homeless on my island, I see a relationship once again to mental issues. I could see facilities to help those who have drug issues, those that have severe mental issues, and those that need a little help to get through these tough times we are facing. That’s where the government should step in. The focus needs to be on helping our people— not taking away the rights of the people.

Thaddea Pitts. The Big Island

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 9:31:25 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose senate bill 3196 as it infringes on my and every single citizen in the United States and Hawaii to their right to bear arms.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 9:31:47 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE this Bill.

Mahalo

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 9:32:13 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Hawaii Legislature,

I am strongly opposed to SB3196. As an Hawaii Resident for over twenty years. I find that this Bill SB3196. directly imposes on my rights as an citizen of the United states of America and as an resident of this great state of Hawaii. This bill, if passed will have direct impacts on business, tax revenue, hunting, sport shooting and myself as an individual to have the right to bear arms per the second ammendment. This bill in no way will lower the statistics of gun violence and keep guns away from criminals. It will have a direct effect on what guns i can own and how i use them. Hawaii already has one of the most strigent gun laws of all the states. I am asking that you do not pass SB3196.

Sincerly,

Michael Jensen

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 9:35:27 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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,

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.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 9:36:10 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Marlee Kamakaala-Miller	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. It is unconstitutional and does not follow the Bruen SCOTUS decision.

This bill will not increase safety. And it will only hurt law abiding citizens from being able to protect themselves.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 9:37:57 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196. This measure will destroy the airsoft activities played by thousands as a recreational sport. The measure also seeks to destroy any and all 2A rights. Laws are already in place to punish criminals and those laws need to be enforced rather than adding to them. These laws do not prevent crimes but seek to punish law-abiding citizens for exercising their rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 9:43:54 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sarah Bauer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I respectfully submit testimony in support of SB3196.

- 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 how they are 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.
- SB 3196 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: 2/13/2024 9:51:16 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 opposing this Bill, because 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. Hawaii 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. I humbly request that you dispose of this Bill.

V/r,

Jason De Ponte

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 9:53:45 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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, it is unconstitutional!.



**A. Kevin  
Makizuru**

February 13, 2024

**RE: Testimony in opposition of SB 3196 Relating To Firearms**

To: Whom it may concern,

Thank you for allowing me to speak with you today. My name is Kevin Makizuru live in and used to work in the 96817 zip code. I am person with disability's with family member also with disabilities.

I am here today to speak with you about **SB 3196** which is Relating To Fireamrs. I want you to know that I do not support this bill.

**(A)** This bill is import to me because, as person who lives and used to work in the 96817 zip code i have seen the changes throughout the years in our community. I feel that my personal safety has been compromised on numerous occasions even to the extent of calling HPD to my business and home. (i.e. vehicle theft, snatch and grab out of my warehouse, drug deals being preformed right outside in my parking area.)

**(B)** As a person who's has already obtained these types of firearms being proposed in this bill I feel that it is unjust due to what is portrayed in the second amendment. Our founding father's did not impose restrictions on the type of firearms one should be able to obtain which this bill does to protect his or her family.

**(C)** I believe that this bill will also hurt those few business that have chosen to provide these types of firearms to the citizen of Hawaii as their primary source of income as a business owner.

The passing of this bill would hurt me and my family by being able to protect us, any other person and our personal property if passed.

Mahalo for your time and public service.  
A. Kevin Makizuru

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**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 9:55:24 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196

Hello,

Thank you for taking the time to hear my testimony in favor of **SB 3196**.

Assault weapons like AR-15 rifles fire high velocity ammunition that inflict greater damage to the human body than a round from a typical handgun. Semi-automatic weapons like the AR-15 are capable of firing rounds faster than manually operated rifles. These are reasons that they appeal to perpetrators looking to inflict fear and mass casualties. AR-15 and other rifles have been used in mass shootings, and we know that perpetrators are inclined to copy those that have been used in previous mass shootings.

The Violence Project, which conducted research and interviewed perpetrators of school shootings, showed that perpetrators possess some of these commonalities: a history of childhood trauma, an identifiable crisis point, a script to follow, someone to blame and an opportunity. Unfortunately, perpetrators have too many blueprints to follow these days, Columbine being the most popular. Research shows prohibiting assault weapons can prevent mass shooting fatalities and active shooter events. Therefore, we must limit or reduce immediate access to assault rifles.

In closing, I want to thank you for your time and I implore you to pass **SB 3196** so that we can uphold the values of prohibiting assault weapons historically set for Hawai'i.

Mahalo,  
Vanessa Ruderman

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 9:57:42 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support sb3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 10:03:26 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

February 12, 2024

Subject: Opposition to SB3196

Dear Senator,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB3196. While I understand the concerns surrounding gun violence and the desire to increase public safety, I firmly believe that banning certain firearms is not the most effective solution.

First and foremost, it's important to recognize that responsible gun ownership is a constitutional right. The second amendment of the United States Constitution guarantees citizens the right to keep and bear arms. Any attempt to infringe upon this fundamental right must be approached with caution and careful consideration.

Furthermore, SB3196 would disproportionately affect law-abiding citizens who use guns for legitimate purposes such as self-defense, hunting, and sport shooting. It would penalize responsible gun owners without addressing the underlying issues that contribute to violence, such as mental health issues and socioeconomic situations. Instead of focusing solely on restricting access to firearms, we should prioritize comprehensive solutions that address the root causes of violence while respecting the rights of law-abiding citizens. This includes investing in mental health services, implementing stricter background checks and screening processes, improving education and awareness around gun safety, and enforcing existing laws more effectively.

Moreover, history has shown that prohibition-style policies often lead to unintended consequences, including increase criminal activity.

In conclusion, while I share the goal of reducing gun violence and ensuring public safety, I believe SB3196 is not the answer. We must pursue evidence-based, nuanced approaches that balance the protection of individual rights with the promotion of community safety.

Mahalo for considering my perspective on this important issue.

With professional regards,

Mac Rivera

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 10:11:11 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

To the Hawaii Senate,

This bill is a clear violation of the People's God given rights. The fact that the Senate has the ill will to violate the People's rights proves why the 2nd Amendment is important: To place restrictions on the government's overreaching power, especially the Hawaii state government. Do NOT pass this bill.

Thank you.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 10:11:34 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill is COMPLETELY UNCONSTITUTIONAL, and goes against all Supreme Court precedent.

Abide your oath of office and immediately oppose this bill.

Use your time in legislation to address real CRIMINALS.

STOP HARASSING LAWFUL CITIZENS RIGHTS.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 10:13:57 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Dear Lawmakers -

Hawaii is already known for having some of the strictest gun laws in the United States. The state's stringent approach to gun regulation is influenced by a combination of historical, cultural, and legislative factors and as evidenced by the Hawaii Supreme Court recent rebuke of the 2nd Amendment, a complete lack of understanding and awareness in how it applies to the citizenry and the personal safety of all of us in our state which grows more and more dangerous everyday, week, month and year.

In the simplest of terms, "shall not be infringed" is just that and our framers intended to as such. It does not matter if the words were written 200 years ago, 2 weeks ago or 2 days ago.

Hawaii has implemented strict gun laws in response to concerns about public safety. The aim is to prevent gun violence, accidents, and suicides by regulating the ownership and possession of firearms. Yet Hawaii had record rates of gun ownership prior to and coming out of COVID due to crime both violent and property. Efforts to address public safety concerns perceived our "leaders" led to the tightening of regulations this year with unrealistic restrictions on affidavits, PTA's, CCW's Instructor -credentialing just to name a few. The fact that gun sales were effectly halted because there was no transition plan in place navigate the sweeping changes implemented, shows contempt for the process written by you (the lawmakers) and the laissez-faire attitude of HPD and continued failure of the Chief in organizing, implementing, and informing the citizenry of Honolulu of said processes is insulting as it projects a "we know better than you for your own safety" attitude. Meanwhile victims get shot in shopping malls, chemical attacks on city streets at random, fights break in the middle of intersections, and our Hawaii Supreme Court quotes a TV Show.

Criminals don't care about permits to acquire, nor are they worried about magazine limits and perceived "assault rifles" which by the way is not even a real term but created by the mainstream media. The origin of "assault weapon" stems from the term "assault rifle," which the U.S. Army defines explicitly as a selective-fire rifle chambered for a cartridge of intermediate power. The term "assault rifle" only applies to automatic firearms rather than the semi-automatic firearms that gun control advocates are focused on banning today. Criminals don't have to submit themselves to a background check nor do they have to worry about psychological or medical background checks. They even get the pass on the FBI "RAPBACK" database program required by State law for all firearm owners. Yet the everyday citizens of Hawaii, who live in the most

expensive state in the union, have limited job markets, opportunities and wages, endures the most expensive housing market in the country and carries the highest debt to income ratio only wants the means to protect themselves and their families. These citizens who abide by the law, submit themselves to scrutiny are upstanding and responsible. They know, understand, and more importantly *accept*, the responsibilities of being a firearms owner.

Despite the warping of the 2nd Amendment law in Hawaii, despite the unreasonable and non-accommodation of the elimination of jobs for firearm instructors because you now have to be “vetted” by HPD (unconstitutional by the way) with no clear path thereof, and despite the sheer lunacy of the HSC and their perceived 2A landmark ruling and everything contained with SB3196... Our citizens deserve and demand better.

All SB3196 does is expose the general public to the rising danger in our streets. Haven't the lawmakers in this State done enough? While you sit in positions of power protected by security and State Deputies, the State is suffering.....Again our citizens deserve and demand better.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 10:14:21 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I would like to respectfully communicate my opposition to SB3196. If passed into law, it will undoubtedly be challenged in court as a 2nd Amendment violation. It will also likely be struck down based on past SCOTUS precedents. I urge legislators to save taxpayers' time and money by opposing this bill and to focus on bills that have a greater impact (e.g., greater mental health and law enforcement resources).

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 10:15:05 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michael Casey	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

I, Michael Casey, oppose this bill given its unconstitutional nature and its lack of respect for Hawaii 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.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 10:15:38 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Being born and raised in Hawai‘i, we are lucky enough to have great weather, low crime, and the Aloha Spirit that lives within everyone who allows it. The great thing about these gifts is that they are not the result of government regulation or restrictions, they are the results of Hawai‘i's people making positive decisions and living with the Aloha Spirit.

To restrict the people of Hawai‘i's rights and liberties for the sake of the perception of creating "safety" goes directly against the spirit of Aloha that we all share towards each other. It is the fact that we are able to exercise our human rights and liberties that the Aloha Spirit exists. These rights and freedoms do come with responsibilities to respect and protect one another, but without the choice and freedoms we have, then there is no possibility that the Good People of Hawai‘i can make the positive choices that lead us to a better future, of greater freedom, and respect for one another.

I prefer dangerous freedom over peaceful slavery, and especially when I know what resides in the heart of Hawaii's People.

This bill absolutely infringes and violates the second ammendment of the constitution. It bans commonly owned rifles, shotguns, parts, and accessories. I could not begin to guess the large number of these rifles/ shotguns in private ownership, as their presence in Hawai‘i would easily date back to before its statehood. Some of the rifles and shotguns named have not been produced in over 50 years, and some are already banned for importation due specifically to international sanctions on trade. The named firearms section is a copy paste from the original assult weapons ban, and shows little to no research or expert consultation in regards to which models and why they specifically are named.

Additionally, many of the accessories and parts exist in Hawai‘i by the 10's of millions if not more, as their applications are for a variety of firearms, replicas, and sporting equipment, with uses far beyond the scope of this bill. To me this obviously indicates a lack of understanding, research, and expert consultation on the details and practical aspects of this bill.

This bill will have no effect on a crime that an ill intencioned individual wishes to commit, and instead makes criminals of good people. If the concern was for the safety of people, stopping mass shootings, and reducing violent crime, then the obvious solution would be to increase security at places where they are likely to happen. A police officer cannot be at every corner, but

a legally armed and trained citizen who wishes to carry, can be there to defend himself and others. The person that they help may even be yourself one day.

Ultimately, as a legislator I only ask that you be open minded to new solutions and ideas, and listen to the people you serve from both sides of an issue. Think with reason not fear, and hold the truth that Aloha still exists in Hawai'i's People.

Respectfully,

Justin Medeiros

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 10:18:52 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I do not support this bill

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 10:23:39 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Rae-Zan Tamayo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Although sadly there are individuals out there who are irresponsible and don't follow the law, as a mother, this will make it harder for me to defend myself and two daughters in a situation, especially when there are still others out there who continue to carry illegally.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 10:24:56 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill -

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 10:25:06 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
J White	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I am in strong opposition!!!!

**STOP TRYING TO TAKE AWAY MY FREEDOMS AND UPHOLD THE DAMN CONSTITUTION LIKE TO SWORE TO WHEN YOU TOOK YOUR OATH!**

Name one thing that was banned that worked? Prohibition??? Fireworks???? My beach park in Kailua is at threat of being closed to the public because of homeless. Look at every other beach park that OUR freedom as taken..... they put the tents and tarps on the OTHER SIDE of the chain (different jurisdiction). If someone was trying to knock down your door to sodomize & shoot your child in the head who do you call in a panic???? The guys with guns (HPD). What about when your being held hostage by a maniac high on meth and fentanyl (both banned) what do you want the SWAT team to show up with SLINGSHOTS??? No.... you want them to neutralize the threat of life being lost. Maybe the NAVY SEALs should use muzzle loaded muskets because it's not fair how they operate now with the equipment they use. So many terrorist were killed by the mean guns the special forces carry!!! Booooooo hhhuuuuuuuuuu 🙄🙄

What happens when the active shooting starts in Hawaii???? We need people, good people with certain equipment to stop the evil. They way we're headed and the direction of the intent of these SOFT LIBERAL values will make us vulnerable. Hawaii is an island nation of Warriors not sheep! We must protect our own especially with the influx of outsiders and outsiders values that do not line up with ours; and by ours I mean the true Warriors of the pacific.

**STOP BEING A PARTY FOLLOWER AND BE A PROTECTOR. YOU SWORE AN OATH TO PROTECT..... KEEP YOUR WORD OR STEP DOWN.**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 10:31:39 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I feel this proposed Bill will complicate matters and stress the police personale even further in order to enforce this.

Knowing the audience that own these the things that this bill would like to ban thinking that they would willingly give up their firearms out of the goodness of their heart is dilusional.

I can understand what the thought process of this ban might be, but its implementing it that I feel would be a huge problem.

I'd imagine our state to being one of the lowest gun violence mortality rates across the nation. The gun measures that we have in place are working. Implementing this bill would be highly unnecessary.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 10:32:09 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196 as it does not address the root of the problem. The problem is not gun violence, it is people violence.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 10:34:07 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Erik	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

Dear Committee Members,

I urge you to vote in opposition to this bill. I have 28 years in the military, my father and mother both served, my father-in-law, grandfather-in-law, and great grand-father-in-law all served. I have been to many countries where weapons are banned. It is not good. These rules were put into our original constitution for a reason. They still apply today in keeping our democratic republic in operation. In changing this vision we may too easily fall.

Second, there is no difference between a regular rifle and a legal assault rifle. The military has assault rifles that are fully automatic.

I oppose this bill,

Sincerely,

Erik Eck

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 10:36:09 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha I strongly am disagree with SB3196 as it violates our 2nd amendment right. This law is only harm law abidening citizens and restrict our ability to defend our selves, loved ones and property. The only people benefitinf form SB3196 will be the criminals who don't follow and laws at all. SB3196 is about as unconstitutional as it gets

ryan eichner

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: 2/13/2024 10:39:16 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose bill 3196 because it not only infringes on my 2nd amendment rights as an American . But it will also greatly affect my family business that involves teaching tourist how to safely operate and shoot semi automatic pistols and semi automatic magazine fed rifles and my rating as NRA certified safety pistol instructor and Range safety officer. I make a living teaching people about firearm safety and this bill will not allow me to continue this endeavor. Thanks for reading my testimony.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 10:39:18 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am against this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 10:46:11 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Oppose. You threw in everything except howitzers, tanks, battleships and the kitchen sink.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 10:46:11 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Dear Legislature of Hawai'i,

I grew up in Hilo, Hawai'i and still consider Hawai'i "my home". My parents and much of my family still live there, so it is still near and dear to my heart. Growing up in Hawai'i, I was exposed to firearms and their safe use ever since I was a child. Bird hunting and pig hunting was what I lived for, all of which of course utilize firearms for the most part. I believe that Hawai'i's hunter education course was/is one of the best courses out there and was thrilled to finally be able to attend it when I turned 12 y/o (I think that's how old I was, long time ago though!). In any case, because of this I grew up with interest in firearms but more importantly a respect. As I matured into an adult, I continued to delve deeper into firearm ownership, took more firearms training courses (to include conceal carry certification in multiple U.S. states, and eventually joined the U.S. Army in which I deployed to Afghanistan (where I carried my M16 every single place I went). Suffice to say, I have extensive knowledge on the operation, safety and purpose of all firearms, always striving to become better (and safer as a result). Now on to the matter at hand. I am a strong proponent of States rights versus Big Government telling states how to do their job. While it may seem that SB3196 is indeed a States rights issue (and those in support believe it is a gun safety issue), I strongly disagree. The simple truth is that our great Country was founded on the right to bear arms. We would absolutely not be the United States of America, without that right passed down to us by the pioneers of America. We would still be apart of the United Kingdom. Plain and simple, America was trying to establish itself as a sovereign country, but "Big Government" in England wanted to maintain control. Obviously, as American's we should all know and understand that it was because everyday and average American's decided to pick up and bear arms to fight the tyrannical government. That is the 2nd Amendment. It has nothing to do with hunting, even if hunting is absolutely a part of our great Country and a discipline I also participate in every single season. The argument that the 2nd Amendment doesn't apply to modern firearms, ammunition, accessories etc because it was written when muzzleloaders were (for the most part) the military weapon of the age, doesn't hold up. Our forefathers were not ignorant to the fact that as a free country, We the People would have to continuously progress forward with ALL things (including firearms technology) in order to maintain our freedoms. As a Country, we have been tested over and over again, by enemies of the Republic, but continue to prevail because of the Constitution written many, many years ago. So, "shall not be infringed" should be as clear now as it was when it was originally written.

I am not naive enough to say that SB3196 abolishes the 2nd amendment completely, but it unequivocally infringes upon it. First, so called "Assault Rifles/Shotguns/Arms" is a made up

word by the gun control lobby. Most shootings in the U.S. (and throughout the world) are committed with handguns (or even homemade handguns in Japan!). So by that account, banning of these "Assault weapons" has absolutely no basis on actual facts that it will prevent more shootings. Additionally, banning/restricting "high capacity magazines", ".50 cal ammunition", etc also is not based on any actual statistics that it will reduce gun violence. To the contrary, there are many news stories (generally not headline news due to media bias) when lawful gun owners who lived in states with magazine capacity restrictions, could not adequately defend themselves against a criminal with an illegal firearm AND a 30 round magazine. The lawful citizen was doing what they thought was right by the law, but was handicapped by the government against a violent criminal (who by all accounts of law, should not have the gun nor the 30 rd magazine). To add, many, many shootings between law enforcement and criminals do not end with just 10 rds. Officer's can often be seen emptying their entire 15 rd magazines plus reloading a fresh one. Magazine capacity restrictions will (and do) have zero net benefit in reducing gun violence. It will only make those of us who follow the law, even weaker to violent criminals.

Regarding .50 caliber rifles. I'm not sure why so many states are considering or have already implemented this ban. .50 cal rifles are rarely used in shootings. Probably due to the fact that buying a .50 cal rifle is VERY expensive as is buying .50 caliber ammo. Also, these weapons are usually huge and not ones that someone would want to lug around in the first place. What I said there pertains mostly to the .50 BMG. The only usable .50 cal would be a .50 AE of which the most popular firearm being a Desert Eagle. Those things are hideously difficult to shoot due to the powerful round and the gun is basically a novelty. Point is, there again would be no effect of banning .50 caliber (BMG or AE) firearms/ammo simply because it's an expensive and unpractical round even in self-defense. So the main outcome of banning them is just again removing the private citizens right to bear arms. Sure, I think it'd be idiotic to carry a .50 cal on my hip, but it's not my kuleana on what lawful citizens want to carry, nor is it the governments right. Recall, at our Country's birth, England was trying to tell private citizens what they could and couldn't have (in that case, firearms were'nt allowed at all). That is precisely the same thing that Hawai'i (and a few others) are doing with all this political posturing. Our Government is for the People by the People. Too many states (and our federal government) have forgotten that and try to strong arm and "rule" their people because that's how they think government is supposed to work. SB3196 is a prime example of that.

I'm going to finish up now because I think I could write a novel on the topic. SB3196 will do absolutely nothing in curbing gun violence due to the simple fact that criminals do not follow the law (this is why they are criminals). They will still get their "high capacity" magazines, AR15's, semi-auto shotguns, carry guns concealed, because the cat is already out of the bag. You can literally 3D print these things these days. The signal cannot be stopped. So, we need to accept that fact and give lawful citizens their RIGHT to defend themselves in any way they see fit. No handicaps. And no, the arms included in SB3196 should not just be reserved for military or law enforcement. Since our founding the military and law enforcement was never supposed to be more powerful than it's people. They're supposed to help protect the People not dictate and dominate. I now live in a small town in Montana, where you can be sure that at least 5/10 citizens are carrying a gun in the open or concealed. We all chat with our local Sheriff regularly and have discussions about having each others back. I've done handgun courses beside law

enforcement and military over the years and they all share the same understanding of the 2nd amendment as myself. We compare and compliment each others silencers, red dot optics, AR15 setups etc. We live as a community and a safe one at that. No amount of regulation will ever prevent criminals from being criminals unfortunately. It only gives them the upper hand and makes them even more powerful with less in their way.

I'm sure you all have heard the words I've spoke above many times before. But I challenge everyone to **THINK HARD**, intelligently and have an open mind before just passing arbitrary laws that lobby groups with lots of money are pushing and that only aid criminals.

Mahalo, a hui ho a me malama pono,

Matthew Carnett DVM

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 10:47:00 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

The Second Amendment is a giving right and should not be infringed. SB3196 directly impacts the good people of Hawaii who enjoy the Second Amendment and are responsible gun owners. The bill only hurts the people who obey Hawaii gun laws and does not have any impact on criminals.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 10:49:28 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support SB3196 because I believe that banning assault rifles and similar guns is necessary to maintain the rights of regular citizens who deserve the right to worship in peace, children and parents who's children in school , neighborhoods should all be protected from the threat of mass shooters. There is no need for these weapons if you are hunting or going to the shooting range. Hawaii is the only state in the nation that has an assault weapons ban that fails to ban assault rifles and large capacity magazines.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 10:53:47 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This will not change anything , criminals out there are breaking the law everyday . This makes the community more vulnerable . The black market will be flooded with illegal firearms. If criminals can bring in illegal fireworks , drugs , illegal substances, how do you think it will be for firearms ?

Assault weapons is a common use in the state of Hawaii .

1. Hunting

2. Military Practice

what happens if we ban assault weapons and tomorrow we are invaded by a terriost group ? can you promise to protect the citizens of Hawaii . Do we have enough personnel to protect us people ?

we have the right to protect our home and property by any deadly threat.

*Dear Committee Members,*

*I'm urging you to protect Hawai'i residents like me from gun violence by voting to prohibit 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.*

**MARA HANSON**  
*Kapolei, Hawai'i 96707*

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*Neil Thompson  
Kula, Hawai'i 96790*

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*Julie Thompson  
Kula, Hawai'i 96790*

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*Shirin Meherally-Gutta  
Ewa Beach, Hawai'i 96706*

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*Christine Osullivan  
Makawao, Hawai'i 96768*

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*keilani leighty  
honolulu, Hawai'i 96814*

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*moea king  
waikoloa, Hawai'i 96738*

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*Jana Purington  
Kailua, Hawai'i 96734*

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*Casey Herrforth  
Volcano, Hawai'i 96785*

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*Isabelle Tumbaga  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96816*

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*Peter Anderson  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96825*

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*Merri Keliikuli  
Waianae, Hawai'i 96792*

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*Alexandra Perry  
Kalaheo, Hawai'i 96765*

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*Kristel Pigao  
Kahului, Hawai'i 96732*

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*Faith Naluai  
Kapolei, Hawai'i 96707*

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*Carolyn Kimball  
Aiea, Hawai'i 96701*

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*JADE ROSSETTI*

*Waianae, Hawai'i 96792*

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*Cheryl Ramos  
Ewa Beach, Hawai'i 96706*

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*Abigayle Moyer  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96822*

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*Anapuni Dato  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813*

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*Aileen Kaylin  
Kailua, Hawai'i 96734*

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*Eleanor Lyddan  
Volcano, Hawai'i 96785*

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*Patricia Montgomery  
Lihue, Hawai'i 96766*

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*Karen Abubo  
Princeville, Hawai'i 96722*

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*Eric Vansen Vansen  
KEAAU, Hawai'i 96749*

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*Paul M Chandler  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96826*

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*CC Kent  
Papaaloa, Hawai'i 96780*

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*Cedar Wilson  
Laie, Hawai'i 96762*

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*Connie garrison  
Pahoa, Hawai'i 96778*

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*JennyLee Harris  
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**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 10:56:24 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
June alfone B Abellanos	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

Good day ladies and gentlemen.

i am June alfone abellanos i am writing my testimony about SB3196, I've been a gun owner for years and have following every gun law of the state of Hawai , i SB3196 this law is very unconstitutional and will only hurt law abiding citizens families.

Hawaii gun laws are already so strict compared to other state just leave it how it is banning semi automatic rifles and pistols is not gonna work for law abiding citizens who just want to protect their families and for me personally.

i also exercise 2nd amendment through sports like competition and we COMPETITIVE SHOOTERS cannot do the sports if you will pass this law.

and also this law SB3196 will not stop criminals from doing bad things especially they can just buy firearms from illegal markets so please hear us and let us protect our families from criminals will try to harm us and don't care about gun laws the world is a dangerous place there's no place i consider safe and that's why I don't put my guard down but I will be force to if you guys will pass these laws

Mahalo

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Submitted on: 2/13/2024 10:56:26 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 11:00:34 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am writing to strongly oppose this bill. It does NOTHING to stop violent criminals from committing their violent crimes who use multitudes of weapons such as knives, bats, hammers, caustic acid, multiple attackers etc. All this does is limit LAW ABIDING HAWAII CITIZENRY from defending themselves and others from violent criminals in our state as well as for hunting, and target shooting and competition. Violent criminals prefer these feel good laws as it prevents their victims from having a equal or greater means of defense.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 11:01:13 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andrew Lee	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**I don't support this bill banning assault rifles or any other firearms related.**

**its taking away our rights as citizens of United States of America and as a resident of Hawaii.**

**its my constitution right to bear arms!!**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 11:02:22 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

We must push for gun safety at ALL levels.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 11:06:01 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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Martha Kiyabu	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To the Public Safety Committee members,

I would like to be put on record that I strongly oppose SB3196. We already have enough strict gun laws in Hawai'i but it has not decreased crime here. This proposed bill is also unconstitutional and infringes on the rights of the law abiding citizens. You should be concentrationing your efforts on passing laws that put away repeat offenders whom use illegal firearms in their act of violence and crime. Also laws should be passed to try minors as adults if they do adult crimes. Pass mandatory sentences for the crimes committed with illegal firearms. We need to lock up the criminals not turn law abiding citizens whom obtained their firearms into criminals. This bill absolutely does nothing to stop criminals from getting their guns nor is their any repercussion for their actions. Please kill SB3196. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Martha Kiyabu

Senator Glen Wakai, Chairman  
Senator Brandon J. C. Elefante, Vice Chairman  
Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs  
Hawaii State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairman Wakai; Vice Chairman J. C. Elefante,

I am writing to register my STRONG OPPOSITION to Bill SB3196 (all forms put forth to date), the proposed legislation to ban all self-loading firearms (so-called, erroneously "assault weapons"), and their associated standard capacity magazines.

I oppose this bill for many reasons. To enumerate a few:

1) This bill will do nothing to prevent violent criminals from using firearms to commit crimes anywhere in the State. Violent criminals and the mentally deranged pay no attention to weapon restrictions. Criminals use machine guns every day to commit crimes despite the fact that they have been strictly regulated / restricted since early in the 20th century. They don't buy their arms, and they don't register them. Laws seeking to ban commonly owned arms only punish those of us who do not commit violent crimes.

2) This bill attempts to impose the same punitive measures taken against law-abiding citizens as the legislators and Governors of Illinois, New York, Washington and California, which have completely ignored and/or twisted the interpretation of recent Supreme Court rulings in *Bruen* and *Heller*. Supreme court rulings which have made it clear that the U.S. Government and the States may not ban commonly possessed arms, which millions of Americans possess for lawful purposes. Clearly, millions upon millions of U.S. citizens use self-loading rifles for lawful purposes every day. Even those who seek to ban these firearms admit as much. Yet, here in Hawaii we citizens have now to face yet another attempt to deny our Constitutional right to keep and bear arms which are protected, not only by the Constitution, but as clarified by recent rulings of the Supreme Court.

3) This bill goes further by exempting law enforcement and military personnel from the ban. This is, once again, forbidden. The Supreme Court has ruled that the Government cannot restrict the right to bear arms to certain subsets of law-abiding citizens. What's good for one is good for all, otherwise such legislation is clearly discriminatory and Unconstitutional.

4) This bill further restricts the 2A right to bear arms in the form of a ban on magazines that hold more than 10 rounds. Outrageously, it make felons out of anyone owning such arms once the law goes into effect. *Arms*, as held by the Supreme Court and based upon 18th century lexicographers definition of the term, are anything that may be used offensively or defensively. This is how the Founding Fathers regarded arms when the Constitution was codified. Magazines, which are commonly used and which facilitate self-defense, are themselves considered arms and therefore may not be banned. Magazines are no different than the barrel of a firearm, or the ammunition used by a firearm. The phrase "shall not be infringed", means that the keeping (owning/storing/maintaining), and bearing (carrying and using), of arms, including magazines, barrels, triggers and other components of arms, may not be suspended, delayed, or otherwise interfered with because it is a fundamental right. The Supreme

Court has further ruled in Heller that the Government may not arbitrarily ban an entire "class" of arms that Americans overwhelmingly choose for lawful purposes, and that is clearly what is being done in this bill.

5) The section of the bill banning magazines over 10 rounds is, additionally, in violation of the Ex Post Facto provisions of the Constitution. Every law that makes criminal an act that was innocent when done is an *ex post facto* law within the prohibition of the Constitution. Large numbers of standard capacity (holding over 10 rounds), magazines are owned by Hawaii citizens, and were so lawfully purchased. This bill seeks to make what was once legal, criminal. This is strictly forbidden by our Constitution, and is morally reprehensible as well.

6) The Supreme Court has affirmed that the 2nd Amendment right is not a second-class right. Citizens wishing to exercise their right to keep and bear arms have no more need to justify that right to Government authority than they would to exercise their right of free speech, or the right to vote. This is implicit in the wording of the 2nd Amendment. It has been argued by those seeking to ban individual ownership of firearms that the Founding Fathers could not have foreseen the developments that led to modern day self-loading firearms. Such an argument, however, is never applied to the 1st Amendment. We aren't restricted to writing with quill pens, or only making speeches to crowds of people standing before us. Nor are we required to vote using the methods in play during the time of our Nation's founding. Firearms technology is not static with respect to criminals and Governments, nor was it intended to be with respect to civilians given it is the ultimate guarantor of the freedom of the People. Just as the right to free speech and the right to vote are not static with respect to technology.

So. PLEASE vote AGAINST this bill. It blatantly violates the supreme law of the land, which is the Bill of Rights as enshrined in The Constitution of the United States. Ignoring the Constitutional laws set forth by our Founders sets a very bad example for all of our citizens.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 11:10:29 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill for mutiple reasons.

There is no rational reason to ban these firearms in Hawaii. They are not in any way particularly dangerous firearms, they are not typically used in criminal activity, since rifles are large and hard to conceal, and more people are murdered by hands, fists and feet than by all rifles.

However, semiautomatic rifles are the preferred firearm for lawful home defense. Banning them will help criminals and harm the law abiding people of Hawaii. Criminals ignore laws, including gun ban laws, which means that gun control laws only bring harm to law abiding citizens.

Again, limiting the size of magazines only harms the law abiding people of Hawaii. Such a limit puts them in the disadvantage if a criminal wants to do them harm, since criminals simply ignore all laws. There is no protection from harm that comes from limiting magazine size for the law abiding. Magazine limits only help criminals.

Banning semiautomatic rifles is clearly unconstitutional. As stated by the US Supreme Court in their ruling in Heller and affirmed again by their ruling in Caetano, no state can ban firearms that are "in common use for lawful purposes." Semiautomatic rifles 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.

Therefore, I must strongly oppose this bill and fully expect that all Senators, who represent the majority of law abiding people in Hawaii as well as the minority of criminals, will also oppose this procriminal bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 11:11:58 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this measure.

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.

I urge you not to support this measure. This bill will only serve to infringe on our rights and freedoms.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 11:12:30 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose on bill SB3196, why are the legislators making these silly bills to law abiding citizens. Criminals always has access to firearms and don't follow rules. Why not focus more on mental issues on people on crimes, that's where the problem is.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 11:17:44 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB 3196. It does Nothing for public safety. It only will punish law abiding members of the shooting sport community.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 11:18:49 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Alan Shibata	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. And as for the exceptions for Law Enforcement and Military, remind me again who was the pearl harbor active shooter, and wasnt the weapon used his service rifle?

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 11:22:13 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gabriel Lau	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I strongly oppose sb3196

What is the definition of an "assault" weapon? Is it judged by looks or is it based how it functions, or maybe something else? And honestly, if a weapon is used for "assault", We the People should still have a right to own them to defend ourselves from tyranny, as it is our natural right as a citizen of the United States. Please refer to the Second Amendment in The Constitution. I would like to bring the idea of defensive weapons, or a weapon used in defense. A defense weapon needs to just as capable, if not more, than an "assault" weapon. What defines an "assault" feature from a "defense" feature on a weapon? If you cant come to defining these terms, you should not pass this bill.

Also, banning things doesnt mean it does not exist anymore. Instead it creates a black market where it fuels criminal organizations and it would make your otherwise law abiding citizen a criminal for owning them.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 11:23:19 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 conflicts with the ruling of the United States Supreme Court.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 11:23:52 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. It infringes on our second amendment rights. This bill will limit our right to defend ourselves, our homes and most importantly our family.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 11:23:55 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

The second ammendment guarantees the right of US citizens, regardless of their state of residence, to keep and bear arms.

The second ammendment came because the British government attempted to remove the right to bear arms from the then british colonies of the Americas. We know what happened next. The newly formed government expressly guarantees this right to keep the power of the government in check. Guns aren't about personal protection, they are about liberty.

This motion is an affront to the recent Supreme court decision in NYSRPA v. Bruen (which confirmed the Heller decision) that the second ammendment is inviolable. If Hawaii wishes to waste the time of the courts by attempting to pass this clearly unconstititutional motion, then we should begin to wonder about the Hawaii state legislature and its aims. We know criminals have no problem finding guns. We also know criminals would prefer if victims did not have guns. State of Hawaii, are you criminal? Free citizens, take note of the answer.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 11:33:34 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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: 2/13/2024 11:35:07 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am oppose this because this will do nothing to stop the illegal use of firearms, and only penalizes legal firearms owners. It not only makes having a flashlight attachment illegal (used to identify if something is a threat) but also affects airsoft guns (paintball style guns that use plastic pellets for recreationalplay), and pepperspray guns (non-lethal option). If someone wants to commit a crime with a firearm what is legal or illegal is usually not going to be a factor in what they chose to use. Making law abiding citizens felons because they previously jumped through many legal hoops to purchase and research what is legal doesn't seem just since many crimes are being committed with weapons (firearms, knives, and even trees branches) that are already illegal it feels like the majority are having our rights taken away because of what the minority are doing.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 11:35:50 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

WE THE PEOPLE ABSOLUTELY OPPOSED TO THIS BILL. YOU ARE Not allowing me to protect my family and to my constitutional rights as a American and human being. WE WILL KEEP FIGHTING FOR OUR RIGHTS. YOU DEMOCRATS WILL BE VOTED OUT FOR INFRINGING ON OUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS... ABSURD.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 11:38:30 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lynn Mainaupo-Eugenio	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I feel as a concerned law abiding citizen of the united states who resides in Hawai'i that you are taking away my chance to excercise my 2nd amendment rights. It was created in our United states constitution to protect our life, our property and our Liberty. Criminals will continue to not follow the laws. Therefore innocent people will be unable to protect themselves. This is wrong and in closing **I REJECT** this bill SB3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 11:39:47 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 ban/bill because such measures are unnecessary as we as it's against our constitutional rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 11:40:08 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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, which 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: 2/13/2024 11:42:26 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I do not support this bill. Please protect our 2nd amendment rights and uphold the constitution.  
Mahalo!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 11:43:24 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Loke Mainaapu-Eugenio	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a legal Law abiding citizen and I don't need the government to save me.

The second Amendment is our right!

I believe that education is key to safety not ineffective legislation.

Law makers are delusion if they think more laws will stop gun violence. Putting more laws on the books isn't going to help!

With all the laws on the books this should be a safer environment a safer city a safer state!

We are suppose to protect ourselves from foreign and domestic enemies and they are leaving us to a point that we can't.

Putting more laws on the books isn't going to make us safer and it's not going to help this state!

If they really wanted to do it they would enforce the laws that is already on the books, and not try to bring in more. What is wrong with the laws that is here already?

What about all these criminals rampaging through our cities? This is not the problem **THEY ARE THE PROBLEM!**

I am concern about those parents, those children those elderly the Women and Men that have to go to work everyday and go home safely what are they going to do if they're car jacked ? raped, murdered? What is going to happen to them while they wait and call 911?

So who is going to save those people? It is our job to be our own first responders it is our inherit right to protect our selves and pursue our liberties, our freedoms and purse our happiness.

No one is going to protect me and my family better than me!

It is not the Law abiding citizens that's the problem! That is the point! We are doing it the right way it is the criminals on the streets that gives us law abiding citizens a bad name that we have to suffer from. Please make it make sense!

A gun is an adamant object, so an assault weapon can be my fist it just depends the pound for pound pressure and so Im going to keep saying because I'm an advocate of the Second Amendment!

Trying to argue or debate on something that is our **FUNDAMENTAL** right is **WRONG!**

So please enforce the laws that is already on he books instead of making more!

Mahalo

-Loke. Mainaupo-Eugenio

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 11:44:28 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I do not support this bill. It will violate my second amendment's rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 11:45:06 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Alan S. Hayashi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support the banning of any automatic weapons sales to the general public. No one needs an automatic weapon. Mahalo!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 11:48:27 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Leonard J Estores	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As an individual citizen id like to oppose this bill since it isnt specific on what an assault attachment is exactly, And that if we can own it by itself without even putting it on a firearm.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 11:49:44 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

In the mainland states that have prohibited law abiding citizens from owning firearms in order to "prevent gun violence" have not prevented anything along those lines, because criminals who are the main perpetrators of violence do not listen to laws to begin with. So to forfeit our 2nd Amendment right in return for a promise that has been proven to be impossible to keep would be nonsensical, in fact to punish the law abiding citizen and to disarm us would only embolden criminals and our enemies abroad. States like New York, California, Illinois, and Washington are a few examples of how banning a multitude of guns have not resulted in decrease of gun violence and their citizens have become only easier targets for the criminals who again I would like to repeat, do not follow the law. In Hawaii we only need to look at recent times where on January 2nd 2024 a man who by law should not have been in the possession of AR-15, still managed to obtain one illegally and went on an island wide police chase and shot two cops at the end of it. HPD also has a shortage on man power, so how can the state expect us to give up our ability to protect ourselves because our police officers are already overburdened with shortages on top of the difficulties of their duties. Our officers can not be ever where at once, which is what it takes to protect its citizens from harm and violence. These are only a few reason I can state in this allotted time on why we can not give up our right to defend ourselves. I plead that we do not follow an already unproven path and lean towards teaching our citizens responsible gun ownership and safety because it is on us to keep our communities safe. Lastly id like to close out with a quote by one of our found fathers Benjamin Franklin, "Those who would give up essential liberty for temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety".

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 11:51:20 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB 3196. SB 3196 will only serve to hurt law abiding citizens. People who enjoy firearms for sport, past time, hunting, or protection will be the only people affected by this Bill. Enforcing current laws and policies would be the best solution. This Bill does nothing to enhance public safety.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 11:51:39 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill would essentially make firearms ownership illegal in Hawaii, leaving everyone who wishes to defend themselves and their family defenseless against the whims of criminals and violent individuals, all the while doing nothing to prevent crimes it intends to fix. The US and Hawaii constitution both state that 'the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed', which this bill directly contradicts. Please consider the people who exercise their right to bear arms and defend their families while reviewing this legislation.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 11:53:57 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This testimony is official notice of opposition. This bill directly strips law abiding citizens of the Constitutional Second Amendment Rights. This would effectively turn many law abiding citizens of Hawaii into criminals overnight. The right to KEEP AND BEAR arms to defend oneself is currently under attack from our elected officials, and shall not be INFRINGED!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 11:59:02 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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. Stop taking away our 2nd amendment rights

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 11:59:34 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please think before You act on laws pertaining not just our amendments but the cause and effects of individual rights being proposed by a handful of elected officials that affect more than just them!!

Everyone has hobby's in life and the right also to protect themselves , if they look at case history the and act of violence will take place no matter what laws are passed or not!!

please don't let others suffer for the wrong that one does

vr,

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:00:23 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Chaz Silvano  
PO Box 1586  
Honokaa HI, 96727  
2/13/2024

Aloha

I am writing to express my strong opposition to proposed bill SB3196 which aims to amend and add further prohibitions to the use of firearms in our state. As a Kama'aina born and used in Hawai'i 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.

Additionally, banning accessories and parts for firearms would further restrict the rights of law-abiding citizens without addressing the core issues 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.

Furthermore, banning parts for firearms would have a detrimental impact on responsible gun owners who rely on these parts for maintenance and repair of their firearms. Many gun owners take great care in maintaining their firearms and ensuring they are in proper working order. Banning parts would make it difficult or impossible for these individuals to keep their firearms in safe and operable condition.

In conclusion, I urge you to oppose any legislation that seeks to ban semi-automatic rifles, shotguns, pistols, accessories, or parts. Instead, I urge you to 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 solutions that promote safety and security in our communities without infringing upon our constitutional rights.

Thank you for considering my views on this important issue.

Mahalo,

Chaz Silvano

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Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:01:41 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Eli D. Abordo Jr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a State of Hawaii resident and firearm owner I oppose the firearms bil, SB3196. The very firearm that police department, government and other agencies are allowed to use the hawaii state government is trying to to take away from law abiding citizens. Also myself and many others simply enjoy shooting at the Hawaii ranges as a source of recreation. The govenment has mislabeled this rifle as an assault rifle when educated Americans know the AR stands for armelite rifle and NOT assault ringle. It is simply a rifle that belongs to the family of various types of rifles. The majority of law abiding citizens simply want ot protect themselves and their loved ones. Please do NOT pass this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:03:39 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Members of the Legislature,

Article I, Section 17 of the Hawaii State Constitution echoes the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution, affirming 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 foundational principle guides our discussion today regarding the proposed SB 3196, which seeks to ban so-called "assault weapons."

This bill, while perhaps well-intentioned in its aim to enhance public safety, stands in potential conflict with our state and federal constitutions. This concern is not merely theoretical but grounded in a series of landmark decisions by the United States Supreme Court that affirm the individual's right to possess firearms for lawful purposes, including but not limited to self-defense.

District of Columbia v. Heller (2008) underscored the right of individuals to possess firearms, unconnected with service in a militia, for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense within the home. The proposed SB 3196, by banning firearms commonly utilized by law-abiding citizens for lawful purposes, appears to contravene this interpretation of the Second Amendment.

McDonald v. City of Chicago (2010) extended these protections to state and local laws, establishing a precedent that state legislation must align with the same constitutional standards. By potentially overreaching in a manner similar to the statutes invalidated in Heller and McDonald, SB 3196 risks failing this crucial test.

New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen (2022) further expanded the understanding of the Second Amendment, emphasizing that the right to own a gun for self-defense extends beyond the home. This recent ruling highlights the evolving jurisprudence surrounding gun rights and raises questions about the constitutionality of restrictive state laws like SB 3196.

Miller v. United States (1939), while often cited in discussions on firearm regulation, actually supports a nuanced view of the Second Amendment that recognizes the historical and functional context of the right to bear arms. It suggests that weapons that are part of ordinary military equipment or that could contribute to the common defense are protected under the Second Amendment.

As a combat veteran with over 27 years of service in the Marine Corps, I have witnessed firsthand the consequences of governments disarming their citizenry. While the context of our state and nation is vastly different from the autocracies I've encountered, the principle that a free people should retain the right to bear arms for lawful purposes remains paramount. Legislators who continue to scheme to infringe upon the Second Amendment, your actions are not being ignored.

In conclusion, while the goals of SB 3196 may stem from a place of concern for public safety, our methods of achieving such safety mustn't infringe upon the constitutional rights guaranteed to our citizens. I urge this body to consider this bill's constitutional implications carefully and seek solutions that respect our foundational liberties while addressing the concerns that have prompted this legislation. I suppose you do not expect litigation and injunctions to be filed and won against this bill if it becomes law. They will be filed, and they will be won.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:05:05 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha I strongly appose SB3196 this has been tried many times over in our country by many different politicians trying to make a name for themselves. Also it is a blatant disregard for our rights and the constitution of the United States of America, and there is no need whatsoever for this bill there are far too many more important issues in our state than banning so called assault weapons. We live in a state that is so far from the mainland that heaven forbid there is another catastrophic war, Hawaii and it's people will be left alone. During World War Two Hawaii was at the front line of the pacific war because that's where it started at Pearl Harbor. Now imagine disarming the people of Hawaii during a time where our politicians want to get involved in other conflicts around the world to include the current situation with china in the Asia pacific region. With this all being said please listen to the people we do not want this bill to pass I talk to many people here on the islands and they are worried about real issues like cost of living, prices of food etc Mahalo for your time.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:10:36 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Alfred Medeiros	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha Senators and those that serve the public...as a Kānaka Maoli born and raised in Hawai'i, I've noticed the gun violence as a kid to an adult and see how it's become a lot worse nowadays. I've become an advocate against the gun violence and have put together numerous rallies to bring awareness to what's going on in Hawai'i. But I'm in full opposition of this bill, as it's not the legal gun owners that are committing these violent crimes. The focus needs to be on the illegal guns in the streets and ghost guns being made, that's where the problem is, as it's not legal registered gun owners killing people, robbing people or committing these crimes. As I've stated before, I'm against guns, because in Hawai'i we were raised differently...but this won't help us stop the gun violence, it'll actually make the ones that do the crimes and that use guns illegally to have more power, as you'll be taking away the legal registered gun owners rights. Mahalo for your time and I hope you take this testimony into consideration, as well as the others that may feel the same way.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:11:34 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Daniel Mersburgh	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB3196.

This bill infringes on 2nd Ammendment rights. It penalizes law abiding citizens and puts them at a disadvantage defending themselves as criminals don't follow laws.

HRS 132-10 & 16 require permit(s) for consumer fireworks or aerial devices, articles pyrotechnic and or display fireworks. In spite of the law, twice a year numerous unpermitted, illegal aerial devices, articles pyrotechnic and or display fireworks are procured and set off.

This bill will also make lalready legally owned firearms and magazines illegal with a stroke of a pen.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:12:17 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Atom Kasprzycki	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

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.

Atom Kasprzycki

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**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:12:22 PM

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

Comments:

This bill is a total infringement on law abiding citizens rights and will only affect people who actually follow the laws. Criminals do NOT follow laws and will be able to obtain these firearms just as easy as those who are able to find illegal fireworks, therefore putting law abiding citizens at risk of being "out gunned".

Another point would be your use of "assault rifle" as defined would be a select fire weapon, which isn't a semi auto only firearm which most modern sporting rifles are but a fully automatic AND semi automatic firearm which is already highly regulated by the federal government. The Second Amendment is a RIGHT given to us by our founding fathers and a part of the constitution that you as public officials have taken an oath to uphold.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:14:41 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I have read SB3196 and the details of firearms listed. My testimony is in OPPOSITION to the proposed legislation for the following reasons:

- 1) All of the firearms listed by specific brand and name are civilian post ban models that were manufactured to criteria of NOT being assault firearms.
- 2) All firearms on the list are semi-auto and do not conform to assault firearms characteristics as a military grade assault firearm is fully automatic with high capacity magazines. Hawaii only allows 10 round or less magazines into the State currently and does not allow mail order of ammunition which has no affect on the ability of criminals to obtain such items.
- 3) Many firearms that are listed are not even of the semi-auto class but require manual actuation of the mechanism for each shot. Many banned would be in essence single shot firearms due to erroneous criteria such as overall weight and or length.
- 4) The bill would only affect law abiding "Taxpaying" citizens and would not serve to lower any crime or potential crimes committed with a firearm by criminals and or repeat criminal offenders.
- 5) I do not like the fact that my legislators spend time proposing this type of legislation that will only affect the Law Abiding Taxpayer instead of proposing laws that are beneficial to prosecuting actual criminals and reforming a system that will make police arrest of criminals meaningful in the way of keeping criminal behind bars.
- 6) The proposed ban on 50 cal size firearms will have absolutely no effect on reduction of crimes as no crimes have ever been committed with any 50 cal firearms to date. Large bore firearms serve the Law Abiding hunting community when such activity is carried out in States that have large dangerous game. Your proposal would ban ownership of such specialty firearms which have never been used or obtained by criminals.
- 7) Concentrate your efforts on enforcing Laws that we already have on the books and eliminate those laws that do nothing to punish criminals. Stop coming up with frivolous Laws that only affect Law abiding citizens who are not at the root of our crime problems.

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Kailua, Hawai'i 96734*

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*John A. Hugg  
Kahului, Hawai'i 96732*

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Kapaa, Hawai'i 96746*

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*Patricia Teeters  
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*Lara O'Connor  
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*Laura Ramirez  
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*Daniel Rutter  
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*Heatherly Bucher  
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*Jennifer Mann  
Ewa Gentry, Hawai'i 96706*

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*Amanda Johnson  
Kailua kona, Hawai'i 96740*

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*Kihei, Hawai'i 96753*

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*Wahiawa, Hawai'i 96786*

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*Will Rodger  
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*Ann Marie Sager  
Kailua Kona, Hawai'i 96740*

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:18:12 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Glennon T. Gingo	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

Aloha Members of the Public Safety and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee,

My name is Glennon Gingo from Holualoa on the Island of Hawaii.

I oppose SB 3196.

This is a poorly written piece of legislation with many issues.

"Banning" a feature of a firearm that is a standard piece of safety equipment does not make sense. Pistol grips are simply a matter of firearm stock design. Also, all firearms with detachable magazines would in fact be "Banned" as they can accept magazines greater than 10 rounds of ammunition; This would include popular sporting and hunting long guns. This "Bill" goes too far in restricting guns that are common amongst legal firearm owners and those that participate in shooting sports as responsible citizens.

We need to address the criminal element of gun use and illegal possession.

By focusing on this real issue, we can ensure Public Safety.

Aloha Ke Akua,

Glennon T. Gingo

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:19:11 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

It's against the 2nd Ammendment. I'm opposed on that bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:19:19 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha!

I am opposed to any legislation that further infringes on mine and my neighbor's constitutional right to bear arms. Hawaii already has some of the most restrictive and strict laws regarding firearms. Why are we trying to make it harder for law abiding and tax paying citizens to acquire the tools that they have a right to bear? As a father and husband I want the best, most efficient, and effective tool that will allow me to defend my life, the lives of my wife and children, and my neighbor if or when absolutely necessary. As a first responder I have seen first hand how evil people can harm or kill innocent people in seconds or a matter of minutes. Our first responders do a fantastic job of responding to those emergency scenes as swiftly as possible but the fact is that they cannot be everywhere at all times. The sad reality is that the damage has been done or an innocent life has tragically been taken by the time first responders arrive on scene. I am not willing to risk my life, the lives or my family, or that of my neighbor's with the hope that someone will come to my rescue in time. As members of the legislature you have all solemnly sworn an oath to protect and uphold the constitution of the United States. Not to destroy or recreate, but protect and uphold. Infringing on our rights to bear arms breaks that oath. I believe that such actions trample upon the sacrifices that those before us have made to secure these God given rights. For these reasons and many more I remain opposed to any legislation that infringes on the people's rights to bear arms.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:20:46 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

As a responsible and law-abiding gun owner, I **oppose** bill SB3196. This bill will inhibit my ability to protect myself and my family if such a crisis should arise. Also, if passed, it will impede my ability to provide for my family as they are used for sport, such as hunting. Please do not pass this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:22:35 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jeffrey Prather	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Lawmakers,

You start S.B. 3196 off by touting that Hawaii is one of the strictest states regarding firearms, however we still have violent crime in the streets. shootings, random chemical attacks, machete attacks, road rage, etc. and the victims keep piling up. Hawaii law makers continue to lie to the citizens with a “let us protect you” type of attitude meanwhile they are protected by armed security, special task forces, and HPD special duty. It’s ok to protect yourself but want to take that protected god given right away from law abiding citizens with all the arduous things we must go through just to get a permit to acquire a gun and now you want to ban rifles and shotguns.

I say rifles and shotguns because a semi-automatic rifle or shotgun is just that, semi-automatic. In the **Military** an assault rifle has the capability of selective fire, meaning it can switch between semi-automatic and fully automatic modes, while a regular rifle (civilian) is limited to semi-automatic fire. Lawmakers try and put the scary moniker on regular semi-automatic rifles just because they, again lie to the public for political reasons and control. Adding attachments (carrying handle, muzzle brake, different stock) to semi-automatic rifles/shotguns do not in any way change the way the bullet comes out of the barrel...not faster, not further, not more powerful. Maybe, Hawaii lawmakers should go through a true firearm course to understand how weapons work.

Lawmakers seem to think by banning guns or limiting access to law abiding citizens that we don’t have to worry about crime because as we know, criminals always follow the law. Guess what, criminals don’t care about permits to acquire, nor are they worried about magazine limits or what word Hawaii Lawmakers want to call a semi-automatic weapon. Criminals don’t care because they know they are protected by lax laws and will be back on the street, without bail, in time for dinner.

S.B. 3196 is an attempt to deny our god given rights to bear arms. It is an aim to further create a system (Hawaii firearm laws) that is already unconstitutional and wrong for so many reasons. The State of Hawaii deserves better and S.B. 3196 should not pass or even be considered.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:23:32 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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. Hawaii 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.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:26:38 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Eric Hammond	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha,

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.

I oppose this bill wholeheartedly!

Eric Hammond

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:27:02 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:28:12 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

SB 3196 is a horrible bill and these kind of laws won't hold up in court. Stop wasting everyones time with these ridiculous stunts to pander to a group of people. Idiots stunts like this is the driving reason why people bring in guns and don't register them, creating a black market smuggling operations

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:28:52 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Oppose. These bills tend to limit law-abiding citizens their ability to defend themselves and their community while empowering criminals to victimize others.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:29:33 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill SB3196,

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."

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:33:20 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This is unconstitutional and infringes on our freedoms.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:33:45 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Oppose.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:36:46 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 amendment rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:39:58 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Dear Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed bill (SB3196) concerning the amendment and expansion of the prohibition on certain firearms, including assault rifles, assault shotguns, .50 caliber rifles, assault weapon attachments, and further restrictions on firearms with detachable magazines exceeding ten rounds. This testimony represents not only my viewpoint but also the concerns of a significant portion of our community who value their Second Amendment rights.

**Constitutional Concerns:**

The proposed bill infringes upon the rights afforded by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution, which guarantees individuals the right to keep and bear arms. The broad and sweeping nature of this bill's prohibitions impacts law-abiding citizens' ability to exercise their constitutional rights. It is crucial to remember that the Supreme Court has affirmed that the Second Amendment protects an individual's right to possess firearms, unconnected with service in a militia, for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense within the home.

**Impact on Law-Abiding Citizens:**

The bill unfairly targets responsible gun owners who follow the law and use their firearms for lawful purposes, including self-defense, hunting, and recreational shooting. By imposing restrictive measures on firearms that are commonly owned and used responsibly by millions of Americans, the bill does not distinguish between criminal misuse of firearms and legitimate, lawful use. Such blanket restrictions punish law-abiding citizens without effectively addressing the root causes of gun violence.

**Lack of Effectiveness:**

Evidence suggests that similar bans in the past have not significantly reduced gun violence or crime rates. Criminals, by definition, do not obey the law, and thus are unlikely to comply with new firearm restrictions. Instead, these laws often only serve to disarm law-abiding citizens, leaving them more vulnerable to crime. Effective crime reduction requires addressing the underlying social and economic factors that contribute to criminal behavior, not broadly restricting constitutional rights.

**Enforcement Challenges:**

The proposed bill also presents significant enforcement challenges, including the potential for

creating a black market for the prohibited firearms and attachments. History shows that when lawful access to firearms is restricted, illicit markets emerge, making it harder for law enforcement to control the distribution and use of illegal firearms. This not only diverts law enforcement resources but also fails to ensure public safety.

**Recommendations for a Balanced Approach:**

Instead of imposing broad and restrictive bans, I urge the legislature to consider a more balanced approach that focuses on enforcing existing laws, improving the background check system to prevent dangerous individuals from obtaining firearms, and investing in mental health resources and community programs that address the root causes of violence. Such measures can enhance public safety without infringing upon the rights of law-abiding citizens.

In conclusion, while the intention behind the proposed bill may be to enhance public safety, its broad prohibitions on firearms and accessories disproportionately affect law-abiding citizens and infringe upon constitutional rights without effectively addressing the root causes of gun violence. I respectfully request that the legislature reconsider this bill and work towards solutions that protect public safety while respecting the rights and freedoms of law-abiding citizens.

Sincerely,

Travis Baguso

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:43:44 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I find this bill not only extremely unconstitutional in nature, but also completely unnecessary due to the strict background check and distribution system already in place. This bill only prevents law-abiding citizens who already have to undergo several hoops to own what is considered to be a given right on the mainland. I firmly believe that this would provide zero benefit to gun crimes in Hawaii, which are mostly conducted by handguns.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:44:30 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Bradley Jaimes Vigaray	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in oppsition to Measure SB3196. It does not do anything but inconvenience law abiding citizens wheather they are firearms owners or not. It does not do anything to keep them safer from potential criminal activities. Reson being, criminals don't follow laws and law abiding citizens do. So in the horrible case that a law abiding citizen finds themselves having to protect themselves against a criminal and both sides have a firearm but only one follows the ammunition capacity law, the criminal will have the unfortunat advantage.

As far as the restrictions on bringing certain firearms into the state, I believe it falls under my same belief as mentioned above. Criminals break laws and law abiding citizens don't. We have way more law abiding citizens in the state that criminals. So again you are hurting the good rather than the bad. And in doing so, you are giving the evil in this world the upper hand.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:44:42 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

It's appalling that the state and its small set of lawmaker's continually attempt to criminalize law abiding firearms owners while the real criminals will still acquire firearms without concern for any permitting process, set of background checks, and/or any new legislation meant to "keep Hawaii" safe.

I stand in opposition of this measure simply because the legislature is again seeking to undermine our Akua (given) rights to protect ourselves from all trespassers foreign and domestic.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:45:08 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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: 2/13/2024 12:45:56 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please pass this bill to help prevent more gun violence in our beautiful Hawaii. Thank you for your consideration.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:46:56 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Once again, there is a gun law, attacking lawful gun ownership by law, abiding citizens. We need laws or better enforcement of laws already on the books. Keeping Fire Arms away from criminals and people who should not possess them. In this current environment, I try to vote based on what's best for the country but these attacks on basic rights make that awful hard. how about a law, that will charge the person who knowingly supplied a criminal a gun for the same crime the criminal commits.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:48:33 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Hannah Clark	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I ***STRONGLY*** oppose this bill.

You as legislatures, you swore to uphold the constitution.

I as an American citizen, I understand that the second amendment was created for AMERICAN CITIZEN PROTECTION. **The second amendment was *not* created for government control.** The second amendment was created to protect American citizens from tyrannical leadership.

For this reason, I **STRONGLY** oppose SB3196.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment**

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

**District of Columbia v. Heller**, case in which the U.S. Supreme Court on June 26, 2008, held (5–4) that the Second Amendment guarantees an individual right to possess firearms independent of service in a state militia and to use firearms for traditionally lawful purposes, including self-defense within the home.

**New York State Rifle Association v. Bruen** ruling: Overturned New York State gun safety law. Court ruled that New York’s law requiring a license to carry concealed weapons in a public place was unconstitutional.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

**James Miller vs. Rob Bonta** (overturned Assault Weapons Ban)

Conclusion: The State’s attempt to ban these popular firearms creates the extreme policy that a handful of criminals can dictate the conduct and infringe on the freedom of law-abiding citizens. California’s answer to the criminal misuse of a few is to disarm its many good residents. That knee-jerk reaction is constitutionally untenable, just as it was 250 years ago. The Second Amendment stands as a shield from government imposition of that policy. There is only one policy enshrined in the Bill of Rights. Guns and ammunition in the hands of criminals, tyrants and terrorists are dangerous; guns in the hands of law-abiding responsible citizens are necessary. To give full life to the core right of self-defense, every law-abiding responsible individual citizen has a constitutionally protected right to keep and bear firearms commonly owned and kept for lawful purposes. In early America and today, the Second Amendment right of self-preservation permits a citizen to “‘repel force by force’ when ‘the intervention of society in his behalf, may be too late to prevent that injury.’” Unfortunately, governments tend to restrict the right of armed self-defense. Punishing every good citizen because bad ones misuse a gun offends the Constitution. A state supreme court in 1878 said it succinctly: “If cowardly and dishonorable men sometimes shoot unarmed men with army pistols or guns, the evil must be prevented by the penitentiary and gallows, and not by a general deprivation of a Cesare Beccaria, *On Crimes and Punishments* (1766), chap. 40, recorded by Thomas Jefferson: laws “which forbid to wear arms, disarming those only who are not disposed to commit the crime which the laws mean to prevent . . . makes the situation of the assaulted worse, and of the assailants better, and rather encourages than prevents murder, as it requires less courage to attack unarmed than armed persons.” Jefferson’s *Legal Commonplace Book* 521 (Princeton Univ. Press ed., 2019). “Today . . . many Americans have good reason to fear that they will be victimized if they are unable to protect themselves. And today, no less than in 1791, the Second Amendment guarantees their right to do so.”

Assault (noun) is defined as:

- a) A violent physical or verbal attack.
- b) A military attack usually involving direct combat with an enemy forces.

Law:

- a) A threat or attempt to inflict offensive physical contact or bodily harm on a person that puts a person in immediate danger of or in apprehension of such harm or contact.

Assault (verb) is defined as:

- a.) To make an assault on: to violently attack.

“Assault” in this bill (SB3196) being used in a context to promote fear and scare.

The origin of “assault weapon” stems from the term “assault rifle,” which the U.S. Army defines explicitly as a selective-fire rifle chambered for a cartridge of intermediate power. **The term “assault rifle” only applies to automatic firearms** rather than the semi-automatic firearms that gun control advocates are focused on banning today.

**The key difference** is that semi-automatic firearms, such as AR-15s, only **fire a single round** each time the trigger is pulled. Automatic firearms — including military assault rifles — **discharge continually** when the trigger is pulled. Although they are often used in the Armed Services, these firearms are not readily available for sale to the general public. To purchase a fully-automatic firearm requires an extensive FBI background check including fingerprints and photographs, as well as registration of the firearm at the federal level.

- 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.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:51:37 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I do not support this bill. I stand firm with my/our 2nd amendment rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:53:51 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. I feel this bill will do nothing to affect gun violence and will only infringe on our 2nd Amendment rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:55:58 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill for these reasons.

1. It is my constitutional right as an American citizen to bear arms.
2. Hawaii does not have a significant gun violence problem.
3. AR does not stand for "assault rifle", there's not really a category called assault rifles.
4. The constitution is an important document with principles our country was founded on. Our constitution sets America apart from all other countries.
5. The majority of gun owners in America are responsible and educated.

Thank you, Angela Cochran

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:57:15 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 strongly oppose SB 3196. Besides the fact that the wording is vague, this and other firearms legislation does not address the issue that criminals by nature will never obey any laws related to firearms. The only people who will be affected by such legislation are law abiding citizens who properly register their firearms.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:57:44 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill violates my constitutionally protected rights.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:58:55 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tasman	Individual	Oppose	In Person

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: 2/13/2024 1:00:29 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I oppose sb3196 reason being it will do nothing against crime and as the Supreme Court said in heller, McDonald, and Bruen if it's in common use it cannot be banned as we the people have the right to bear arms.. as far as I know Hawaii is part of the United States and we do not operate on aloha!! Instead of restricting the rights of the law abiding citizen why don't the ag or prosecutor go tough on crime instead.

Thanks, guy

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:01:00 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

As a Servive member and a citizen of the United States of America I oppose SB3196. First and foremost this bill infringes on my rights as a responsible gun owner. As an American it is our right to purchase firearms and to exercise our rights. Criminals are the ones who obtain firearms illegally. While law abiding citizens are being penalized for the actions of those criminals. Let me emphasize that in order to purchase a firearm we must attend a safety course which also includes mental health awareness and pass a written exam and required background checks provided by the Military and HPD. There are already procedures in place to make sure law abiding citizens like myself are following and SB3196 is unconstitutional!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:01:21 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. Resident of Kailua

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:03:54 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Errol Kusunoki	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

SB3196 is 100% a violation of Our 2nd Amendment. I oppose SB3196. This proposed bill once again only targets law abiding citizens just as the new gun laws that were recently implemented. You should target the influencers on YouTube who who glorify the gang and criminal culture here in Hawaii for clicks and likes. Create Bills that empower our youth and strengthen communities across our State. This Bill will not stop your smash and grabs, car jackiings, domestic violence. This will only give the advantage to criminals knowing that we as law abiding citizens can no longer defend ourselves if needed. It all starts with respect fot life and others. Get back to restoring Ohana not restricting law abiding citizens.

Sincerely

Errol Kusunoki

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:04:56 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha my name is Jessica "Priya" Caiazzo, I strongly oppose SB3196.

I am shocked and appalled by this bill that is another example of violating our Constitutional rights. I have given testimony so many times, and here we are again. I have basically given this speech before with the same points. It turns out a decent amount of your bill is still 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.'"1

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)2

One of the state's leading provider networks has stated although the law does require them to release health information to HPD, it does not require doctors to give a medical clearance "determination". Insurance providers do not want the liability associated with a mental health "clearance".

Per Hawaii News Now: "The police department is the only organization who can evaluate an individual's fitness to acquire or own a firearm. Health care organizations/providers do not make these evaluations," the statement from Kaiser explained. (Hawaii News Now 2015)3 This request

is blatantly Unconstitutional as there is no legal standing for this rule. As per Breun: “The government must demonstrate that the regulation is consistent with this nation’s historical tradition of firearms regulation.”. 4 I do not believe that there was a tradition of medical evaluation for firearms ownership when the 2nd and 14th were ratified.

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. Remember your oath.

Mahalo,

-Jessica 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. Hawaii News Now, 2015

<https://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/story/30790522/gun-permit-applicants-denied-over-medical-dispute/>

4. Bruen, Opinion of the Court, Page 8, Section II

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:05:13 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kade Yam-Lum	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**Testimony in Opposition to Bill SB3196**

**Dear LEGISLATORS,**

**I hope this letter finds you in good health and spirits. I am writing to express my strong opposition to [Bill Number], which seeks to amend the prohibition on certain assault weapons. While I appreciate the intention behind this bill, I firmly believe that it violates our Constitution and infringes upon our fundamental rights as American citizens.**

**Firstly, the proposed bill unconstitutionally infringes upon the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution, which guarantees the right of citizens to keep and bear arms. The language of the Second Amendment clearly states that "the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." It is important to note that the Supreme Court has consistently recognized that the Second Amendment protects an individual's right to possess firearms for lawful purposes, including self-defense.**

**By expanding the prohibition on assault weapons, the bill unfairly restricts law-abiding citizens from acquiring and possessing firearms that they believe are necessary for their personal safety and self-defense. It is crucial to remember that the overwhelming majority of gun owners utilize their firearms responsibly and within the limits of the law. Punishing law-abiding citizens by prohibiting the possession of certain firearms not only infringes upon their Second Amendment rights but also fails to address the root causes of violence in our society.**

**Furthermore, the bill's provision to prevent the bringing or transfer of assault rifles or assault shotguns into the state infringes upon the Constitution's Commerce Clause. The Commerce Clause grants Congress the power to regulate interstate commerce, and it is well established that the regulation of firearms falls within this jurisdiction. By prohibiting individuals from bringing or transferring assault weapons, [Bill Number] oversteps the boundaries of state power and interferes with interstate trade.**

**It is also worth noting that the bill creates exceptions for members of law enforcement and the military, who are allowed to acquire and possess prohibited firearms. This disparate treatment raises concerns of unequal treatment under the law and undermines the concept of equal protection guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment. Every citizen, regardless of**

**their profession, should be afforded the same rights and protections under the law.**

**In conclusion, I wholeheartedly oppose SB3196 as it violates the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens and encroaches upon our constitutionally protected liberties. Instead of further restricting the rights of responsible gun owners, I implore you to focus on comprehensive approaches that address the root causes of violence in our society, such as mental health, education, and law enforcement efforts. It is through these multifaceted approaches that we can create a safer and more secure future for all Americans.**

**Thank you for considering my perspective. I trust that you will take into account the constitutional concerns raised in this testimony as you deliberate on [Bill Number]. Should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.**

**Sincerely,**

**KADE YAM-LUM**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:06:31 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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.

February 13, 2024

Aloha,

This letter is in regard to my strong opposition to the proposed bill SB3196 which aims to amend and further prohibit law abiding citizens who are trying to defend and protect themselves and family against the increasing number of violent crimes. I find it downright stupid, for a lack of better words, with the uprise in not just gun violence, but violence in general today. This bill will handicap the citizens who are lawfully trying to protect themselves and loved ones from danger. I am a licensed concealed carry holder that recognizes the need to protect ourselves at all times. We live in a very different time now in Hawaii. It's better to have a gun and not need it, than to need a gun and not have it. Sometimes I feel that the criminals always have the upper hand or are more protected by the laws and regulations put on us. For example, you want to have a law-abiding citizen only allowed to carry 5 or 10 rounds in their handgun, but criminals can have an unlimited amount. Then, a rifle with bolt action normally used for hunting against a bad guy with a semi-auto 20-30 round rifle. Who is this law trying to protect? Seriously. Did we not learn from prohibition that if you make something illegal, that doesn't mean the criminals are going to follow the rules and laws. Only the innocent people will suffer. Use your commonsense people. Or do you want it for only the bad guys to have guns? I'm just a born and raised local boy trying to run a business while raising and protecting my family. I find bill SB3196 to be unconstitutional to our second amendment rights and I strongly oppose it. Thank you for your time and for hearing my concerns.

Mahalo,  
Henry Kinney

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:07:38 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:11:10 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:12:07 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:13:41 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Testimony in Opposition of SB3196

Honorable Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

I stand before you today to vehemently oppose SB3196, which proposes to ban semi-automatic weapons in Hawaii. As a concerned citizen, I cannot overstate the detrimental impact this proposed legislation would have on the safety and rights of law-abiding individuals in our state.

First and foremost, SB3196 fails to address the root causes of violence in our communities. Instead of targeting criminals who perpetrate violent acts, it unfairly restricts the rights of law-abiding citizens to defend themselves. The proposal to ban semi-automatic weapons ignores the reality that criminals do not adhere to firearm regulations. They will obtain weapons illegally regardless of any bans imposed by the government. As a result, such measures only serve to disarm law-abiding citizens, leaving them defenseless against criminal threats.

Furthermore, the right to self-defense is a fundamental principle enshrined in our Constitution. By restricting access to semi-automatic weapons, SB3196 infringes upon this fundamental right and diminishes the ability of law-abiding citizens to protect themselves, their families, and their property. It is unjust to penalize law-abiding individuals for the actions of criminals who show no regard for the law.

Moreover, the data clearly shows that areas with stricter gun control measures do not necessarily experience lower rates of violent crime. In fact, such measures often have the unintended consequence of disarming law-abiding citizens while doing little to deter criminals. This misguided approach only exacerbates the problem and puts innocent lives at risk.

In conclusion, SB3196 is a misguided and ineffective response to the issue of violent crime in our communities. Instead of targeting law-abiding citizens, we should focus on addressing the root causes of violence and enforcing existing laws against criminals. I urge you to reject this bill and instead pursue evidence-based solutions that uphold the rights and safety of all residents of Hawaii.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,  
J.W.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:15:30 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Brahcen	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

Please stop this illegal actions. Shame on all of you. What kind of examples are you setting, Do you think people know that when don't follow the law of the land, that they will bend to your illegal laws. You should be happy that nobody is complaing to the FBI how you are violating our civil rights. Or complaing to the ethics commission how you are not abiding by you oath of office. By creating these illegal laws you are instantly making citizen felons, and violating the US Constitution and the Hawaii Constitution. Stop this Madness and make laws that will attack the criminals and not the Law Abiding Citizens. Why do you think these criminals continue with their crimes, because of the lack of enforcement and lack of punishment. The Law of the Land is the 2nd Amendment, and the decisions that the Supreme Court has made from that, we are the laughing stock of the nation based on our higher courts illegal decisions.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:15:42 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

The 2nd amendment is not intended for sport shooting nor pleasure, but to help the people stand against tyranny. Some say that this is folly but as a responsible citizen and firearms instructor I can tell you that it's not and the ability to own and maintain firearms efficient in defense is crucial to maintaining this right.

The spirit of aloha is a powerful and beautiful thing, but if it were to ever be under threat either through internal or external forces the right of the people to keep and bear arms would be its saving grace.

as a former resident of Oahu and having been through the process to obtain a firearm legally in Hawaii I can say that the measures you have in place are already stringent enough to determine most criminals from purchasing firearms legally. If they are indeed using firearms in crimes it would stand to reason that they are obtaining them through illegal means. Meaning that the measure discussed in this bill would do little in nothing at all to deter violent crime.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:15:51 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

i oppose to this bill...crime violence in hawaii involving guns didnt involve assault rifles..

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:18:27 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Any and all firearms laws are against the 2A second amendment. Please stop infringement on the good citizens.

**Charla Teves**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96817**

TO: Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental & Military Affairs

DATE: February 14, 2014

TIME: 3:00 PM

PLACE: Conference Room 225 & Videoconference  
State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

BILL: SB 3196, Relating to Firearms

POSITION: SUPPORT

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, and members of the committee!

My name is Charla Teves and I am testifying in support of SB 3196, relating to firearms. I am a lifelong resident of Honolulu, a graduate of Maryknoll High School, and a college student pursuing a degree in political science.

My generation has grown up under the pervasive threat of gun violence in our schools and in our communities. Gun violence is currently the **leading cause of death** for young people. Every day, more than 110 Americans are killed with guns and more than 200 are shot and wounded. The effects of gun violence extend far beyond these casualties—gun violence shapes the lives of millions of people who witness it, know someone who was shot, or live in fear of the next shooting.

When I was in high school, I met a Hawaii gun violence survivor at the Hawaii state capitol. His first-hand account of being shot five times and surviving inspired me to get more deeply involved in gun violence prevention. I founded the local chapter of a student gun violence prevention organization and represented Hawaii at a national rally at the U.S. capitol to pass federal legislation where I met many more survivors of gun violence. I have also worked as an intern in the Hawaii state Senate which showed me the power of policy to make a difference in the life of every resident. I strongly believe in the importance of designating sensitive places where guns will be prohibited. Please pass this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 3196.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:19:09 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

As a tax paying and registered voter of the State of Hawaii I oppose SB3196. Why are you folks trying to ban firearms based on appearance, features and accessories? Banning these items does nothing to curb non law abiding citizens from committing crimes. Historically here in Hawaii how many firearms related injuries and or deaths have been caused by law abiding citizens vs non law abiding citizens? There are more automotive related injuries and deaths compared to firearms related here in Hawaii but I don't see any bills addressing this. Firearms are just a tool, the real problem is those that use these tools to commit illegal activities who why not go after those people instead of the law abiding citizens who go thru all the classes, vetting, permitting and registration process that we are required to do in this state just to exercise our constitutional rights

Thank you...Sheldon

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:19:25 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill it is highly unconstitutional!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:20:34 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:22:00 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196 because it is clearly unconstitutional. Laws have to be created without infringing on the rights of it's citizens. As it is written, SB3196 does not follow the constitution, more importantly, it does not follow the a Supreme Court ruling (Bruen), that history, text and tradition must be used by the State to create and or deny the second amendment of it's citizens.

I oppose SB3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:22:04 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196. This bill partners with "The Safe Places" Law. This will keep those of us who are the protectors and licensed to carry to take away our Second Amendment rights to bare these specific arms listed in the bill. Which will only give criminals with ghost guns a greater advantage to threaten Hawaii and cause harm to our communities. The demand for Police officers and law enforcement officers are great, short staffed with competing salaries.

Therefore we should be looking at working with WE THE PEOPLE to protect and make sure everyone gets home safely to their families. By equipping and training people who pass the proper tests and trainings to carry these firearms as tools. We must love our neighbors by ensuring safety in our God given right to barearms inside and outside our homes.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:23:23 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I JP Savage urge the legislators to uphold the 2nd amendment! It's our right to defend ourselves from both foreign and domestic enemies. The 2nd ammendment is the only ammendment that says shall not be infringed upon, yet its the most attacked. Please don't take away law abiding citizens rights to defend ourselves Mahalo

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:24:23 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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. Unconstitutional.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:24:27 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Felipe Anguiano	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Felipe Anguiano and I strongly oppose Bill SB3196. As a legal firearm owner and USMC Veteran with hours of firearms safety training. I am in strong opposition because banning, limiting, or trying to impose any more controls on the law abiding citizens in the state of Hawaii who legally own guns will have no impact on the big picture - keeping our Ohana, work places and the community overall safe. SB3196 will collectively only empower and aid criminals in being more efficient at what they do.

An AR platform, can be at .223, .556, .308, .458, .22 or even a pellet gun, it is a long gun, and unless illegally modified, can only fire one round at a time, regardless of the amount, type of ammunition or magazine capacity. In simple words, a long rifle is not an assault rifle. A "selective rifle" aka "machine gun" IS an assault rifle and as you are aware "machine guns/selective rifles" are already illegal in the state of Hawaii, although criminals can and will still possess the.

So when you describe the AR/AK platform rifles you visualize a military assault weapon, but the fact is that the two are NOT the same. A perfect example is, while you may or may not like a Honda Civic with graphics, loud sound system, lowered with tinted windows, the fact still remains that underneath it all, it's exactly what it is, a car. It is the look and idea that makes legal firearms the target of scrutiny. Another example is some buttstocks are designed for the elderly, to minimize the impact of their shoulders, etc.

A ban on legal rifles owned by law abiding citizens does not solve the problem. Please understand that the most important point, the criminals will find the means and methods to carry out their crimes, regardless of whatever laws the state of Hawaii implements. Further restrictions on responsible gun owners only makes instant felons out of law abiding citizens, further jeopardizes people's safety and Constitutional Rights to bear arms and empowers the criminals, who are not listening to the laws to begin with. Gun control penalizes the citizens who are listening to and following the law in the state that is already one of the most restrictive on this issue.

I reserve the right to submit further testimony in writing and in person. I encourage you to find other solutions and not create larger problems.

I am against all Gun-Control proposals/Bills at this time.

Mahalo,

Felipe Anguiano

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:25:13 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mitchell H. Weber	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB3196,

The language in the caption of this proposed bill is a lie. Sen. Wakai is grossly mischaracterizing the definition of "assault weapons" to now include almost every modern firearm.

The State does indeed ban the possession of select fire weapons (commonly referred to as "assault weapons") to civilians. A select fire weapon has the ability to fire rapidly by holding the trigger of the weapon in the rearward position. SB3196 does not ban "assault weapons" it bans nearly every other modern firearm currently sold legally to the public.

You may try to use mental gymnastics to weasel around the definition of a "ban", but this bill accompanied with SB2845(under 21 ammo ban) does just that. If passed, the sale/transfer of any firearm listed would be prohibited.

You are stopping parents from teaching responsible firearms handling to their own children, you are also devaluing the private property of your constituents.

Those who support this bill, seem to think that incorrectly mischaracterizing definitions, and then repeatedly expressing their false equivocation as fact makes it so.

This very bill uses the term "modernization" as a means to justify change, but by who's standard are you using to define what an "assault weapon" is?

Your mainland anti 2A benefactors do not get to redefine facts. Stop carrying their water by passing this authorization junk off as "safety" and "common sense" to your constituents.

Regards,  
Mitchell Weber.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:25:15 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly support banning Assault weapons and any attatchemnts! Please stop them from being in Hawaii!

Thank you,

Michael Garsva

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:25:58 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose SB3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:29:30 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Second amendment rights. I am against this bill

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:30:56 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
ikaika galves-alameda	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

oppose bill

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:31:10 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill is a clear violation of the 2nd Admendment. In which State and federal officals are sworn to uphold and protect these Admendments for the United States Citizens, for which I " Calvin Flores " am proud to be.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:33:15 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

To whom this may concern,

I, as a gun owner and avid target shooter and hunter am vehemently opposed to any further gun restrictions.

I am of the opinion that it is my right as an American citizen to own and operate firearms as layed out in the 2nd amendment . Further, I do not believe that the state has any right whatsoever to infringe upon or disregard the 2nd amendment.

There are currently tens of thousands of the guns, rifles and shotguns you are proposing to prohibit in private ownership in the state of Hawaii . I Don't really think many gun owners are going to voluntarily turn these guns in to the government ? I believe you are sorrily mistaken on this .

Hawaii does not have a gun crime/violence problem especially redarding semiautomatic rifle and shotguns. It is shown time and time again that the states that have the most gun restrictions have the most gun crimes simply because only criminals have guns and the general populous has very low understanding and training regarding guns. Do the research and prove me wrong .

Please leave us gun owners alone . Everyone will be safer for it . Responsible gun owners are a necessary thing in a civilized society.

I find it appalling that SB3196 is a serious proposal. If we agree to your SB3196, what are you going to try and take away next?

With all due respect to the proposers of SN 3196, please take into account the opposition to this bill.

Thank you for taking the time to read my thoughts on this subject,

Shawn Coullahan

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:35:34 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Hawaii does not need more gun restrictions. Bad people will always find a way to get illegal weapons. Bans don't work, just look at the alcohol prohibition. These bad people need services and help. They need community, accountability and support. They need the transformative love of Jesus. Aloha.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:36:57 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I STRONGLY oppose this bill, which infringes on our 2nd amendment right.

Mahalo

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:37:03 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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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February 13th, 2024

Subject: Strong Opposition to Proposed Firearm Regulation Amendments

Dear Legislature,

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,  
Kai Asam

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:37:21 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill which is a major infringement on law abiding citizens of this Country. How many times across the country have any types of prohibitions or bans been effective? You thing criminals care about any such legislation? You are only infringing upon us law abiding citizens. The same law abiding people that vote YOU into office.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:38:03 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Donn Nagamine	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Committee members,

I would like to voice my strong opposition to SB3196. I have several reasons for this:

This Bill states that an intent of this law is to "protect the safety and well-being of its citizens". Protect from what exactly?

If you are talking about crime, most if not all criminals obtain their firearms ILLEGALLY. Whether it is through theft or a black market acquisition, criminals will always obtain what they want. No law will ever stop that. Most of the crimes involving firearms in Hawai'i have almost always been perpetrated by criminals using stolen or illegal guns. With the increase in crime in recent years and the consistent staffing shortages in law enforcement, citizens need to be able to obtain firearms for protection. A large part of the list of firearms that you propose to be banned are already owned legally by Hawai'i residents. They are also of the type that would be ideal for people to acquire, who only wish to protect themselves. Crimes have not been committed in Hawaii with legally purchased firearms of these types. Proof that we, the law abiding people are not the problem. Passing this law will only hurt and punish law abiding citizens only trying to protect themselves while doing nothing to stop crime and the criminals who commit them.

I am also opposed to this bill because it is in effect a confiscation. By not allowing people to transfer firearms other than to a dealer or law-enforcement. I will not be allowed to pass on my firearms to my son\daughter, other family members, a friend or even a law abiding person who wants to buy it from me. In addition, if I choose to sell my firearms the money that I spent on them can never be made back, as selling them will become nearly impossible.

Finally, and most importantly. This Bill as written is blatantly unconstitutional. Following the precedence set by the Heller and Bruen Supreme Court decisions, any new gun regulation must be justified by looking at the history and tradition of United States gun laws going back to 1791. There were no laws banning an entire class of firearms going back to that period. Therefore this proposed bill is unconstitutional. I urge this committee not to attempt to take away a constitutional right that our forefathers fought so hard to give us along with all our other God given rights.

Donn Nagamine



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 to go to the mainland to hunt. 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.

Sincerely

William Dearborn Clark

NRA and USCCA Instructor.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:38:56 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha!

I 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.

Do not let this bill pass. Honor our constitution!

Mahalo,

Gisele Hammond

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:39:48 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I am testifying in opposition to SB3196. There is no rational basis nor supporting evidence that the increased restrictions that this bill will impose will further reduce gun crime or violent crime in the State of Hawaii. One would argue that the result of this Bill being enacted would restrict law abiding citizens from being able to protect themselves and their families, and would turn a large population of the State of Hawaii into criminals overnight, ironically, increasing gun crime.

The wording and definitions in this bill, while seemingly specific to those not familiar with firearms, are extremely ambiguous. The danger here is that due to this ambiguity firearms not commonly associated with "assault rifles" would be deemed an "assault rifle". For example, a barrel shroud sounds intimidating, but every rifle has a "shroud" that protects its user from being burned by the barrel. This is not a feature that makes the firearm more deadly, rather a part of every firearm that allows for its safe use.

Lastly, many of the features that are identified in this bill are features that make firearms more ergonomic for its user. My mother has a physical disability which limits what firearms she can safely operate. Restricting her access to these features would severely limit her ability to defend herself. She lives in a more rural area where law enforcement would not be able to reach her in a timely manner. Is it right to condemn her to the mercy of criminals because of a bill that is founded on a severe lack of rationale?

Many supporters of these types of bills are unfamiliar with firearms and the current process to acquire them. An overwhelming majority of firearm owners in Hawaii are responsible law abiding citizens who want to protect themselves, their families, and their property. Thank you for your time and for the opportunity to testify.

Mahalo,

Steven Sylvester

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:40:21 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please oppose SB-3196. Please stop using tax payer dollars on 2nd right infringement. Instead use it to weed out corrupt politicians and their special interest.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:41:11 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Oppose. Stop bringing these types of laws to the table when the Supreme Court has made it very clear that they are UNCONSTITUTIONAL. Waste of tax payer monies when lawsuits are filed when the higher courts already set precedence.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:41:41 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I Nohea Hoopii urge the legislators to oppose this bill and ask to uphold the 2nd amendment. We the people have a right to defend ourselves from both foreign and domestic enemies! Second amendment shall not be infringed upon!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:41:48 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill due to its clear violation on 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 our 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 loved ones and this cannot be taken away according to our second amendment. **STRONGLY OPPOSE**

**SB-3196**

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Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sandi Lyn Cabreira	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Sandi Lyn Cabreira. I am a lifelong resident of Hawaii, a citizen of the United States, and a mother of 10. I oppose Bill SB3196. First of all, This bill is unclear and incorrect. The use of the word "Assault" in front of rifles, pistols, or any firearm, is unclear. As NONE of these firearms mentioned are made or sold as "Assault" firearms, which firearms, exactly, does this bill mean to classify? Without this being clear, this bill is unclear, and therefore should NOT be passed. The use of the work "weapon", also makes this bill incorrect. Calling a firearm a "weapon", is verbage used to promote a narrative of negativity and fear into the people of our communities. A firearm is merely a firearm, until is it used against another person. Only then does it become classified a weapon. Much like a knife, a hammer, or a car. Another term used to fuel the narrative and fear of firearms, is "Assault Rifle". AR does NOT stand for assault rifle! It stands for Armalite Rifle, and letting this incorrect terminology be used by our lawmakers is a wrong and prejudiced assault against firearms. So not only is this bill unclear, but it is also blatantly incorrect. A bill that is incorrect can NOT be passed. Aside from the mistakes within this bill, This bill also is in violation of my second amendment rights. I do not necessarily need, say, and AR 15, but if I did, It is my constitutional right to get one. The second amendment was not written to be bent and twisted to the agenda of one group of people. It was put in place to protect our citizens for all time forward. By allowing this bill to be passed, it will open the door to other bills and practices, that will further violate our second amendment, as well as other constitutional rights. Because we have ruling (I.E, Bruin), from the highest court of the United States, of which Hawaii is a part of (the US Supreme Court), Hawaii should NOT be able to go against our highest court. As long as Hawaii is still a member of the United States of America, it has NO right to go against our land's highest court, and make up their own laws. This is a travasty. Bill SB3196 is unconstitutional and can not be passed. I oppose SB3196. You should, too.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:43:13 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I, Rowena Martirez, strongly oppose this bill.

Brian H Kitaoka  
94-1052 Waiolina Street  
Waipahu, Hawaii 96797

Submitted ONLINE

2/13/2024

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 or why I purchased them.** As this is my "hobby", I have followed all laws that was 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.

The people of Hawaii deserve better than this set of prohibitions largely copied and kludged together from pieces of legislation found elsewhere in the country.

1) Hawaii's gun laws have strongly focused on limiting who can legally own firearms. Where is the logic in legally permitting somebody to own a firearm, but only if it doesn't have a bayonet mount or flash suppressor?

The lists of banned characteristics in this bill are mostly a regurgitation of similar language that has been used in firearms prohibitions since the 80's, which were largely inspired by that decade's action movies; most do little to limit lethality, but are rather rooted in making guns look less scary while causing inconvenience to shooters who try to follow the law.

2) "50 caliber centerfire rifles" 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, even though rifles that use this round are very rarely used in crimes in the USA due to their expense and size. But many rifles are also chambered in other 50 caliber rounds like 50AE, 50 Beowulf, 50-70 Government and 50-90 Sharps; these rounds contain around 10-30% as much energy as 50 BMG, and so are less powerful than other commonly used rounds like 30 caliber magnums.

3) Why is there a need to double down on Hawaii's definition of "assault pistol"? Where is the logic in prohibiting a pistol simply because it weighs over 50 ounces, or because the barrel is threaded, or because the magazine attaches outside of the pistol grip?

4) The language regarding fixed semiautomatic shotgun magazines with "capacity to hold more than five rounds" fails to consider the length of the loaded rounds. Many commonly used shotguns are advertised as holding 5 rounds, but these capacities assume 2 3/4" shells; mini shells exist that are 1 3/4" in length, so any fixed magazine advertised as holding 5 rounds can hold 7 rounds. This ambiguous language may ban many more shotguns than apparently 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: 2/13/2024 1:46:34 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Lucas Z. Breckenridge

Regarding SB3196 Relating to Firearms

February 13, 2024

My name is Lucas Breckenridge and I am a concerned resident of Kilauea, Kauai, Hawai‘i.

I testify before you with all due respect for the offices you all hold, and hope that you will perform the duties of your office according the oaths you took.

I am against the proposed SB 3196. The banning of an entire class of “arms” that is commonly used for lawful purposes violates the Second Amendment.

There is a rule of law on this:

**“SYLLABUS  
OCTOBER TERM, 2007  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA V. HELLER  
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA et al. v. HELLER**

certiorari to the united states court of appeals for the district of columbia circuit No. 07–290.

Argued March 18, 2008—Decided June 26, 2008

*Held:*

1. 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. Pp. 2–53.

3. The handgun ban and the trigger-lock requirement (as applied to self-defense) violate the Second Amendment. The District’s total ban on handgun possession in the home amounts to a prohibition on an entire class of “arms” that Americans overwhelmingly choose for the lawful purpose of self-defense....”

**AND**

“NEW YORK STATE RIFLE & PISTOL ASSOCIATION, INC., ET AL. v. BRUEN, SUPERINTENDENT OF NEW YORK STATE POLICE, ET AL.

CERTIORARI TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT No. 20–843.

Argued November 3, 2021—Decided June 23, 2022

Syllabus

(a) In *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U. S. 570, and *McDonald v. Chicago*, 561 U. S. 742, the Court held that the Second and Fourteenth Amendments protect an individual right to keep and bear arms for self-defense.....

(2) .....The Second Amendment “is the very product of an interest balancing by the people,” and it “surely elevates above all other interests the right of law-abiding, responsible citizens to use arms” for self-defense. *Heller*, 554 U. S., at 635. Pp. 15–17.

(3)..... Indeed, the 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.”

This bill is proposing to ban multiple classes of commonly used firearms that are in current lawful possession of many Hawai‘i residents as well as the magazines that come standard with most of these firearms.

The use of the term “assault weapon” is absurd. If you break the term down, “assault” declares an act of intent. A “weapon” by itself is an inanimate object. I suppose, if this term is used, one could declare that a rock could be an assault weapon or perhaps a fork. Can a weapon by itself perform an assault? No. It takes a person to perform the act.

I thank you for reading my testimony. Your consideration is much appreciated.

Lucas Breckenridge

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:46:46 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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.

It will basically ban all guns that law abiding citizens have been buying.

It will force some people to move out of state from the only place they've ever called home.

Why is it that many of the bills being proposed in the past few years have been to restrict law abiding citizens but loosened for criminals?

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:47:59 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I am fully in opposition of this bill. Once again, you are trying to punish those of us who follow every single rule and do everything right to abide by the law. I am an American citizen that owns some of the guns in question, but use it only for shooting at a range, nothing else, why would you want to take away my 2nd amendment right? Please consider my testimony.

Aloha

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:50:16 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE bill SB 3196! This bill would be 100% against our 2nd amendment. The items listed is in no way considered assault weapons as you describe, Anything could be considered an assault weapon if it used to to commit a crime. Banning these FIREARMS would only take away our RITE TO DEFEND OUR SELVES AND FAMILIES against ALL the criminals that WILL NOT give up there FIREARMS and THERE RIGHT TO BARE ARMS. FIREARMS WILL ALWAYS be available to the CRIMINALS. It is NOT the FIREARMS that is the problem, it's the individual that is the problem. Taking away our RIGHT TO BARE ARMS will not solve anything but will greatly increase crime as now the criminals KNOW that they will not be subject to resistance. There are somewhere around 1 million registered FIREARMS owners in Hawai'i! Where is the problem with these FIREARMS? THERE ISN'T, This proposed SB 3196 WILL NOT BE beneficial to ANYONE except the CRIMINALS. PLEASE DO NOT PASS THIS BILL!!!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:50:43 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

As a registered firearm owner for over 30 years. And a law abiding citizen. I strongly opposed to bill SB3196. I've own firearms for over 30 years now, including semi-auto rifles. I used them much for hunting and target shooting. When I was 21 years old, my first firearm I purchase which was a semi auto rifle. Made be a more responsible person overall that I am today. I have much respect for firearms. And so much to be thankful for our Constitutional right to own firearms including semi-auto rifles. Banning these types of firearms is rendered unconstitutional of the 2nd Ammendment. NO! to SB3196

Thank you

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:51:16 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kevin Katayama	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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: 2/13/2024 1:53:06 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB 3196. While I understand the desire to address concerns surrounding gun violence, I firmly believe that such a ban would be ineffective, impractical, and unconstitutional.

First and foremost, it's important to recognize that semi-automatic weapons have legitimate uses for self-defense, hunting, and sporting activities. Many law-abiding citizens rely on these firearms for their protection and recreation, and a blanket ban would unfairly infringe upon their rights without adequately addressing the root causes of violence.

Furthermore, a ban on semi-automatic weapons would likely be ineffective in reducing crime rates. Criminals, by their very nature, do not abide by laws, and they would still find ways to obtain firearms through illicit means. Instead of focusing on restricting access to certain types of firearms, we should prioritize initiatives that address mental health, improve access to education and opportunity, and enhance law enforcement efforts to combat illegal gun trafficking.

Moreover, implementing a ban on semi-automatic weapons would present significant logistical challenges and strain law enforcement resources. The enforcement of such a ban would require extensive efforts to identify and confiscate millions of firearms from law-abiding citizens, which could potentially lead to conflicts and civil unrest.

From a constitutional standpoint, any attempt to ban semi-automatic weapons would raise serious questions about the protection of individual rights guaranteed by the Second Amendment. The right to keep and bear arms is a fundamental aspect of our democracy, enshrined in the Constitution to safeguard against tyranny and ensure the ability of citizens to defend themselves and their families.

In conclusion, I urge policymakers to reject any proposals to ban semi-automatic weapons and instead focus on comprehensive solutions that address the underlying factors contributing to violence in our society. By respecting the rights of law-abiding citizens and pursuing evidence-based strategies, we can work together to create safer communities for all.

Sincerely,

Jeramy L. Joyce

DATE: February 13, 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.

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, cthomas5150@yahoo.com

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:56:49 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I urge you to vote in support of this bill to keep these dangerous weapons off the streets of Hawaii. We have seen the damage they do and are not needed in the context of our life on our islands.

Vote Yes!!

Aloha, Janie Bryan

Resident of Hawaii since 1988

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:56:55 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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: 2/13/2024 1:57:37 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I Isaiah Oguma urge the legislators to oppose this bill and to uphold the second amendment. We the law abiding citizens have a right to defend ourselves against both foreign and domestic enemies. The second amendment shall not be infringed upon Mahalo nui.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:58:48 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

February 12, 2024

Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

Hawai'i State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street, Conference Rm 225

Honolulu, HI 96813

Honorable Chairman Senator Glenn Wakai and Committee Members:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to proposed bill SB3196 which aims to amend and add further prohibitions to the use of firearms in our state. As a Kama'aina born and raised in Hawai'i 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.

Additionally, banning accessories and parts for firearms would further restrict the rights of law-abiding citizens without addressing the core issues 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.

Furthermore, banning parts for firearms would have a detrimental impact on responsible gun owners who rely on these parts for maintenance and repair of their firearms. Many gun owners take great care in maintaining their firearms and ensuring they are in proper working order. Banning parts would make it difficult or impossible for these individuals to keep their firearms in safe and operable condition.

In conclusion, I urge you to oppose any legislation that seeks to ban semi-automatic rifles, shotguns, pistols, accessories, or parts. Instead, I urge you to 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 solutions that promote safety and security in our communities without infringing upon our constitutional rights.

Thank you for considering my views on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Matthew Javillonar

Kamuela, Hawai'i 96743

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:59:02 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I, Winona Medley, oppose SN3196 as it goes against our 2nd and 14th amendment. I also oppose SB3196 for the reason of it limits our right to bear arms. This goes against our constitutional right. This is not acceptable and goes against the rights of all American citizens.

Thank you

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:59:15 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

In addition to this law being ridiculous and pointless, as criminals are not legally purchasing firearms through legal channels, this would turn tens of thousands of law abiding residents of the state of Hawaii that have been born and raised here into criminals overnight. There is no such thing as an assault weapon and there is no such thing as a high capacity magazine. Furthermore, I'd like to remind everyone hearing this that the Supreme Court has previously ruled that Police do NOT have a duty to protect the public. I was recently assaulted outside of my previous workplace and it took over 15 minutes for officers to arrive, only two blocks away from the main Beretania station. If I had been allowed to carry a firearm, I would have felt much safer about staying at that job. Due to this event, I felt the need to leave that workplace, which I should have felt safest at due to its close proximity to the main police station.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:03:33 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jacob Holcomb	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

Strongly Oppose

There is a reason violent crime and social decay are worse in states with assault weapon bans. Anti-constitutional weapons bans never show up by themselves, and are always part of an overall pattern of radical left legislation that is designed to strip power from the citizens and make them more dependent on the State. The unspoken belief behind this ideology is that the citizens “can’t handle the truth” and need an all-powerful central authority to make the important decisions for them. Ending constitutional protection of civilian firearms has nothing to do with public safety, but rather is a necessary step towards totalitarianism.

The Problem:

All “successful” Marxist revolutions were driven by the lower classes, but the current globalist project is top-down attempt from the billionaires and multinational corporations to influence the public with media campaigns. This is also taking place in countries with plenty of living memory of a functional society before a meddling political class intentionally destroyed it. The result is a lack of buy-in, and that translates into citizens recognizing that the SOCIAL CONTRACT HAS BEEN BROKEN and choosing to live as criminals. Hence the expansion of violent crime and criminal gangs that historically are the ones who end up filling the void once enough people lose faith in the corrupt central government.

Please STOP and THINK

Consider what you are really accomplishing here. There are beautiful things about Hawaii that you all grew up with that are now gone forever, and the process of decay is accelerating every time you introduce legislation that further undermines the social contract in favor of centralized power. It’s time to restore the self governing principle, and that means not attacking the people who faithfully followed all your laws and regulations and have gone out of their way to prove themselves as your most loyal and worthy citizens.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:04:14 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I, Danielle Cadiz, oppose SN3196 as it goes against our 2nd and 14th amendment. The SN3196 goes against our constitutional right to bear arms because it applies limits. This is unacceptable.

I, Winona Medley, oppose SN3196 as it goes against our 2nd and 14th amendment. I also oppose SB3196 for the reason of it limits our right to bear arms. This goes against our constitutional right. This is not acceptable.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:06:07 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196 not only do I use my Armalight rifles ( yes that is the correct term for these rifles) for my protection against any harm to myself and family I use it for hunting it is a very good rifle. I also use a 50 Cal muzzle loader for hunting. My rifles are not weapons too kill or hurt anyone . I am a law abiding citizen. Take guns away from criminals who will still have guns.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:09:57 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am a long-time resident writing in strong support of SB3196 and hoping you will support it as well. Assault weapons are exceptionally deadly firearms commonplace in mass fatality shootings. They are generally capable of firing far more bullets, far faster than manual-action hunting rifles. Our country has seen time and time again how this contributes to large numbers of fatalities within mere seconds.

SB3196 amends the prohibition on certain assault weapons to include assault rifles, assault shotguns, .50 caliber rifles, and assault weapons attachments, modernizing the prohibition to help keep our communities safe.

Hawaii has always be known for it's aloha and that spirit is a treasured cultural value. We don't want to be known for gun violence, like so many other states in the nation. Hawaii is currently #5 in the country for gun law strength (down from #3 last year). Let's maintain our spot as leaders.

Lawmakers should act urgently to prohibit these excessively dangerous firearms.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:10:33 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

As a law abiding local citizen I strongly oppose this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:12:45 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am a registered firearms owner and I oppose this bill. I own firearms for protection of my family, recreation, and hunting. This bill is extremely unfair and is targetting legal, responsible firearms owners. Legislation should be proposed for the problem of illegal firearms and preventing those with mental health and psychological problems from obtaining firearms, and providing more funding to law enforcement to protect the citizens of Hawai'i against criminal activity which uses illegally obtained firearms. Criminals will continue to get firearms illegally unless legislation is directed toward them versus responsible citizens. Again, I oppose this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:12:46 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha!

I am opposing bill SB 3196.

**SB-3196**

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

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
HJ Graham	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

Oppose on the basis this bill is 1) unnecessary, 2) is a diversion from Hawaii's real everyday problems of Lahaina fire, inflation, housing, homeless, rampant drug use, and overall degradation in the quality of life here, and 3) creates a whole new class of "criminals" of otherwise law-abiding citizens, 4) ignores the US Constitution.

1) Gun laws are not what makes Hawai'i less violent - it's demographics, Hawai'i has always been a peaceful, pacifist place since colonization. The "Aloha Spirit" is not mandated by law but is an outgrowth of this culture in sharp contrast to places like NYC and Chicago which have far more stringent rules yet vastly more violence.

2) Diversion from Lahaina Fire. Nearly everyone on Maui is affected by direct loss or can't afford to live on Maui because of skyrocketing rents and lack of housing. In addition, it worsens all island problems.

3) Thousands of law-abiding Hawaiian citizens will be deemed "criminals" for now lawfully possessing these firearms. Presently, there is no problem with these firearms, but this will create one.

4) Many Hawaiians love the state but are Americans first - thus the reason for the US Constitution and equality for all on basic rights, including the 2nd Amendment.

In conclusion, this bill is nothing more than political pandering and posturing and solves no real problems we are now facing.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:14:10 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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: 2/13/2024 2:17:11 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I **STRONGLY OPPOSE** measure SB3196.

Having attempted to understand the purpose and intentions behind this piece of legislation, based on the actions and historical precedents set by its introducers and supporters, it becomes clear that that SB3196 is not in the interest of public safety, as its authors claim, but rather is solely in line with the political interests and obsessions with the dominant party of Hawai‘i’s government, keen on reducing and eliminating the rights and freedoms of the People of Hawai‘i and, with this bill, ensuring that they do not have the ability to resist the tyranny of individuals who consider themselves superior to those whom they are supposed to represent.

I again proclaim **STRONG OPPOSITION** to SB 3196 and would like to remind its introducers and potential supporters that support for this bill is in clear violation of the oath you swore to uphold in HRS &sect;12-7, which includes&nbsp;solemnly swearing to support&nbsp;and defend&nbsp;the Constitutions of the State of Hawai‘i and the United States of America, and therefore, by proxy, the rights outlined in these Constitutions, something that this bill is in clear violation of.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:17:50 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill because it goes against our constitutional rights. Every one of you swore an oath to protect and uphold the constitution undoubtedly. We will not stand by and let you strip us of our rights.

Dear Honorable Members of the Legislature,

As a law-abiding citizen, a neighbor, a family member, and a member of our community I write this letter to you today to voice my objection to the proposed bill SB 3196. My testimony is grounded in a firm belief in our constitutional rights, the importance of self-defense, and the potential unintended consequences of such legislation.

Firstly, the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution guarantees the right of the people to keep and bear arms. The proposed ban on assault weapons, which are commonly owned by millions nationwide, and hundreds of thousands of law-abiding citizens within our state for various legitimate purposes, infringes upon this constitutional right. It is crucial that any action we take as a society to address violence does not erode the fundamental freedoms that define us as Americans.

Secondly, self-defense is one of the primary reasons many individuals choose to own firearms. Assault weapons, as defined by certain characteristics within SB 3196, are utilized by many for lawful purposes, including home defense and sporting. A ban on these firearms would not only limit the options available for law-abiding citizens to defend themselves and their families but also could inadvertently put them at a disadvantage in the face of criminal adversaries who are unlikely to adhere to such laws.

Furthermore, it is important to recognize that most gun violence incidents do not involve the assault weapons as defined by SB 3196. Focusing legislative efforts on a specific type of firearm may divert attention and resources from more effective measures that address the root causes of violence, such as mental health support, community programs, and enforcement of existing gun laws. Effective violence prevention requires a comprehensive approach that goes beyond the type of firearms available to the public.

Lastly, I am deeply concerned about the potential for this ban to set a precedent for further restrictions on gun ownership that may affect law-abiding citizens disproportionately. It is essential that any legislation respects the rights of individuals while targeting the actual sources of violence.

In conclusion, while I share the desire to create a safer society, I believe that the proposed assault weapons ban is not the most effective path forward. As a state, we historically take pride in our strict yet commonsense gun control policies, all while respecting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment, and maintaining high gun ownership and low gun violence. I humbly urge you to continue to consider alternative measures that respect our constitutional rights, address the underlying causes of violence, and ensure the safety and security of all citizens without infringing upon the liberties we hold dear.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Very Respectfully,

Nahoa Laurito

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:20:47 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Criminals do not follow laws. This bill directly hurts law abiding citizens and takes away their constitutional right to bear arms.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:20:59 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jaydin Waikiki-Ramos	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I'm writing this testimony on behalf of myself and loved ones due to the fact that I believe banning the acquisition of assault weapons and parts violates our constitutional rights to arm and defend ourselves. The banning of these weapons while giving exemptions to certain individuals creates even more of a lack of protection for the American people due to individuals having access to weapons the common folk do not.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:21:28 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 SB3196

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:24:04 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196 due to it being unconstitutional and a violation of my rights and a citizen of the united states of america. This bill would only affect law abiding citizens and would do nothing to deter crime because criminals do not follow the laws. Most shootings nationally and locally are done with hand guns which already have a magazine capacity regulation to 10 rounds. Motor vehicles cause more deaths nationally and locally and are just as deadly if not more deadly than a sporting rifle. This is why i strongly oppose SB3196.

Trey yoshizumi

P.O. Box 331

Kamuela hi 96743

2-13-24

Aloha

I am writing to express my strong opposition to proposed bill SB3196 which aims to amend and add further prohibitions to the use of firearms in our state. As a Kama'aina born and raised in Hawai'i 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.

Additionally, banning accessories and parts for firearms would further restrict the rights of law-abiding citizens without addressing the core issues 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.

Furthermore, banning parts for firearms would have a detrimental impact on responsible gun owners who rely on these parts for maintenance and repair of their firearms. Many gun owners take great care in maintaining their firearms and ensuring they are in proper working order. Banning parts would make it difficult or impossible for these individuals to keep their firearms in safe and operable condition.

In conclusion, I urge you to oppose any legislation that seeks to ban semi-automatic rifles, shotguns, pistols, accessories, or parts. Instead, I urge you to 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 solutions that promote safety and security in our communities without infringing upon our constitutional rights.

Thank you for considering my views on this important issue.

Mahalo,

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:26:10 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose the passing of this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:26:13 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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: 2/13/2024 2:26:20 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

To Whom It May Concern, I am submitting written testimony in regards to SB3196. I am requesting that you oppose this Bill and its amendments to expand prohibitions on “assault weapons. This bill would make illegal, nearly all commonly used and owned rifles in citizen’s possession and force a gun confiscation in the State of Hawaii. This bill would make simple accessories or features prohibited. Many of these are actually for safety purposes for the operator and makes the firearm safer to operate and not more deadly.

This Bill if enacted would also have a affect on the visitor industry as we have shooting competitions on the islands that brings in competitors from other states and countries, they would no longer be able to bring their firearms here to compete in Paradise.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and again, please oppose SB3196.

Respectfully,

Davin Asato

Kahului, HI, 96732

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:27:02 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha, I am opposed to this ridiculous bill of injustice towards the 2nd amendment. As a competitive shooter with the NRA most of my magazines hold more than 10 rounds. I believe gun safety is the right way to stop gun violence not taking away our right to bare arms!!!

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:27:25 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Aukai Ng	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

You guys need to knock this off. You all are infringing on our rights to defend ourselves in an efficient way. You are basically banning every standard semi automatic weapon that are used to defend a home, that police use to defend the public, and are used to defend you elected officials. We are only rated number 49 for gun violence in this country so stop making this out to be an epidemic. These weapons are statistically prove to save more lives then take them, Look at the recent shooting in Lakewood were armed off duty police were able to stop the offender. This is not negotiable. Our founding fathers were smart enough to see, arming ourselves will be the best defense against intruders, foreign attacks, and even a tyrannical government, like you're trying to be. Read the federalist papers. Banning these weapons will only increase crime and fatalities. Criminals can still get guns illegally, but the best way to defend against them is making sure the law abiding citizens are responsible gun owners and are armed. You claim this is to preserve the aloha spirit, but none of you are giving any aloha back to us by listening to what we the people want. And what the people want are means to defend themselves.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:27:44 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:28:20 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I sincerely oppose this bill SB3196 on behalf of our Second Amendment of the United States Constitution. " 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 would only affect LAW ABIDING CITIZENS and not VIOLENT CRIMINALS! Please trash this bill for the sake of all law abiding citizens. Mahalo for your attention. Aloha

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:28:39 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am in STRONG OPPOSITION to this Bill. As a citizen of the United states, there is simply no reason to strip freedoms and liberties of American Citizens. The right to BEAR ARM's is inalienable, and 'SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED.'" This concept cannot be relabled 1000 times in order to take firearms away. If you wish to live in a gun free zone, the U.K. or China has wonderful accomodations, so I am told. Please give up your position in politics and move abroad. You can live by your own decree over there...Wherever "there" is. You can relocate yourself to that location, instead of Changing our wonderful country.

Sincerely,

-AMERICAN CITIZEN

Lionel Uhlmann

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:28:49 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Soleil Roache	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

Soleil Roache

Active Self Protection

Hawaii Firearms Coalition

The DC Project, Women for Gun Rights

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My name is Soleil Roache. I was born and raised here in Hawaii. 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 a 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 myself who use firearms for lawful purposes such as self-defense, hunting, and recreational shooting. People like me are not who we should be stripping guns away from.

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. The fundamental, constitutionally protected freedom to keep and bear arms should not only be upheld, but also protected because making good people defenseless won't make bad people harmless. It will just make it easier for bad people to victimize good people like me.

Instead of more laws that only punish law-abiding gun owners, policymakers should focus on comprehensive solutions that address mental health issues, socio-economic disparities, and cracking down on criminals obtaining and using firearms illegally. Enforce the laws that we already have in place.

Thank you,

Soleil Roache

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**SB-3196**

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Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

As a mother, educator, and concerned citizen, I support this bill. Hawai'i has been a leader in gun safety regulation, and I wish us to remain so. Assault weapons and high-capacity magazines do not belong in the hands of everyday citizens, as they have been used to carry out the deadliest mass shootings. I do not want to have to worry about my keiki's safety at school like the parents and families in Uvalde, while grocery shopping, or taking part in community events where these weapons of mass destruction are so readily available. Let's keep our regulations current by modernizing them!

Senate Committee on Public Safety

Chair Glenn Wakai

2-14-2024 at 3pm in Room 225

Opposition to SB3196

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.

Please read the attached article from the Harvard Law Journal written by Mark Smith explaining the Common Use test used for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment.

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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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NSSF article on number of modern sporting rifles -

<https://www.nssf.org/articles/commonly-owned-nssf-announces-over-24-million-msrs-in-circulation/>

## **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. [\[Footnote 15\]](#)”

## WHAT PART OF “IN COMMON USE” DON’T YOU UNDERSTAND?: HOW COURTS HAVE DEFIED *HELLER* IN ARMS-BAN CASES—AGAIN

MARK W. SMITH\*

### INTRODUCTION

In the year since *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen*<sup>1</sup> was decided, a line of argument has developed in the lower courts that effectively seeks to relitigate and nullify *District of Columbia v. Heller*.<sup>2</sup>

*Heller* established the constitutional test to determine what arms are protected by the Second Amendment. After examining the text of the Second Amendment, as illuminated by history, *Heller* determined that bearable arms that are “in common use” today are constitutionally protected and cannot be banned.<sup>3</sup>

To circumvent *Heller*, government litigants, their amici, and some lower courts have seized upon a single sentence in *Bruen* that states that “[w]hile the historical analogies here and in *Heller* are relatively simple to draw, other cases implicating *unprecedented societal concerns* or *dramatic technological changes* may require a *more nuanced* approach.”<sup>4</sup> Gun-control proponents claim that improvements in firearms technology, such as the development of semiautomatic weapons, are “dramatic technological changes” and that mass shootings are “unprecedented societal concerns” that did not exist at the Founding. According to some courts, these changes and concerns justify bans on so-called “assault weapons” and what are mislabeled “large capacity magazines.”<sup>5</sup>

That contention is wrong because *Heller*’s “in common use” test governs in all arms-ban cases including “assault weapon” bans, “large capacity magazine” bans, and non-roster handgun bans. The language from *Bruen* regarding technological changes and societal concerns is not a legal *test* that governs decisions either in arms-ban cases or in non-arms-ban cases. It is part of a description of the *methodology* that *Bruen* lays out for lower courts in deciding “other cases” not governed by

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<sup>1</sup> 142 S.Ct. 2111 (2022).

<sup>2</sup> 554 U.S. 570 (2008).

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 627.

<sup>4</sup> *Bruen*, 142 S.Ct. at 2132 (emphasis added).

<sup>5</sup> See, e.g., *Herrera v. Raoul*, No. 1:23-cv-00532, 2023 WL 3074799 (N.D. Ill. Apr. 25, 2023) (discussed below in detail).

*Heller's* “in common use” test or by *Bruen's* actual decision regarding restrictive, discretionary licensing systems regulating the public carry of arms.

Just as generations of Latin students learned that “All Gaul is divided into three parts,”<sup>6</sup> all Second Amendment cases after *Heller* and *Bruen* are divided into two categories: 1) laws that ban the possession or sale of particular arms (or the components required for them to function),<sup>7</sup> or 2) laws that otherwise regulate the sale or use of arms without banning particular weapons.<sup>8</sup> Cases in the first category are directly controlled by *Heller* and its test for arms bans. Cases in the second category are not.

In arms-ban cases, *Heller's* “in common use” constitutional *test* controls, and there is nothing for the lower courts to do except apply that *test* to the facts at issue. In other, non-ban cases, the *methodology* described in *Bruen* must be followed to arrive at a *test* that provides the rule for deciding that case and similar cases.<sup>9</sup> It is only in the second, non-arms ban category of cases that “unprecedented societal concerns” and “dramatic technological changes” might have some application. But that language is not itself a *test*, and it is irrelevant in arms-ban cases.

The *Heller* test looks at what arms are “in common use” today, not in the past. If semiautomatic rifles and handguns that accept detachable magazines are in common use today, they are protected. Their ubiquity, and their being “in common use,” confirms their protected status under the Second Amendment.

Such arms cannot be banned simply because they employ technology that some legislators or judges think is too dangerous. When *Heller* was before the Court, the parties and their amici presented arguments concerning the alleged exceptional “dangerousness” of modern firearms (in that case, handguns).<sup>10</sup> After considering these arguments, the Supreme Court adopted the “in common use” test without any exceptions for weapons that are allegedly too dangerous.

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<sup>6</sup> JULIUS CAESAR, THE GALLIC WARS, Book 1, Ch. 1 (Trans W. A. McDevitte and W. S. Bohn).

<sup>7</sup> The Second Amendment’s protection of the right to possess (“keep”) arms logically and necessarily entails the right to *come into possession* of the protected arms, by sale or manufacture, since possession presupposes acquisition. It is for that reason that it would be absurd for a State to say after *Heller*, for example, that people can *keep* whatever handguns they have, but ban all sales, manufacture, and import of handguns. After all, constitutional rights “implicitly protect those closely related acts necessary to their exercise.” *Luis v. United States*, 578 U.S. 5, 26 (2016) (Thomas, J., concurring). Similarly, the right to keep and bear arms also necessarily entails the right to keep and bear the components of protected arms that make them what they are—triggers, magazines, barrels, etc. *are all protected*. Furthermore, all these components are themselves “modern instruments that facilitate armed self-defense” that *Bruen* clarified are protected as a matter of text. *Bruen*, 142 S.Ct. at 2132.

<sup>8</sup> Such laws concern the age at which young people can acquire or possess arms, where and under what conditions arms can be carried, restrictions on gun ranges or training, and other issues that do not involve the question of whether an arm or class of arms is protected.

<sup>9</sup> For example, after a review of alleged historical analogues to New York’s restrictive licensing regime for public carry, *Bruen* concluded that a licensing scheme that “prevents law-abiding citizens with ordinary self-defense needs from exercising their right to keep and bear arms” is unconstitutional. *Bruen*, 142 S.Ct. at 2156. That articulates the rule applied in *Bruen* and that may be applied in other cases relating to the carrying of arms.

<sup>10</sup> See generally Brief for Petitioner, *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570 (2008) (No. 07-290); see also Brief for Violence Pol’y Ctr. et. al. as Amicus Curiae Supporting Petitioner at 2, *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570 (2008) (No. 07-290) (“The handgun ban is a reasonable restriction, because handguns constitute a unique class of firearm that have an unmatched ability to cause violence and kill human beings.”).

Likewise, parties also presented arguments concerning “unprecedented societal concerns” to the *Heller* Court.<sup>11</sup> The Court adopted the “in common use” test without any limitation based on these allegedly unprecedented concerns.

Nevertheless, some post-*Bruen* courts have utterly disregarded the Supreme Court’s binding precedent in *Heller* governing what arms are protected. Having lifted language about “unprecedented societal concerns” and “dramatic technological changes” from *Bruen*’s description of the *methodology* for non-arms-ban cases, some courts, as discussed below, have refused to apply *Heller*’s binding test. Instead, these courts conduct their own historical analyses to determine what arms are protected and formulate new tests that are contrary to *Heller*. Under such tests, lower courts have held that arms that are “exceptionally dangerous” or “particularly dangerous”—such as “assault weapons”—may be banned, even though they are unquestionably “in common use.”<sup>12</sup> In doing so, these courts have not only refused to apply binding Supreme Court precedent but have also resurrected the discredited “interest balancing tests” rejected in *Heller* and expressly abrogated in *Bruen*.

I. *HELLER*’S “IN COMMON USE” TEST WAS REAFFIRMED  
IN *BRUEN* AND GOVERNS IN ARMS-BAN CASES.

*Heller* was an arms-ban case. The District of Columbia had imposed a ban on the possession of handguns, with only minor exceptions.<sup>13</sup> The *Heller* Court, therefore, had to decide whether handguns fell within the scope of the Second Amendment’s protection of “arms,” and thus could not be banned. To do that, the Court first had to decide the constitutional test for determining whether a class of arms is protected by the Second Amendment, and then determine whether that protection extended to the kind of arm at issue in the case.

The *Heller* Court applied the methodology later explicitly spelled out in *Bruen* to decide the appropriate constitutional test.<sup>14</sup> That methodology starts with evaluating the plain text of the Second Amendment. The plain text of the Second Amendment is clear—it protects the right to “keep and bear arms.”<sup>15</sup> Because it is the right to keep *and bear* arms, that implies one limitation of the right—the arms it protects must be “bearable.”<sup>16</sup> And what are arms? “Weapons of offence, or armour of defence”; in other words, “any thing that a man wears for his defence, or takes into his hands or useth in wrath to cast at or strike another.”<sup>17</sup> The plain text of the Second Amendment thus has an expansive scope: “the Second Amendment extends, *prima facie*, to all instruments that

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<sup>11</sup> *Id.*

<sup>12</sup> See, e.g., *Hartford v. Ferguson*, No. 3:23-cv-05364-RJB, 2023 WL 3853011 (W.D. Wa. June 6, 2023) (order denying motion for preliminary injunction).

<sup>13</sup> *Heller*, 554 U.S. at 574.

<sup>14</sup> *Bruen*, 142 S.Ct. at 2127–28.

<sup>15</sup> U.S. CONST. amend. II.

<sup>16</sup> *Heller*, 554 U.S. at 581.

<sup>17</sup> See *Heller*, 554 U.S. at 581. In *Heller*, the phrase “weapons of offense, or armour of defense” is from SAMUEL JOHNSON, 1 DICTIONARY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE 107 (4th ed. 1773). The phrase “any thing that a man wears for his defence, or takes into his hands, or useth in wrath to cast at or strike another” is from TIMOTHY CUNNINGHAM, 1 A NEW AND COMPLETE LAW DICTIONARY (1771).

constitute bearable arms, even those that were not in existence at the time of the founding.”<sup>18</sup> Moreover, the term “arms” includes “modern instruments that facilitate armed self-defense.”<sup>19</sup>

*Heller* also indicated that the Second Amendment’s protection, like that of other constitutional rights, is “not unlimited.”<sup>20</sup> Although those in support of arms bans quote that language as a talisman, the statement is really an unremarkable observation about constitutional law. The Court read *United States v. Miller*<sup>21</sup> as recognizing that “the Second Amendment extends only to certain types of weapons.”<sup>22</sup> When it came to consider “what types of weapons *Miller* permits,” the Court noted that “*Miller* said ... that the sorts of weapons protected were those ‘in common use at the time.’”<sup>23</sup> The Court identified one and only one historical tradition that could fairly support a ban on possession of a type of arm: “the historical tradition of prohibiting the carrying of ‘dangerous and unusual weapons.’”<sup>24</sup> This limitation dovetailed with the historical practice of the militia bringing “the sorts of lawful weapons that they possessed at home to militia duty”; *i.e.*, weapons that were “in common use at the time.”<sup>25</sup>

These passages, taken together, established a *constitutional test* for determining what kinds of arms are protected under the Second Amendment. In more formal language, *Heller* established the *rule of decision* for arms-ban cases: that is, the legal principle governing judicial decision-making in cases of a particular kind.<sup>26</sup> The general rule of decision embraced in *Heller* is that arms “in common use” are protected by the Second Amendment and cannot be banned. That is the legal test in a Second Amendment challenge to an arms ban. The Court then applied that constitutional test or rule of decision to the facts presented by *Heller* and held that because handguns are “in common use,” handguns cannot be banned.

*Heller* remains good law and provides the binding rule of decision in arms-ban cases.<sup>27</sup> When the modern-day regulation seeks to ban a type of arm, the *Heller* test controls. Far from undermining or altering *Heller*, *Bruen* reinforced it, stating expressly that *Heller* found that “the Second Amendment protects the possession and use of weapons that are in common use.”<sup>28</sup> And

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<sup>18</sup> *Id.* at 582 (emphasis added).

<sup>19</sup> *Bruen*, 142 S.Ct. at 2132.

<sup>20</sup> *Heller*, 554 U.S. at 594.

<sup>21</sup> *United States v. Miller*, 307 U.S. 174 (1939).

<sup>22</sup> *Heller*, 554 U.S. at 623.

<sup>23</sup> *Id.* at 627.

<sup>24</sup> *Id.*

<sup>25</sup> *Id.* (quoting *Miller*, 307 U.S. at 179).

<sup>26</sup> The words “test” and “rule of decision” are used interchangeably here. As Karl Llewellyn put it in his classic work, the “rule of the case” may be equated with “the *ratio decidendi*, the rule *the court tells you* is the rule of the case, the ground, as the phrase goes, upon which the court itself has rested its decision.” K. LLEWELLYN, *THE BRAMBLE BUSH: THE CLASSIC LECTURES ON THE LAW AND LAW SCHOOL* 42 (Oxford University Press 2008) (reprint of *THE BRAMBLE BUSH: ON OUR LAW AND ITS STUDY* 1930) (emphasis in original). However expressed, the rule *applied* by a court in its deliberations, and set forth in an ultimate decision, is very different from a *description* of the methodology for analyzing historical evidence using an originalist approach.

<sup>27</sup> *Bruen* did not overrule *Heller*. When the Supreme Court overrules a precedent, it usually leaves no doubt as to the effect of its decision. *See, e.g.*, *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*, 142 S.Ct. 2228, 2284 (2022) (“The Constitution does not prohibit the citizens of each State from regulating or prohibiting abortion. *Roe* and *Casey* arrogated that authority. We now overrule those decisions and return that authority to the people and their elected representatives.”). *Bruen* cites *Heller* many times, generally favorably and never negatively.

<sup>28</sup> *Bruen*, 142 S.Ct. at 2128 (quotation marks omitted).

*Bruen* added that “even though the Second Amendment’s definition of ‘arms’ is fixed according to its historical understanding, that general definition covers modern instruments that facilitate armed self-defense.”<sup>29</sup>

In its discussion of historical analogues, *Bruen* was merely describing, for the benefit of litigants and lower courts, the *methodology* that should be followed in future *non*-arms-ban cases, so that courts could perform the proper analysis in those cases. Only in non-arms-ban cases might the societal concerns and technological changes have some relevance. But such concerns and changes do not create an exception to *Heller*’s “in common use” test or allow that test to be cast aside. The *Heller* test is not an exception to the *Bruen* methodology, but rather the *result* of the Court’s application of that same “text and historical tradition” methodology to the facts in *Heller*. *Bruen* merely described for lower courts how to apply that methodology in types of Second Amendment cases yet to be decided. Arms-ban cases are not such cases, for *Heller* already has decided that the “in common use” test governs.

Straightforward application of the “in common use” test should lead courts to strike down bans on “assault weapons” and on “large capacity magazines” because those arms and magazines are unquestionably in common use.

## II. *BRUEN* DESCRIBED THE METHODOLOGY TO BE FOLLOWED IN CASES IN WHICH *HELLER* DOES NOT ESTABLISH THE RULE OF DECISION.

*Heller*’s “in common use” test is of little, if any, relevance in Second Amendment cases in which the question presented is not whether a particular arm is protected, but some other issue regarding the possession or use of arms.

Because the lower courts had largely misapplied *Heller* for fourteen years, the *Bruen* Court felt compelled to explain exactly how an originalist approach should proceed in non-arms-ban cases in the future. The Supreme Court used *Bruen* as a teaching tool for lower courts that failed to follow the clear originalist methodology demonstrated in *Heller*. But *Bruen* first had to clear away the underlying mistakes made by the lower courts. No, *Bruen* said, there is no two-step test, in which Second Amendment rights could be, and nearly always were, eliminated by intermediate scrutiny “interest balancing.”<sup>30</sup> No, *Bruen* said, addressing the specific issue before the Court, Second Amendment rights are not a privilege that can be denied to almost everyone through a restrictive, discretionary licensing system that requires a showing of “proper cause” (that is, a special need) to obtain a license.<sup>31</sup>

Having done away with these past errors, *Bruen* then outlined how lower courts should conduct an originalist analysis in non-arms-ban cases. Courts should begin with an examination of the plain text of the Second Amendment as it bears on the question under consideration.

In keeping with *Heller*, we hold that when the Second Amendment’s plain text covers an individual’s conduct, the Constitution presumptively protects that conduct. To justify its regulation, the government may not simply posit that the regulation promotes an important

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<sup>29</sup> *Id.* at 2132.

<sup>30</sup> *Id.* at 2131.

<sup>31</sup> *Id.* at 2125.

interest. 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."<sup>32</sup>

Note that this is not itself a test or a rule of decision. This is instead a *description* of a *methodology* that a court must employ to *arrive at a rule of decision* comparable to the "in common use" test that *Heller* ultimately arrived at for arms-ban cases. *Bruen* expressly tied this methodology to the approach the Court had followed in *Heller*; hence, *Bruen*'s phrase "in keeping with *Heller*." In explaining why the two-step approach previously employed by the lower courts must be rejected, the *Bruen* court "summarize[d] *Heller*'s methodological approach to the Second Amendment."<sup>33</sup> That summary showed that *Heller*'s methodological approach, even though not made so explicit, was the same as the methodology described in *Bruen*. Indeed, in explaining and exemplifying a methodology for Second Amendment cases to come, *Bruen* bolstered *Heller*'s approach and constitutional test. *Bruen* not only described the methodology to be applied, but also served as its own example of how the text-and-historical-tradition methodology is to be applied by the lower courts—i.e., *Bruen* showed by practice how to do what it and *Heller* preached.

Having explained the ways in which the lower courts had gone wrong under *Heller*, *Bruen* then went on to prescribe in detail how *Heller*'s methodology should be implemented in other cases by use of historical analogues. That methodology for the future included observations about three situations in which the presence or absence of analogues might suggest the unconstitutionality of a present-day law,<sup>34</sup> a discussion of reasoning by analogy and when two laws may be "relevantly similar,"<sup>35</sup> two important "metrics" for comparing analogues,<sup>36</sup> and related matters.

It is deep within this discussion of analogues that *Bruen* noted that, unlike the relatively straightforward analogues in *Heller* and in *Bruen* itself, there might be circumstances in "other cases" in which "*unprecedented societal concerns or dramatic technological changes* may require a *more nuanced* approach."<sup>37</sup> But this consideration comes into play only when a court is engaged in examining analogues in non-arms-ban cases for which *Heller* does not provide the binding rule of decision. *Bruen* acknowledges that in these "other," non-arms-ban cases some questions may require a "more nuanced" approach to the use of historical analogues than the relatively easy questions presented in *Heller* and *Bruen*. Because *Bruen*'s discussion of societal concerns and technological changes applies only in non-arms-ban cases, arguments about alleged societal concerns and technological changes are not relevant in arms-ban cases because *Heller* provides the relevant legal test.

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<sup>32</sup> *Id.* at 2126.

<sup>33</sup> *Id.* at 2127.

<sup>34</sup> *Id.* at 2131.

<sup>35</sup> *Id.*

<sup>36</sup> *Id.* at 2133.

<sup>37</sup> *Id.* at 2132 (emphasis added).

III. THE *HELLER* “IN COMMON USE” TEST ALREADY ACCOUNTS FOR TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGES AND SOCIETAL CONCERNS ARISING FROM THOSE CHANGES BY PROVIDING SECOND AMENDMENT PROTECTION TO ARMS “IN COMMON USE” TODAY.

A common argument raised in support of “assault weapon” bans is that due to alleged “dramatic technological changes” so-called “assault weapons” and “large capacity magazines” are more lethal than previous kinds of firearms, and lead to increased mortality in mass shootings. But that argument is misplaced for many reasons.

First, the Supreme Court has been aware of such contentions throughout the development of its Second Amendment jurisprudence. In the 2010 *McDonald* case, some respondents had urged that the “Second Amendment differs from all of the other provisions of the Bill of Rights because it concerns the right to possess a deadly implement and thus has implications for public safety.”

But the Supreme Court dismissed this assertion by correctly noting that:

The right to keep and bear arms, however, is not the only constitutional right that has controversial public safety implications. All of the constitutional provisions that impose restrictions on law enforcement and on the prosecution of crimes fall into the same category.<sup>38</sup>

Second, briefing in *Heller* pointed out the alleged exceptionally dangerous nature of handguns, the rise of mass shootings, and similar concerns about violence and public safety. Ironically, when *Heller* was briefed in 2008, the District of Columbia and its amici argued that *handguns* were particularly dangerous and lethal, while there were few, if any, mentions of *rifles* such as “assault weapons” being “especially dangerous.” In *Heller*, the District argued that its handgun ban “do[es] not disarm the District’s citizens, who may still possess operational rifles and shotguns.”<sup>39</sup> It further argued that “the [D.C.] Council . . . adopted a focused statute that continues to allow private home possession of shotguns and rifles, which some gun rights’ proponents contend are actually the weapons of choice for home defense.”<sup>40</sup> Today, gun ban advocates argue that so-called “assault rifles” are unusually dangerous and must be banned.

While the public policy arguments based on “dangerousness” that were briefed in *Heller* cannot be listed comprehensively here, the following are a few examples:

- “In the recent Virginia Tech shooting, a single student with two handguns discharged over 170 rounds in nine minutes, killing 32 people and wounding 25 more.”<sup>41</sup>
- “When more rounds are fired and guns can be more quickly reloaded, the likelihood of inflicting wounds, and the severity of the resulting injuries, increases.

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<sup>38</sup> *McDonald v. City of Chicago*, 561 U.S. 742, 782–83 (2010) (listing numerous examples, including the exclusionary rule sometimes setting the guilty free, speedy trial requirements resulting in dangerous criminals being released, and the requirement of *Miranda* warnings that may “return a killer, a rapist or other criminal to the streets ... to repeat his crime.”).

<sup>39</sup> Brief for Petitioner at 11, *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570 (2008) (No. 07-290).

<sup>40</sup> *Id.* at 54.

<sup>41</sup> *Id.* at 53.

This unfortunate fact is illustrated all too often in mass shootings in America's schools, malls, places of worship, and other public arenas."<sup>42</sup>

- "Handguns also are used in an extraordinary percentage of this country's well-publicized shootings, including the large majority of mass shootings. A review of 50 high-profile shootings over the past four decades revealed that from 1980 onward the bulk of such incidents (39) were mass shootings. A handgun was used in 74 percent of these mass shootings as the only or primary weapon."<sup>43</sup>
- "The [D.C.] Council targeted handguns because they are disproportionately linked to violent and deadly crime.... [The Council found that] 'handguns are used in roughly 54% of all murders, 60% of robberies, 26% of assaults and 87% of all murders of law enforcement officials.' Handguns were also particularly deadly in other contexts: 'A crime committed with a pistol is 7 times more likely to be lethal than a crime committed with any other weapon.'"<sup>44</sup>
- "The District considered evidence indicating that murders, robberies, and assaults were more likely to be committed with a handgun. Based on this evidence, the District concluded that handguns were *uniquely dangerous* and that it was necessary to prohibit the possession and use of such guns, while still permitting access to other weaponry if licensed and stored safely."<sup>45</sup>
- "Handguns for the civilian market now fire ammunition capable of piercing *body armor*—the last line of defense responsible for saving thousands of police officers' lives."<sup>46</sup>

Arguments that certain firearms must be banned because of alleged technological changes or social problems are not new. As illustrated above, those same arguments were made to the Supreme Court about handguns in *Heller*. Parties supporting the District of Columbia's handgun ban in *Heller* focused a great deal on societal problems such as the criminal misuse of the firearms, mass shootings, and the allegedly dramatic technological developments in firearms that supposedly created or exacerbated these problems. The only difference between those arguments in *Heller* and the arguments today is that those made in 2008 concerned the "uniquely" dangerous nature of modern handguns in relation to societal problems. Now, those very arguments are being advanced against modern rifles and magazines, *i.e.*, so-called "assault rifles" and "large capacity magazines," with no substantive difference. In short, arms-ban advocates switched their pre-*Heller* strategy of "rifles good, handguns bad" to a post-*Heller* strategy of "handguns good, rifles bad." If those arguments failed to persuade the Supreme Court in *Heller* to rule against handguns, they can't work against rifles—the criminal misuse of handguns is orders of magnitude higher than the criminal misuse of rifles.

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<sup>42</sup> Brief of Violence Pol'y Ctr. et al. as Amicus Curiae Supporting Petitioner at 16–17, *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570 (2008) (No. 07-290) (citations omitted).

<sup>43</sup> *Id.* at 24.

<sup>44</sup> Brief for Petitioner at 4, *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570 (2008) (No. 07-290).

<sup>45</sup> Brief of D.C. Appleseed Ctr. et al. as Amicus Curiae Supporting Petitioner at 22, *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570 (2008) (No. 07-290) (emphasis added and citations omitted).

<sup>46</sup> Brief of Violence Pol'y Ctr. et al. as Amicus Curiae Supporting Petitioner at 18, *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570 (2008) (No. 07-290).

After *Heller*, these arguments against “assault weapons” and “large capacity magazines” were again advanced under the now-discredited two-step interest balancing test that was erroneously adopted by many courts post-*Heller*.<sup>47</sup> The *Heller* test does not involve weighing the dangers and benefits of weapons, but instead asks only whether they are “in common use” at the present time.<sup>48</sup>

Recent decisions by courts post-*Bruen* seek to get around *Heller*’s “in common use” test by ignoring *Heller* and then smuggling in dangerousness arguments under the guise of historical analogues. Arguments about “dramatic technological changes” cannot affect the “in common use” test mandated by *Heller*. That is because the “in common use” test looks at arms that are in common use by Americans *now*, and that necessarily includes any modern or new technology which those firearms use. Even though technology may have changed or improved over time, any form of modern firearm technology that is currently “in common use” is constitutionally protected.<sup>49</sup>

As the *Bruen* Court explained, even if a state could identify historical “laws [that] prohibited the carrying of handguns because they were considered ‘dangerous and unusual weapons’” at that time, that would “provide no justification for laws restricting the public carry of weapons that are unquestionably in common use today.”<sup>50</sup> With this language, *Bruen* reaffirmed the test *Heller* prescribes for identifying protected arms, which already and necessarily accounts for technological changes and societal concerns allegedly caused by those changes; it does this by ensuring that the Second Amendment’s protection extends to all firearms that are in common use at the time a court conducts the “in common use” analysis—even if such firearms or such firearms technology were not in common use at some time in the past.

Because the “in common use” test looks at contemporary firearms and thus firearms technology in existence today,<sup>51</sup> there is no justification<sup>52</sup> for trying to limit the technology<sup>52</sup> available to civilian possession of arms to some indefinite point in the past. *Heller* made this point explicitly, stating that “[s]ome have made the argument, bordering on the frivolous, that only those arms in existence in the 18th century are protected by the Second Amendment.”<sup>53</sup> By classifying ordinary semiautomatic rifles as “assault weapons,” legislatures in some states have

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<sup>47</sup> See *Bruen*, 142 S.Ct. 2125–27.

<sup>48</sup> *Heller*, 554 U.S. at 634–35.

<sup>49</sup> Because the “in common use” test automatically protects today’s existing firearms technology, it is unclear that *Bruen*’s “dramatic technological changes” language has any relevance to *firearms* technology at all. It might be relevant to other kinds of technological changes, such as airplanes and airports, which might be considered “sensitive places” today even though ships and coaches during the Founding period might have had no restrictions on the carrying of weapons.

<sup>50</sup> *Bruen*, 142 S.Ct. at 2143.

<sup>51</sup> *Id.* at 2134, 2143.

<sup>52</sup> There have been no dramatic technological changes to firearms in the past century. The big changes were in the 19th century, not recent decades. By the end of the 19th century and often well before, the elements that make up modern firearms were in place (guns that fire by percussion on a cap or primer; self-contained metallic cartridges that combine powder, bullet, and ignition source; repeating firearms including semiautomatics; smokeless powder). Bolt actions, lever actions, revolvers, and semiautomatic actions were all developed in the 19th century, and those are the main types in use today. Modern firearms today function in essentially the same way as at the turn of the 20th century with no breakthrough changes in technology.

<sup>53</sup> *Heller*, 554 U.S. at 582.

sought to limit Second Amendment protection only to firearms technology that existed at some point in the past. That, too, “borders on the frivolous.”

Underlying the “in common use” test is the premise that the American people—not the government—get to choose their desired firearms technology. It is “the American people [who] have considered the handgun to be the quintessential self-defense weapon,” and since “handguns are the most popular weapon chosen by Americans for self-defense in the home, ... a complete prohibition of their use is invalid.”<sup>54</sup> Likewise, Americans choose modern-day rifles for any number of lawful purposes including for self-defense, and under *Heller*’s test the courts must defer to their choices.

#### IV. LOWER COURTS HAVE IMPROPERLY DISREGARDED *HELLER*’S “IN COMMON USE” TEST IN ARMS-BAN CASES AND REPLACED IT WITH A “DANGEROUSNESS” TEST OF THEIR OWN.

Confusion on the part of courts between the *rule of decision* announced in *Heller* and the *methodology* described in *Bruen* has led to erroneous results in firearms-ban cases. For example, three consolidated lawsuits in Delaware challenged that state’s newly enacted bans on so-called “assault weapons” and “large capacity magazines,” and sought a preliminary injunction against their enforcement.<sup>55</sup> The plaintiffs, relying on *Heller* as providing the rule of decision, correctly argued that “once a weapon is found to be ‘in common use’ it cannot be regulated, and no historical analysis is necessary.”<sup>56</sup> The district court responded:

I disagree. As the Supreme Court made clear in *Bruen*, “the standard for applying the Second Amendment is as follows: When the Second Amendment’s plain text covers an individual’s conduct, the Constitution presumptively protects that conduct. The government must then justify its regulation by demonstrating that it is consistent with the Nation’s historical tradition of firearm regulation.”<sup>57</sup>

That would be true if a court was analyzing a non-arms-ban firearms law *ab initio*. But the Delaware court was not analyzing a Second Amendment question anew. The issue in that case was whether so-called “assault weapons” and “large capacity magazines” are protected arms under the Second Amendment. *Heller* had already done the historical analysis to determine what kinds of arms are protected by the Second Amendment and had determined that the test is whether they are “in common use” today. Lower courts are not permitted to do their own historical analysis and invent their own new test in cases where the Supreme Court has already done the work and provided the test that lower courts must apply. The only question presented in an arms-ban case is whether the arms in question meet the “in common use” test. The Delaware district court continued:

If the standard were as Plaintiffs propose, then *Bruen* need not have proceeded beyond the first step of the analysis. Instead, however, after concluding that the Second Amendment’s plain

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<sup>54</sup> *Id.* at 629.

<sup>55</sup> Del. State Sportsmen’s Ass’n v. Del. Dep’t of Safety and Homeland Sec., No. 22-951-RGA, 2023 WL 2655150 (D. Del. Mar. 27, 2023) (“DSSA”).

<sup>56</sup> DSSA at 17–18.

<sup>57</sup> DSSA at 18 (citation omitted and emphasis added).

text “presumptively guarantee[d]” the plaintiffs a right to bear arms in public for self-defense, the Supreme Court turned to the question of historical tradition. Thus, so do I.<sup>58</sup>

That is simply incorrect. The reason *Bruen* proceeded to examine the historical tradition is because the question in *Bruen* did not involve an arms ban and could not be resolved by applying *Heller*’s rule of decision. The question in *Bruen*, for which it performed a historical review, was whether New York’s highly restrictive licensing system for the public carry of firearms was justified by historical analogues. That and related issues had never been addressed by the Supreme Court using historical methodology, whereas the question of what arms are protected had been addressed and settled in *Heller*.

As illustrated above, this passage from the Delaware district court’s decision deeply confuses the *rule of decision* or *constitutional test* that *Heller* mandates in arms-ban cases, with the description of the *methodology* to be applied in non-ban cases that are not controlled by *Heller*, as described in *Bruen*. The district court did not understand that *Bruen* proceeded beyond the first step because *Bruen* was not an arms-ban case controlled by *Heller*. As a result, that court erroneously strayed off into its own historical analysis for bans on arms that are unquestionably in common use by Americans today.

That took the district court right back into the interest balancing rejected in *Bruen*. “Defendants argue that the instant regulations implicate ‘unprecedented societal concerns’ and ‘dramatic technological changes.’ I agree.”<sup>59</sup> The court then adopted defendants’ view of the history of semiautomatic technology, arguing that “assault long guns and LCMs represent recent advances in technology.”<sup>60</sup> The opinion then goes on to address “unprecedented societal concerns,” allegedly due to the rise in public mass shootings over the past four decades.<sup>61</sup>

The district court concluded that defendants had “sufficiently established that assault long guns and LCMs implicate dramatic technological change and unprecedented societal concerns for public safety.”<sup>62</sup> The court found that defendants had demonstrated that “assault rifles and LCMs are exceptionally dangerous.”<sup>63</sup>

These “societal” and “technological” arguments are precisely the same types of arguments advanced by the gun-ban advocates in *Heller* and pushed for years under intermediate scrutiny before *Bruen*. These are merely interest-balancing arguments dressed up as “dramatic technological change” and “unprecedented societal concerns.” But those changes and concerns were never presented by *Bruen* as forming a separate test or rule of decision. They were merely an acknowledgment that in cases not involving arms bans the examination of analogues might need to be “more nuanced.”<sup>64</sup> There is nothing in *Bruen* or in any other Supreme Court case that indicates that the rule of decision in arms-ban cases—the “in common use” test announced in *Heller*—has been overruled, replaced, or modified.

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<sup>58</sup> *Id.*

<sup>59</sup> *Id.* at 20.

<sup>60</sup> *Id.* at 10.

<sup>61</sup> *Id.*

<sup>62</sup> *Id.* at 23.

<sup>63</sup> *Id.* at 21.

<sup>64</sup> *Bruen*, 142 S.Ct. at 2132.

Several other post-*Bruen* “assault weapon” ban cases and litigants have employed a similarly confused approach. First, they ignore *Heller* and the binding, applicable test concerning what arms are constitutionally protected. Then they perform an idiosyncratic historical analysis of what weapons are protected, generally finding that weapons that are particularly or exceptionally dangerous can be banned, regardless of whether they are “in common use.”

For example, a group of law professors purporting to be Second Amendment experts recently submitted an amicus brief in support of the United States in *United States v. Rahimi*, a case the Supreme Court will hear this term. *Rahimi* will consider the constitutionality of the federal ban on firearm possession by anyone subject to a domestic violence restraining order. In their brief, the professors (unnecessarily) expounded on the test applicable to arms-ban cases but twisted it, asserting that “[i]f a firearm is in ‘common use’ and can facilitate armed self-defense,’ then it is relevantly similar to the arms protected by the Second Amendment at the time of its adoption and the right to bear that weapon warrants constitutional protection.”<sup>65</sup>

Seeking to unnecessarily complicate the straightforward test prescribed by *Heller*, these professors attempt to create a conjunctive test requiring *not just* common use, but also that the arm be shown to “facilitate armed self-defense.” As explained in detail above, this second requirement is *not* part of the rule of decision in arms ban cases, but in the wake of *Bruen* the professors have again sought to create a test that is “one step too many.”<sup>66</sup> Rather, it acts as an open invitation to courts to assess whether individuals really need the banned firearms, or whether their features are, in the judgment of experts and the courts, well-suited to the self-defense needs of Americans. But *Heller* made clear that such questions are not for expert or even court decision. Rather, it is the judgment of the American people that matters and “whatever the reason” that they choose certain weapons, that they choose them is enough.<sup>67</sup>

In a federal district court case from Washington State,<sup>68</sup> the court performed a similar distortion of *Heller*’s “in common use” test. There, plaintiffs properly relied on the “in common use” test to urge that the weapons at issue in that case could not be banned. The district court responded:

The Plaintiffs misread *Heller* and *Bruen*. *Heller* noted that the right to keep and bear arms protected under the Second Amendment is limited to the sorts of weapons “in common use at the time.” *Heller* at 627. It found that this limitation is “supported by the historical tradition of prohibiting ‘dangerous and unusual weapons.’” *Id.* *Heller* does not hold that access to all weapons “in common use” are *automatically* entitled to Second Amendment protection *without limitation*.<sup>69</sup>

But, yes, *Heller* does so hold. Where did this “automatically” and “without limitation” language come from? *Heller* did not create any exceptions to the “in common use” test, and

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<sup>65</sup> Brief for Second Amendment Law Scholars as Amicus Curiae Supporting Petitioner at 10, *United States v. Rahimi* (2023) (No. 22-915).

<sup>66</sup> *Bruen*, 142 S. Ct. at 2127.

<sup>67</sup> *Heller*, 554 U.S. at 629.

<sup>68</sup> *Hartford v. Ferguson*, No. 3:23-cv-05364-RJB, 2023 WL 3836230, at \*3 (W.D. Wash. Jun. 6, 2023).

<sup>69</sup> *Id.* (emphasis added).

nothing in *Heller* or *Bruen* permits lower courts to create exceptions to that test. The court then continued:

Further, under *Bruen*, if Plaintiffs demonstrate that their proposed conduct, that of buying and selling weapons regulated by HB1240, is covered by the Second Amendment, the “Constitution **presumptively** protects that conduct.” *Bruen* at 2126, 2129-2130 (*emphasis added*). This presumption can be overcome. *Id.*<sup>70</sup>

But that language about presumptions is just the first part of *Bruen*’s methodology description. In short, the court shrugs off *Heller*, and then launches into its own historical analysis, *contra Heller*, of which arms are not protected by the Second Amendment. It concludes that “[t]hese weapons are exceptionally dangerous,” and that there is a tradition of “exceptionally dangerous arms regulation.”<sup>71</sup> But that is not the test. And this is yet another instance of improper interest balancing in another guise.

Another federal district court case that gets it wrong, albeit through more convoluted reasoning, is *Bevis v. City of Naperville*.<sup>72</sup> The district court there denied a preliminary injunction against the enforcement of city and state-wide “assault weapon” and “large capacity magazine” bans. In doing so, it erroneously considered the challenged regulations “on a *tabula rasa*,” concluded that “*Bruen* is now the starting point,” and substituted its own dangerousness test for *Heller*’s “in common use” test.<sup>73</sup> But “dangerousness” alone is not the test. To be banned, a weapon must be “unusual” (by definition, *not* “in common use”) as well as dangerous.<sup>74</sup>

Another case from the Northern District of Illinois, *Herrera v. Raoul*,<sup>75</sup> applied the “dangerousness” test devised by the *Bevis* court. But it also leaned heavily on the “dramatic technological changes” and “unprecedented societal concerns” language from *Bruen*. According to the court, this language allows “local and state governments to respond to “‘dramatic technological changes’ and ‘unprecedented societal concerns’ of increasing mass shootings by regulating the sale of weapons and magazines used to perpetrate them.”<sup>76</sup> Once again, the flagrant conflict between the “in common use” test and the *ad hoc* determination that any weapon that is “particularly dangerous” can be banned was not addressed.

A case from the District of Connecticut, *National Association for Gun Rights v. Lamont*,<sup>77</sup> misconceived *Heller* and *Bruen* on two fronts. There, the district court began by fabricating a “common use” test requiring Plaintiffs to show that “assault weapons” are commonly used specifically for self-defense.<sup>78</sup> But there is no such mandate in *Heller* or *Bruen*. After finding that Plaintiffs failed to meet their newly created burden, the district court doubled down, concluding

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<sup>70</sup> *Hartford v. Ferguson*, No. 3:23-cv-05364-RJB, 2023 WL 3836230, at 5 (W.D. Wash. Jun. 6, 2023).

<sup>71</sup> *Id.*

<sup>72</sup> No. 22 C 4775, 2023 WL 2077392 (N.D. Ill. Feb. 17, 2023).

<sup>73</sup> *Id.* at 17.

<sup>74</sup> See *Caetano v. Massachusetts*, 577 U.S. 411, 417 (2016) (Alito, J., concurring) (stating that “As the per curiam opinion recognizes, this is a conjunctive test: A weapon may not be banned unless it is *both* dangerous *and* unusual. Because the Court rejects the lower court’s conclusion that stun guns are ‘unusual,’ it does not need to consider the lower court’s conclusion that they are also ‘dangerous.’”).

<sup>75</sup> No. 23 CV 532, 2023 WL 3074799 (N.D. Ill. Apr. 25, 2023).

<sup>76</sup> *Id.* at 15 (citations omitted).

<sup>77</sup> No. 22 CV 1118, WL 4975979 (D. Conn. Aug. 3, 2023).

<sup>78</sup> *Id.* at 29.

that *Bruen* permits bans on “new and dangerous weapon technology” that underpins “unprecedented societal concerns” – which, according to the district court, encompasses “assault weapons.”<sup>79</sup> Again, this is plainly wrong. *Bruen*’s language concerns only non-arms-ban cases, and the whole point of the “common use” test is that it inherently accounts for changes in firearm technology.

Fortunately, the district court in *Barnett v. Raoul* got it right when it preliminarily enjoined enforcement of the Illinois “assault weapon” and “large capacity magazine” bans.<sup>80</sup> Regarding the probability of success on the merits of the preliminary injunction, he noted that “Plaintiffs rely on recent Supreme Court decisions that made it clear that the Second Amendment protects the possession and use of weapons that are in common use.”<sup>81</sup> Plaintiffs contend there can be no question regarding the likelihood of success because the items banned under [the Illinois statute] are in common use today.”<sup>82</sup> The court agreed.<sup>83</sup> And while the district court did consider Defendants’ analogues, the court concluded that “the commonality of ‘arms’ banned under [the Illinois act] is *dispositive*.”<sup>84</sup>

#### CONCLUSION

Many lower courts have made fundamental legal errors in “assault weapon” and “large capacity magazine” ban cases. They have failed to recognize that *Heller*’s “in common use” test governs in arms-ban cases and have wrongly relied on a single sentence in *Bruen* describing the methodology to be applied in non-arms-ban cases. Those courts have treated the “dramatic technological changes” and “unprecedented societal concerns” language from *Bruen*’s methodological description as if it formed part of the governing test for determining which arms are protected by the Second Amendment, when that language has no role whatsoever in arms-ban cases. Because the “in common use” test looks to arms that are in common use today, that test automatically and necessarily protects existing technology, and addresses any contemporary societal concerns stemming from such modern technology. Lower courts are not free to disregard *Heller*’s “in common use” test and instead substitute a “dangerousness” test of their own devising. Doing so is merely “interest balancing” in a different guise, which is prohibited by both *Heller* and *Bruen* in Second Amendment challenges to gun-control laws.

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<sup>79</sup> *Id.* at 63.

<sup>80</sup> *Barnett v. Raoul*, No. 3:23-cv-00209-SPM, 2023 WL 3160285, at \*12 (S.D. Ill. Apr. 28, 2023), *appeal of preliminary injunction pending*, No. 23-1825 (7th Cir. 2023).

<sup>81</sup> *Id.* (quoting *Heller*, 554 U.S. at 627).

<sup>82</sup> *Id.*

<sup>83</sup> *Id.*

<sup>84</sup> *Id.* (emphasis added).

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: 2/13/2024 2:32:36 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jessie Mae 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,

Jessie Mae Teixeira

## To The State Legislatures, and Judges in The Hawaii Supreme Court regard SB3196

To The State Legislature, and Justices in the State of Hawaii,

I am submitting this testimony as a concern that this Government is in the potential of acting out of accordance to protect our rights as granted by God, and should be protected and acknowledged by all levels of government in the United States.

Law enforcement, legislative representatives, and justices all swear an oath to protect our constitution. However Hawaii Supreme Court - Justice Todd Eddins stated in his following opinions:

"We hold that in Hawaii there is no state constitutional right to carry a firearm in public," Eddin said, adding that Hawaii's historical tradition excludes an individual right to possess weapons.

"Hawai'i has never recognized a right to carry deadly weapons in public; not as a kingdom, republic, territory, or state,"

"The spirit of Aloha clashes with a federally mandated lifestyle that lets citizens walk around with deadly weapons during day-to-day activities,"

The following opinions show the political bias and the lack of wisdom for one who is appointed to high position of power within our judicial system. Historically Hawaii didn't have freedom of speech, should we throw that out too? Or will it only be of concern for a justices judgement if it doesn't agree with your political opinion? As response to the Justice one would argue that historically the 2nd amendment was set in place in case the existing government disregards and encroaches on the rights of its citizens in favor of its own self interest as one would in a tyrannical government. We do not have to go far down the path of history but to October of 2023 when a foreign enemy invaded the nation of Israel, citizens who were unarmed due to their own government restricting their gun rights, have suffered the loss of lives and security. The basis of the 2nd Amendment extends to such situations.

The uptick in criminal activity from robbery to more violent crimes has citizens so concerned that they choose to go out of their way to learn about firearms and to want to protect themselves in the midst of the rise in crime. Why don't we hold those accountable that grant these criminals release into society, despite them have multiple arrest and run in with the law enforcement? Why don't we pass laws that protect the lawful use of a firearm to deter criminals from their unlawful use and possession of their firearms? When the justice system fails our legislative representative likes to attack the 2nd Amendment and the right to posses any firearm, when the crime has nothing to do with it. When our elected and appointed officials are the ones who should be held accountable.

The laws introduced in this bill goes against our right to protect ourselves. It creates a disadvantage for citizens to protect themselves lawfully, against criminals who have a total disregard for the law. It vilifies the US citizens right to safety, and their right to preservation of life/lives against potential domestic and foreign threats. What is being introduced in this bill isn't for criminals, but it criminalizes legal gun owners and encroaches on their 2nd amendment rights. This bill is an egregious display in the lack of sensibility to protecting our right, and the lack of wisdom for the use of the 2nd amendment.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Dela Cruz

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:34:46 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This violates the US constitution and the rights of all Americans. Adding the word "assault" to knives in your kitchen will not put you in danger every time you cook. Box cutters are used daily and we didn't start calling them "assault" box cutters afte 9/11.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:34:59 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I very strongly oppose this Bill. It's. Completely undermines an individuals right to self defense. This Bill only makes it more difficult for a person to addiquetly protect themselves. It only applies to law abiding citizens. **CRIMINALS DO NOT FOLLOW THE LAW.**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:35:18 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keone Kali	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha e Honorable PSM Committee Members for **SB3196** relating to Firearms,

I stand **opposed** to this bill as written as I believe the provisions within will be unenforceable and unsustainable over time by law enforcement. I also believe the bill to be overly restrictive and overly specific when it comes to naming banned firearms and identification of banned firearms going forward with no distinction as to the prevalence of use of these banned firearms in gun related crimes in Hawaii.

With the changes that took effect in HRS 134 on January 1, 2024, the processes by which one may obtain a firearm in Hawaii have become very strict. The rules of firearm safety, storage, transport, acquisition, registration, and restrictions on firearm type and barrel lengths have remained largely unchanged for years. A more thorough education component requiring the registration of Certified Firearms Instructors in each County is really the only big difference. And, it is a positive change that I believe will make for a strong sense of responsibility for law abiding firearms owners.

As it stands, the process of obtaining a firearm in the State is very similar to obtaining a Drivers License. Obtaining a firearm however, requires a mental health and criminal background check in addition to completing a comprehensive safety curriculum. According to an article published in Civil Beat (Jan 18, 2024), there were 18 gun-related deaths in 2023 and 14 gun-related deaths in 2022. The Hawaii DOT published (Dec 14, 2023) that by contrast, there were 92 traffic-related deaths in 2023 and 112 traffic-related deaths in 2022. The ratio of gun-related deaths over traffic related deaths is 19.5% in 2023 (18/92) and 12.5% in 2022 (14/112). I believe that the improving quality and proliferation of the Drivers Education program and Public Safety Announcements continues to lower traffic fatalities year-over-year. With the advent of the Firearms safety education program (resulting from the updates in HRS 134), it would seem that we may in fact see lower firearms fatalities as the program quality improves year-over-year and the proliferation of the curriculum occurs for all current and future firearms owners. Perhaps this is a measurement that can be monitored for efficacy by the Gun Violence and Violent Crimes Commission established under HRS 134C.

It was never the case to restrict the type of vehicle that one could own in order to reduce traffic fatalities. Moreover, as safety and awareness continue to pervade into the consciousness of an educated populus, responsibility increases and fatalities decrease. To manage a list of banned firearms without an underlying correlation to gun fatalities or gun crimes is an impossible task

without years of research and in my opinion represents poor policy. Furthermore, to ban firearms that have existed in Hawaii until now also seems unreasonable if none of the banned firearms were used consistently in gun related crimes. It will likely prove to be difficult and costly to remove these existing firearms from the State (as they are private property) and this action will surely face US Constitutional 2nd Amendment challenges costing a significant amount of taxpayer dollars.

I humbly request that the focus of any firearms bill(s) be placed on safety, education, awareness, attitude, and Public Safety Announcements as opposed to a firearms ban that has no context whatsoever. Again, I stand **opposed** to this bill as written as I believe the provisions within will be unenforceable and unsustainable over time by law enforcement. As well, legal challenges will be guaranteed and will cost the State a significant amount of taxpayer dollars.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I am happy to discuss or elaborate on the topic should you desire it.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Keone Kali

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:38:16 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am a tax paying, law abiding American citizen that cherished our constitution and this proposed bill is unconstitutional that is trying to take one of my rights away from me and my family! Please recognize that this bill is anti-constitutional and anti American. All guns ownership is our right! Do not allow this proposed legislation take my rights away from me.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:39:30 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

OPPOSE!! Stop trying to take away our constitutional rights and trying to be like California. You will not stop the criminals from having them, so it will not achieve your goal. People use them for hunting and there are a lot of hunters in HI. It is also seen that limiting gun rights has done nothing to improve the safety of other communities. It's the bad people that are the problem. Start by closing the border and deal with the criminals that have been allowed into our country please! That is a more urgent matter of security.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:39:31 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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” 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: 2/13/2024 2:39:35 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This violates the 2nd amendment.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:40:53 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Caylon Hackler	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: 2/13/2024 2:41:19 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I opposed this bill because it violates our rights to bear arms and infringes our 2nd amendment rights as a law abiding citizen. We also need to protect ourselves from the bad guys that dont follow the laws.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:45:50 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing to you in regards to SB3196 firearms bill. This bill is completely unnecessary and not welcomed. Our Hawaii gun related crime rates are at a low percentage and do not reflect a reason for this bill. It will also be very unfair if this bill passes and the only people exempt is law enforcement. What is the reason they are allowed to carry on without these firearm restrictions? What are they protecting themselves from that we can't? If we are restricted so should every law enforcement. Another thing is what happens to these guns that have already been acquired by law abiding citizens once they are considered "illegal"? Creating more gun laws will not make a difference when the problems start with criminals who don't follow the laws to begin with. All I can ask is please listen to the gun owners of Hawaii and stand with us when we have a right to bear arms. Thank you for your time Aloha

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:45:59 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jake Moses	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a law biding citizen who has never committed a crime and everytime a bill like this gets passed it only hurts the law biding citizens.The crime won't stop or slow down by passing this bill it will do nothing but hurt the law biding citizens and this country.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:46:31 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Aaron Urasaki	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Good afternoon,

I strongly oppose SB3196. This bill will do nothing to stop the criminals who don't follow the laws from committing crimes. This bill only hurts the honest, law abiding gun owners. I believe in sensible gun laws, but this bill is too far reaching and it will punish the law abiding gun owners that follow the law.

This bill will not affect the criminals at all as I stated above, criminals Do Not Follow the laws. The vast majority of all shootings in Hawaii is done by criminals using illegal (Ghost) or stolen guns.

The worst mass shooting in Hawaii in 1999 happened when there was a nationwide Assault Weapons Ban. This Assault Weapons Ban did absolutely nothing to stop Bryan Uyesugi from committing the murders because he did not follow the laws and he had a mental illness problem. It has been shown time and time again that all these new gun laws cannot stop crazy criminals from committing crimes.

We have to look more closely at the mental illness problem since most of the shootings were done by people with a mental illness problem. We have to make stricter laws that prevent mentally ill people from obtaining firearms. And we have to make easier for doctors to report if their patient poses a risk, even if it goes against the doctor-patient privilege.

Thank you for your time.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:46:31 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
BRIAN LACKEY	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is unconstitutional according to the UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION. Like it or not, Hawaii is part of the United States of America, do not infringe on our RIGHT to protect ourselves.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:48:32 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
James Carras	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 magazing ban will make almost all gun owners into felons. This bill not only punishes gun owning citizens, but the 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: 2/13/2024 2:49:38 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ryan Hopf	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

Testimony Against SB3196

Members of the Legislature,

Today I express my strong opposition to SB3196, a bill that I believe is not only unnecessary but also fundamentally flawed in its approach to enhancing public safety. This bill, in its current form, represents a profound overreach that infringes upon the rights of law-abiding citizens of Hawaii, specifically the Second Amendment rights enshrined in our Constitution.

First and foremost, the bill's extensive list of firearms and accessories targeted for prohibition is disproportionate and lacks a clear rationale. Many of the items listed are commonly used for legitimate purposes, such as sport shooting, hunting, and personal defense. There is no evidence to suggest that the specific types of firearms, along with parts and attachments, contribute to the crime rate in our state, nor does it make them more "dangerous." By casting such a wide net, the bill unfairly penalizes responsible gun owners without effectively addressing the root causes of crime.

Moreover, this bill's broad restrictions on firearms and accessories pose a severe threat to local businesses and citizens within the firearms industry, many of whom are already navigating a challenging economic environment. The potential ban on a wide array of firearms could lead to significant financial losses, job layoffs, and even business closures, further harming our local economy. Additionally, the restrictive nature of this bill could deter online retailers from engaging with Hawaii residents, limiting access to lawful and necessary equipment for our citizens.

It is also worth noting that the bill's approach to gun control fails to consider the effectiveness of existing laws and the potential for alternative, more targeted strategies to reduce crime. Rather than implementing widespread prohibitions that impact all residents, our efforts should be directed towards initiatives that tackle criminal activity head-on. This includes refining the background check system to make it more effective, bolstering the capabilities of our law enforcement agencies, and most importantly, fostering a culture of responsible firearm ownership through comprehensive education and training programs. The existing hurdles to legally obtaining a concealed weapons permit, coupled with the complexities of purchasing a firearm, already present significant challenges for law-abiding citizens. Further restrictions only exacerbate these difficulties without providing a tangible improvement in public safety.

In conclusion, while I share the goal of ensuring the safety and well-being of Hawaii's residents, I firmly believe that SB3196 is not the right approach. It infringes upon our constitutional rights, penalizes law-abiding citizens, threatens local businesses, and lacks a clear connection to crime reduction. I urge you to reconsider the implications of this bill and to explore more effective, targeted, and fair solutions to address the complex issue of public safety.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Ryan Noah Hopf

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:52:09 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jim	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing in opposition of SB3196. The proposed amendments only serve to further infringe upon the rights of Hawaii's Law Abiding firearm owners by making them felons for possessing a particular firearm or attachment. The term "Assault Weapon" as used in the proposed amendment is vague at its best and is an attempt at an All out ban on firearms. The proposed changes to the magazine language change is just another attempt at a work around to ban firearms in the state for law abiding citizens. This will do nothing to stem criminal activity, as criminals as we know, do not follow laws. Enacting these changes will only embolden the criminals as this will leave laws abiding citizens defense less.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:52:27 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jason magallanes	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Every citizen of the ubites states has a right to bear arms, it's our 2nd amendment right in the constitution. I strongly oppose this bill.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:53:45 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Rogelio Lazaro	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in opposition to SB 3196. This bill is unconstitutional, and is meant to disarm the law abiding people of Hawaii. I urge you to stop this bill from being enacted.

Respectfully,

Rogelio Lazaro

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:54:14 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Norman Batino Jr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This violates my 2nd amendment right as a Law Abiding Citizen and a citizen of the state of Hawaii. My freedom and right roo bear arms as stated in out constitution

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:54:36 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Micah Barker	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE 3196 SB RELATING TO FIREARMS

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:54:48 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Reginald Eubanks	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am opposed to SB 3196 because it is unconstitutional and does nothing to decrease crime. Please do not waste taxpayer money pushing these issues through the courts like other states have done.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:57:58 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Wallyn Christian	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

IOppose this bill as it violates the 2nd Amendment of the US Constitute.

I will also be present to testify in person against this bill.

Aloha,

Wallyn K Christian

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:58:29 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Catherine Hopf	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Members of the Legislature,

I am a single mother working late-night shifts to provide for my family. I come before you today not just as a citizen, but as a concerned parent living in an area increasingly affected by violent crimes and drug-related activities. I am deeply worried about how SB3196 could compromise my ability to protect myself and my children.

This bill, with its broad restrictions on firearms, fails to recognize the legitimate needs of law-abiding citizens like myself, who rely on firearms for personal safety. The areas we live and work in are not getting any safer, and the police, despite their best efforts, cannot be everywhere at once. The right to defend oneself is not just constitutional; it's a fundamental human right, especially for those of us in vulnerable situations.

Moreover, the bill overlooks the effectiveness of existing laws and the potential of more focused strategies to address crime. Instead of wide-ranging bans that affect all residents, why not enhance the systems we have? Improving background checks, supporting our law enforcement, and promoting responsible gun ownership through education are ways to make a real difference without infringing on the rights of individuals like me.

The current process to legally obtain a firearm or a concealed weapons permit is already daunting. It's a rigorous path that ensures only responsible citizens are armed. Adding more layers of restrictions will not deter criminals; it will only handicap those of us who follow the law and wish to protect our families.

In closing, I urge you to reconsider the implications of SB3196. Please consider the impact on single parents and others in similar situations who need to defend themselves. We seek not to provoke violence but to live without the fear of it. I respectfully ask that you find a balance that protects our rights while addressing the real issues of crime and safety in our communities.

Thank you for your attention and for considering the voices of all your constituents.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:59:17 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Joe Christopher Nobleza	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Legislators,

SB3196 seeks to limit the rights of citizens to bear arms by making it difficult to own firearms that are commonly used in shooting sports, recreation, hunting, and self-defense. The State of Hawaii already has one of the lowest rates of gun deaths in the nation. There is no obvious need to implement SB3196.

Instead, state sponsored firearm safety courses and resources such as free gun locks may help prevent firearm related accidents. The National Shooting Sports Foundation’s Project Childsafe provides safety kits and educational materials on proper storage of firearms and firearm safety.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends the following actions for preventing firearm violence:

1. Address the needs of people at greatest risk for experiencing firearm injury and deaths
  1. Street outreach programs
  2. Gatekeeper programs for suicide prevention
  3. Hospital-based violence and suicide intervention programs
  4. Therapeutic approaches to address those with suicide risk
2. Improve the physical conditions within communities
  1. Urban green spaces and cleaning and maintaining vacant lots
  2. Ensuring students have safe routes to and from school
  3. Programs that utilize trained community members along school routes to assist with students’ safe travel
3. Address circumstances that contribute to risk
  1. Strengthen economic and household security
    1. Housing assistance
    2. Childcare subsidies
    3. Unemployment insurance
    4. Tax credits
    5. Livable wages
  2. Secure storage of firearms

Instead of restricting the rights of law-abiding citizens, the State of Hawaii should focus on proven prevention activities listed by the CDC. It may also benefit the State of Hawaii to conduct a study similar to that of the 2021 National Firearms Survey.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Joe Christopher Nobleza

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:59:18 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Neil Patrick Nuevo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB3196.

This bill only hurts law abiding citizens as well as our local small businesses. This bill infringes on our 2nd Amendment Rights as Americans. We can't have our Rights being less than that of many other states in the Union.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:59:32 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Neil Santiago	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The proposed bill, while aiming to address concerns related to firearms, exhibits fallacies that undermine its effectiveness. Firstly, it fails to clearly define what constitutes an "assault weapon" or "prohibited feature," leaving room for ambiguity and potential misinterpretation in enforcement. Assault weapon is a made up term by anti-firearm communities.

Additionally, the expansion of the ban on pistols with detachable magazines lacks specificity, as it does not consider the varying capacities required for different lawful purposes such as sport shooting or self-defense. This one-size-fits-all approach overlooks the diverse needs of responsible gun owners.

Moreover, the prohibition on bringing assault rifles or shotguns into the state disregards the rights of law-abiding citizens who may need to transport their firearms for legitimate purposes, such as relocation or participation in shooting competitions.

Furthermore, the bill's exceptions for law enforcement and the military create a concerning disparity, as it implies that certain individuals should have preferential access to firearms, potentially infringing on the principle of equal protection under the law.

In summary, the bill lacks precise definitions, imposes overly broad restrictions, and introduces inconsistencies in firearm regulations, thereby diminishing its potential effectiveness while raising constitutional and practical concerns.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 3:01:11 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lorri Lum	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB3196.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 3:01:41 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nathaniel Hadley	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is an obvious violation of our rights as Americans that are provided by the second amendment. Not only will this bill keep those who wish to purchase and own the firearms listed for sporting purposes from owning them, this bill violates the rights of those who own these firearms for the purpose of self defense. Not only that, but it keeps guns out of the hands of law-abiding citizens while doing nothing to keep guns out of the hands of criminals. This makes Hawaii more dangerous, not safer. This bill is a dangerous overreach by the government and must be opposed.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 3:04:18 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keith Lamon bruins	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly Oppose BS3196 there not assault weapons not to assault anyone there called weapons let's stop copying and paste something we see some where else do your research and homework. About weapons or firearms.when have we not had a mass shooting with a 30 rounds magazines here Hawaii never it's been 20 years since we had one. Was on November 2 1999 the weapon he use was not a rifle or M4 or AK47 or shotgun. Was a hand gun 9mm Glock.your only hurting people that have the right to bear arms and the second amendment. criminals don't care about laws they brk them. A Long by citizen do care about the laws. And federal laws. It's my right that I earned my rights to bear arms to protect my family and property I have been in 3 wars fight over seas IRAQ IQ I serve this country 14years active duty, army. Think about would we be ready if north Korea or Russia would attack Hawaii would we be ready. It's my right have 30 round magazine. Because it my right I earned it I'm not a criminal or felon. Let not go by feelings.just because u don't like something let's go by federal laws and second amendment and not pass this bill only hurting citizens

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 3:05:21 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Megan Pearl	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill as it is stripping the residents of Hawaii further of their guaranteed 2nd Amendment rights. The gun laws here require law abiding citizens to fulfill certain obligations regarding safety and training and this bill infringes upon these rights of all law abiding citizens. This also bans many parts on firearms which would render citizens unable to repair their firearms if needed to ensure they're working properly. None of these measures will stop or prevent criminals from acquiring firearms illegally. This only restricts law abiding citizens from exercising their 2nd Amendment Constitutional rights.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 3:11:15 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tyson Ishibashi	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose bill SB3196

First part of the bill pertains to "assault" weapons, It is of no significance to us as law abiding citizens as we already cant own or posses an "assault" weapon.

Secondly, banning all firearms with a detachable magazine of 10 rounds or more I feel is against my constitutional rights as an a american to keep and bear arms.

Passing bill SB3196 will have no effect on gun violence, criminals never follow the rules. This bill will only make it harder for the law abiding citizen. Perhaps periodic background and mental health checks would be a better option, that way firearms are put into the right hands.

Thank you for your time!

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 3:11:41 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ron	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Now is not the time to be introducing such a bill when the world is in a state of unrest. We are at the center of the Pacific. Hawaii is a sought after piece of land and we are quite a distance away from help from the mainland. Hawaii's military bases are congregated making it easy targets for enemy nations. There are 2 countries, 2 great powers of the Pacific I'm sure are interested in Hawaii that we are currently having an issue with right now. We recently had Russian subs and a spy boat lingering at the border of our waters some 250 miles out. If military bases are down, there are the National guardsmen. That is still not enough to combat 2 potential invading forces combined. What if part of the National Guard is away from home and deployed over seas during such an incident. A KGB defector once said America is impossible to invade not only because of its military. It's because invaders would have to worry about its armed citizens. Take away our right to bare arms right now would introduce the possibility of a worse case scenario if events keep progressing as they are now. I don't mean to scare anyone, but I would put it past me if a "RED DAWN" were to happen in the near future if our ability to fight back and defend our state gets taken away. Our right to bare arems also serves as a deterrent from potential invading nations. Help is 5,000 miles away. How long will it take to get to Hawaii from mainland USA.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 3:12:30 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Hi'ilani Hadley	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is a violation of our 2nd amendment rights. This bill takes guns out of the hands of law-abiding citizens, while doing nothing to keep guns out of the hands of criminals, making Hawaii more dangerous not safer. This bill must be opposed.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 3:16:20 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nalani Enos	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

You don't need to limit the type of weapons people can buy. You need to limit the type of people who can buy weapons. Do some background checks and mental health evaluations. Guns don't kill people. People kill people.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 3:20:09 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Charles	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 3:20:34 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jonathan Fong	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.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,  
Jonathan Fong

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 3:23:47 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
NOAH DRAZKOWSKI	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This clearly violates the USA Constitution

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 3:30:26 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
David Lee	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly oppose 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 unjustly infringes upon the rights of law-abiding citizens and fails to effectively address the underlying issues related to gun violence.

Thank you,

David Lee

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 3:33:34 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
William Lee	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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 Causes of Violence:** While the bill aims to enhance public safety, it fails to address the causes of gun violence in our communities. Instead of targeting law-abiding gun owners, policymakers should focus on 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.

**Lack of Evidence-Based Approach:** There is insufficient evidence to support the efficacy of the proposed measures in reducing gun violence. 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,

William Lee

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 3:34:33 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Steve Johnston	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chairman and Members, Public Safety Committee -

I am writing in opposition to SB3196 and the other "gun control" bills being considered by the Committee.

I have carefully reviewed these bills and I find they will do nothing to fight crime or improve public safety. These bills will only negatively impact already-law-abiding citizens and hinder their rights unnecessarily - and limit their ability to defend themselves when needed.

Mental illness or gang activity is behind the vast majority of violent criminal behavior. These bills would not help with either of these issues and would not stop these troubled individuals from getting firearms.

The United States Constitution protects the right to keep and bear arms for very good reasons. In spite of what many claim, the violent crime statistics are going down, down, down - actually tracking quite closely with our population's increasing firearm ownership. The ability for citizens to defend themselves tends to suppress violent criminal activity

Earlier in my life, I'll never forget how my possession of a gun stopped two violent attackers from pursuing their plan to injure and rob me.

The State of Hawai'i should not try to circumvent the US Constitution's protections. This effort is not only an affront to law-abiding citizens who claim the right to self-defense, but these bills are especially wasteful of taxpayer money as they will ultimately be ruled unconstitutional by the courts after a long, unnecessary struggle.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Steve Johnston

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 3:41:48 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
jeremiah johnson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

against

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 3:49:41 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Audie Gerilla	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As law-abiding citizen in the State of Hawaii and the United States of America, I have the right to defend and protect myself and my family including our properties from lawless elements or individuals who does not follow the law. This bill does not offer any form of protection from these individuals who do not follow such gun laws and are intent to destroy or maim human beings. We, law-abiding people, should be able to defend and protect ourselves from people with the intent of destroying us. The police cannot provide protection immediately when life is endangered. We should have access to the tools such semi-automatic firearms mentioned in this bill as assault firearms as a form of protection. This bill affect the individuals exercising their 2nd Amendment right. I do not support this bill. Thank you.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 3:54:04 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lindsey A Drayer	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.**

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 3:56:05 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
KELVIN AWAYA	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing this to submit my opposing of SB3196. This being due to a number of reasons.

First reason being, it is UNCONSTITUTIONAL. The amendments of the United States Constitution are "inalienable" rights to American citizens. The 2nd amendment clearly 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." Inalienable meaning it cannot be transferred or taken away. Hawaii being the 50th state, this applies as it does in the other 49 states on the US mainland. In addition to that, on 06/23/22 SCOTUS (the highest court) ruled that New Yorks state law infringed on the rights of citizens to keep and bear arms. This in turn set the precedence for all states in the USA that were in alliance whether direct or indirectly with New York State law, would need cease previous practices and would be obligated to adhere/abide by the SCOTUS ruling. This included Hawaii, and since then CCW/CCL permits have been issued.

Secondly, obstruction of commerce is ILLEGAL and punishable by fines and imprisonment.

Third, it seems that the elected officials who proposed/advocated for this have forgotten their oath as public servants. Their job/position is to serve the people while abiding by the laws set forth. Not to serve their own personal feelings, ideologies, beliefs, or agendas.

Lastly, as an American citizen I have the right to protect myself, my family, loved ones, and others and to preserve life. With the increase in violent crimes here in the state of Hawaii ranging from home invasions, robberies, assaults, murders/attempted murders, etc. law enforcement personnel is not capable of responding in time to intervene. In closing, criminals will not abide by laws as law abiding citizens do, they never have and never will.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 3:57:17 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sage Farrell	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill, if passed, serves only to limit the ability of legal gun owners to protect themselves, their families and property. It is a violation of what 2nd amendment upholds and turns law abiding Americans into soft targets for criminals who will ignore the new amendments regardless, and tyrannical politicians who increasingly seek to limit the autonomy of the people they claim to represent. I strongly believe a functioning society is one based on mutual respect and seeking common ground, however this proposal is blatantly one sided and a slap in the face to all the people who used the proper channels to acquire the most effective tools possible to protect themselves and others.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 3:57:41 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Paul Fukuda	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. It does nothing to "make everyone safer" and it infringes on my 2nd ammendment rights. Criminals will not abide by any laws, that's why they are criminals and this would take away law abiding citizens the right to self-defense by any way they choose.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 4:02:27 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ken Bacayan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha everyone-

I am writing this testimony to oppose SB3196. I am just a regular citizen but Upon reading this, there are so many areas that will affect myself and others. The bill basically states that any firearm that has a threaded barrel will be illegal. I have hunting riffles that have threaded barrels that have a muzzle brake attached to them. A muzzle brake is a device that helps with the recoil when the gun is fired. The main reason for having that is during hunts, you would want to be able to see if the animal was hit properly and humanely by being able to track it down as soon as possible. Without the muzzle brake, the firearm will move away from target due to the recoil and it takes a little longer to find animal again on the scope to give it a follow up shot if needed. Other things on this bill are the fact that I will not be able to pass down firearms to my loved ones due to me being " grandfathered" in but not them. There's a lot more I can mention about this bill but I would rather end testimony by asking anyone who would like to learn how a firearm works to please reach out to me and I will make time to meet with you and show/ explain that a firearm is a tool. And just like any tool, it all depends on the person behind it. A hammer can make a beautiful table or chair, but it can also be used for assault. The hammer cannot pound on a nail unless there's someone holding it.

Thanks

Ken

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 4:04:42 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sam Cavitt	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a citizen of the United States of America, a resident of the State of Hawaii and a registered voter I oppose this proposed legislation and am very dissatisfied with the manner it has been presented by the Hawaiian legislation.

Respectfully,

Sam Cavitt

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 4:13:59 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Aaron San Nicolas	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Senators,

This bill is in DIRECT violation of the rights of all US and Hawai'i citizens. I have deployed 16 times in defense of this country and I can honestly say that the biggest threat to American freedom lies directly at home in our own government at times. The individual who proposed this bill need to consider who they are, a servant of the people. In that manner they need to act accordingly. Defend Hawai'i residents right to defend themselves. Stop trying to strip American citizens of their rights. Stop trying to make thousands of law abiding residents felons. It's an egregious violation, not American and not at all in the spirit of aloha.

Thank you.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 4:29:44 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Rebecca Aasand	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB3196 as it is our 2nd ammendment right to bear arms as said "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: 2/13/2024 4:31:54 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Andy ozie	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Stop this communist bill. This is a direct infringement on our bill of rights.

Shame. Shame on you folks.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 4:32:58 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 gun safety laws for the health of our people.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 4:33:40 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Travis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Strongly Oppose SB3196

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

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Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gerard Franco	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear State Legislature, I am opposed to SB3196. I feel it is unfair to law abiding gun owners of Hawaii. The state of Hawaii already has very strict gun laws. I feel that it is not necessary and infringes on our second ammendment rights. People commit crimes not guns. Our law enforcement officers of Hawaii do an excellent job. However they can't be everywhere all the time and people have the right to protect themselves in their homes and their property. The SCOTUS ruled in 1989 and again in 2005 that law enforcement are not obligated by law to protect the lives or the property of the citezens. Please reconsider and do not pass this bill. Thank you, Mr. Franco.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 4:35:15 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 in opposition of sb3196.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 4:57:55 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Andrew Choy	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am submitting testimony as an individual citizen, and I am writing to express my opposition to SB 3196 Relating to Firearms and companion bills.

As you are aware, substantial changes to the firearms laws went into effect on January 1, 2024, pursuant to Act 52. Consequently, firearms owners, dealers, and police departments are already under increased burden to meet the new training and registration requirements. In particular, HPD has an incredible backlog of permits to acquire and firearms registrations resulting from the surge of purchases and permit applications prior to the new law going into effect.

Responsible firearms owners in Hawai'i are already anxious about their rights and abilities to legally purchase firearms in the state. If SB 3196 and similar blanket bans become law, the immediate result will be panic buying and price gouging. Blanket prohibitions will not dramatically change gun ownership in Hawai'i. Instead, companies will find ways to manufacture and sell 'state compliant' firearms that are just as accessible. This already happens in many other states.

I respectfully request that you turn your efforts and focus, and that of your colleagues, to enacting effective firearms laws that are not polarizing, providing more resources for County Police departments to process and manage firearms registrations, allocate more funding for training such as that through the Hunter Education program, and support funding for public shooting ranges.

I worked for several years as the Hunter Education Program Manager with the Department of Land and Natural Resources. I spent much of my tenure focusing on making education accessible and promoting outreach events that created safe, welcoming, and non-threatening opportunities for the public to experience hunting, archery, and target shooting.

I believe more of these types of opportunities are one means of promoting long term, responsible firearms ownership. I support thoughtful and effective firearms regulation, training, background checks, and registration. I believe the current law is effective, and while burdensome to meet the training and registration requirements, it is still manageable for most firearms owners.

What firearms owners need right now is a moment of stability to know with confidence that, if they are a responsible and legal firearm owner, their rights are protected, the system is working for them, and their ability to purchase a firearm is insured.

Please oppose SB3196.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

Regards,

Andrew Choy

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 5:05:47 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kevin K. Holu	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

i strongly oppose SB3196

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 5:06:20 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Chad Shimamura	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Senator Wakai and Comittee,

I am opposing SB3196. Gun control is not the solution to gun problems. The majority of gun related crimes are coming from criminals that have unlawfully acquired their firearms. Law abiding citizens will be impacted by SB3196 making it harder to protect our selves and our family.

We should find ways to get unregistered guns off the street.

Shooting AR, ArmaLite, types of weapons, at the range, are ways of relaxation for me.

Just like golfing for some.

If we take away these types of weapons and restrict round capacity in magazines, it would make criminals, non law abiding citizens have an advantage over law abiding citizens.

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."

Thank you,

Chad

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 5:08:59 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nhel Tabije	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"

This is another stupid move for this state. People kill people not guns. Disarming the law abiding citizens will make us a target practice to those who already made up their mind to do something bad. Criminals will not obey the laws and there will be a way for them to either get guns no matter what. This is only harming the law abiding citizen who works hard and pay taxes for this stupid, disfunctional, and corrupt government. Lets go Brandon!

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 5:11:30 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 in opposition to SB3196. This is attempt to keep law abiding citizens from owning firearms. Hawaii already has some of the most restrictive gun laws in the country. I believe that the system I place is more than adequate and further restrictions are not needed. It will have no bearing on deterring criminals from committing crimes. It only punishes the the law abiding citizens.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 5:13:25 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Darnell Domingo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**I am writing in support of SB3196.**

**While I firmly advocate for the Second Amendment and Americans' right to self-defense, assault rifles have the potential to escalate violence and pose significant threats to public safety. It is important to acknowledge that assault rifles, designed for battle scenarios, can become weapons of choice in the wrong hands, leading to devastation in mass shootings. With legislation we can regulate these powerful weapons to responsible individuals with the proper qualifications.**

**The prohibition on the sale or transfer of assault rifles or assault shotguns, limited to authorized individuals, represents a crucial stride toward responsible firearm ownership. The bill, by establishing exceptions for members of law enforcement and the military, effectively strikes a balance between ensuring public safety and honoring the needs of those entrusted with safeguarding our communities.**

**SB3196 creates a safer environment for all residents of our state. We need regulation that respects individual rights while prioritizing the well-being and security of our communities.**

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 5:15:12 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Max	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Against this bill

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 5:17:37 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kimball Acia	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill sb3196 relating to firearms. Banning any firearms will force law abiding people to acquire guns illegally, and give the criminals a big advantage in breaking the laws .If you are so terrified of the wording assault weapon then have the dam name changed. 2nd amendment !  
Be ready JESUS IS COMING REAL SOON! God bless America

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 5:22:03 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kevin Kondo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Written Testimony of: Kevin Kondo ([kkondoesq@yahoo.com](mailto:kkondoesq@yahoo.com))

In Opposition to: Senate Bill 3196

Date of Hearing: February 14, 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 second lowest gun related death count in America and has apparently recently received an “A-” in preventing gun violence. What legitimate purpose, then, would this Bill serve? Perhaps perfection?

SB 3196 is entirely unnecessary in the State of Hawaii because it serves no practical or legal objective. SB 3196 does not just regulate the rights of the people to defend themselves; it oversteps the bounds of government by restricting that right, and in many cases, completely obliterates that right by 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, which also happen to be some of the most ubiquitous and prolific firearm parts within the United States - including the State of Hawaii.

In addition, since SB 3196 is so patently vague and ambiguous in many of its essential parts, and entirely without any legal precedence, that it would simply be left unenforced or, after proper judicial review, rendered unenforceable from a practical standpoint. This is mainly because, and it is it is embarrassingly obvious that, the sponsors of SB 3196 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.

For example, SB 3196 is patently lacking in any sort of 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 definitions, features and necessary safeguards to properly carry out a State action that amounts to both illegal taking by the State and an unconstitutional infringement of a law abiding citizen’s Second Amendment right the keep and bear arms. Therefore, SB 3196 cannot be fairly and consistently enforced within the State of Hawaii because it lacks proper

statutory construction and, it's subject matter must first be reconciled with the existing Federal laws of the land.

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 rifle improves accuracy, reduces the risk of stray shots, and decreases the risk of dropping the firearm. Likewise, flash suppressors prevent users from being blinded in low lighting conditions, muzzle brakes and compensators also reduce the felt recoil impulse and muzzle movement, making the firearm less painful and easier to use. Proponents of this Bill undoubtedly also admit that such items facilitate sustained accuracy and comfort since those are likely amongst the reasons for banning such items in the first place.

Therefore, the defensive application of these attachments are admittedly obvious, as is the public safety advantage in preventing stray shots. 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.

The Second Amendment of the United States Constitution also 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. In addition, *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.”

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.

In addition, recent data shows that more than 24 million AR-15 style rifles are currently owned nationwide. (National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc., *Commonly Owned: NSSF Announces over 24 Million MSRs in Circulation* (July 20, 2022)). As the Fourth Circuit noted “in 2012, the number of AR- and AK-style weapons manufactured and imported into the United States was more than double the number of Ford F-150 trucks sold, the most commonly sold vehicle in the United States.” *Kolbe v. Hogan*, 813 F.3d 160, 174 (4th Cir. 2016) *rev'd*, 849 F.3d 114 (4th Cir.

2017) (en banc). Twenty-four (24) million firearms 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). 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.

AR-15 style rifles are among the most popular 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 as lawful possessions.

Furthermore, considering the commonality of magazines proposed to be banned by this Bill, which the U.S. Supreme Court has found are “arms” for purposes of the Second Amendment, the analysis becomes even more clear. 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 in the Nation.

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 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. In no way am I 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 on all legal points implicated by this Bill.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 5:33:34 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Galal Bassil	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear state legislature I am apposed to sb3196.

Hawaii already has strict gun laws and I believe it is unfair to law abiding gun owners of Hawaii.  
And it infringes on our second amendment rights

please do not pass this bill thank you

sincerely Galal B Bassil

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 5:39:55 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Clint Matias	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

NO ABSOLUTELY NOT

Why should Gun owners be punished for exercising our RIGHT as an AMERICAN citizen. I have a right as an American and so does every other RESPONSIBLE gun owner in this proud Nation. Stop taking away our rights!! WE ARE THE UNITED STATES

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 5:41:50 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
JUSTIN Kawika DE LEON	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill due to its clear violation on 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 our 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 loved ones and this cannot be taken away according to our second amendment. **STRONGLY O**

**PPOSE**

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 5:48:06 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Melvin Guieb	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello my name is Melvin. I am opposed to the bill. It is our constitutional right to bear arms in order to defend myself and my family. As a former Marine, I am highly trained with my firearms and believe those who obtain or hold firearms should also be properly trained. Banning firearms for law abiding citizens will leave the people vulnerable to criminal activity with no means of self defense. Instead of disarming those who acquired firearms legally, the city needs to focus on regulating illegally acquire firearms.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 6:07:53 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Leslee Cook	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I oppose SB 3196. This is a very poorly written piece of legislation and is 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 magazines would in fact be banned as they can accept mags greater than 10 rounds—it's simple mechanics. This includes popular sporting and hunting long guns. This Bill goes too far in search of a problem that does not exist.

Please don't waste our taxes on unnecessary legislation.

I represent 100 friends living on Hawai'i, the Big Island,

Mahalo,

Leslee Cook, LMFT

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**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 6:21:07 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Eric Clark	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed rules. There is no logical, justifiable reason to arbitrarily rule out otherwise legal, long guns to citizens. Rifles and shotguns are legally owned by citizens for sport shooting, hunting, self defense. There is no reason that such features such as pistol grips, or front handguards that prevent injury from heated barrels, should be arbitrarily held to be 'assault' and therefore banned, and not legal. In addition, by reducing the definition of assault pistol to just one violation of the listed features brings the same argument - just a heatguard can disqualify it. Does not make any logical sense. This type of effort looks very much to me like the Mayor and the Governor, and other vocally anti-second amendment rights politicians such as Karl Rhoads, are not happy with the fact that Hawaii has had to start issuing CCW permits due to the related SCOTUS decision. As a result it appears that they have all adopted the approach of proposing bills that infringe on second amendment rights in other ways. This bill is a prime example. This will if passed be legally challenged and will result in more costs to taxpayers due to the above listed politicians and others personal agendas vs the citizens constitutional rights.

I am writing as a private citizen, I also serve on the Board of CrimeStoppers Honolulu and have lived and worked in this community for over 20 years.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 6:59:12 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Steven Butler	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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.

SB3196 and the legislation that is seeks to qualify are both flawed in that it has an extreme misunderstanding of firearms and its constituent parts and pieces as well as it history. The definiton of "ASSAULT" is flawed. at this juncture please turn to one of your Legislative Correspondant 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.

Submitted, Steven Butler

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 7:18:44 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tyler Robb	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB3196 as it would make me as a law abiding and tax paying citizen into a criminal for something I have already been approved, at personal expense, to legally possess. As an NRA and USCCA certified instructor who promotes safe firearm handling I do not see how SB3196 benefits the general public. Hawaii already has minimal gun crime and this bill does nothing to further prevent criminal activity. Please do not turn law abiding citizens into criminals overnight by passing SB3196.

Mahalo, Tyler Robb

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 7:22:25 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Chelsea Hada	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it's extremely unconstitutional!

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 7:30:49 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kristi	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I urge legislators to oppose this bill. We law abiding citizens have the right to defend ourselves against both domestic and foreign enemies. Additionally, use of arms allows us a means to hunt and provide food for our Ohana. This bill infringes on our God given right to bear arms.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 7:40:16 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ryan Miller	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is in complete opposition to our second amendment rights as American citizens and our rights to bear arms. These rights shall not be infringed upon. Criminals will always find their way to weapons, these laws only hurt the law abiding citizens who properly respect the firearms and own them to protect themselves and their families.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 7:42:05 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ryan Yamashiro	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill should be put on hold because similar laws are being challenged around the US. Please do not waste time and resources on this bill that seeks to disarm the the people of Hawaii. Disarming the people will subject the population to tyrannical government and other bad actors.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 7:47:48 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kaleo Kalani	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha!

I strongly oppose SB3196 as it is unconstitutional and goes against the 2nd Amendment which gives every law abiding American Citizen the right to bear arms. This State shall not go over its head and disregard the US constitution. The gun crimes committed in this state 9/10 times is due to criminals using illegal firearms and not by legal gun owners. The crime rate is getting bad in this state due to the lack of punishment for these career criminals who get handed goodie bags by you politicians for each crime they commit instead of them being placed behind bars for their crimes, when will you politicians wake up and do your damn job instead of playing political games while collecting salaries which most of you don't deserve. We have so many problems in this state and this is the bill you folks come out with, we have sky high crime rates across the board, drug problems, gambling problems, homelessness, hard working hawaii residents working two to three jobs just to make ends meet, inflation on all the daily necessities. You politicians can and need to do better because if you continue down this path this state everyone calls the Aloha state will be no more. Do your job.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 8:11:30 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Patrick Lam	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Testimony in Support of Retaining Assault Weapons on Maui

As a responsible gun owner and avid hunter residing on Maui, I strongly advocate against the proposed ban on assault weapons. While I understand the concerns surrounding firearm safety, I believe that outlawing these weapons would unjustly impinge upon the rights of law-abiding citizens and overlook the legitimate uses they serve, particularly in the realm of hunting.

First and foremost, assault weapons are a crucial tool for hunters, providing unmatched versatility and effectiveness in various hunting scenarios. Unlike traditional rifles, these firearms offer superior firepower and precision, allowing hunters to efficiently take down game, particularly in situations where quick and accurate shots are necessary. Whether pursuing wild hogs or invasive species that threaten Maui's delicate ecosystem, assault weapons provide hunters with the capability to ensure humane kills and effectively manage local wildlife populations.

Furthermore, it's important to highlight the safety features inherent in assault weapons. Contrary to popular misconceptions perpetuated by media sensationalism, these firearms are equipped with numerous safety mechanisms designed to prevent accidental discharges and promote responsible handling. From integrated trigger safeties to manual safety selectors, modern assault rifles are engineered with multiple layers of protection to mitigate the risk of unintended firing, thereby enhancing overall firearm safety.

Moreover, it's essential to recognize that responsible gun ownership extends beyond mere possession; it encompasses proper education, training, and adherence to stringent safety protocols. As a community, we must prioritize initiatives that promote firearm education and safety awareness rather than resorting to blanket bans that only serve to penalize law-abiding citizens.

In conclusion, the proposed ban on assault weapons on Maui fails to consider the legitimate uses and safety features inherent in these firearms. As a responsible member of the community, I urge policymakers to reject this misguided proposal and instead focus on implementing comprehensive measures that address the root causes of gun violence while preserving the rights of law-abiding citizens to responsibly enjoy their Second Amendment freedoms. Thank you for considering my perspective.



**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 8:13:13 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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!

By adding the word "Assault" to the front of an name of a specific firearm, does not make it an actual Assault style firearm. Nor does banning a list of firearms accessories have anything to do with Assault firearms

None of this items on the list make a firearm more lethal and by banning listed items, will infringe our 2nd amendment rights

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 8:17:10 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 as it's a direct violation of our second amendment right and a prime example of government over reach.



**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 8:23:05 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chasity Ito	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**OPPOSED**

I strongly oppose SB3196 relating to firearms. Article 1, Section 17 of the Hawai‘i State 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 is quoted from our State’s own constitution, which mirrors the 2A of the US Constitution, and it says that our right to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. I believe this needs to be upheld as written.

Why was this written? Because it is “necessary to the security of a free state”. What happens when the citizens of a country, or a state, do not have this right? They become in danger of being subject to tyrannical rule, oppressed by those who would use their government positions of authority in an abuse of power to benefit only themselves, even leading the state/country down a destructive path with no regard for the rights of the people. We live in the most freedom-embracing country in the world, an atmosphere in which people can thrive...why would we want that to change? This bill would take away our rights to bear arms without government infringement, and also set a dangerous precedence that the government can remove our freedoms and our rights by disregarding one of America’s treasured founding documents.

The restrictions on firearms in Hawai‘i is NOT a good move. In SB3196 Section 1, it says, “The legislature is committed to protect the safety and well-being of its citizens.” If this is indeed the intention here, then this ban is the wrong way to go. The way I see it, placing these restrictions on law-abiding citizens is not helping to protect anyone’s safety. Legal firearms owners in Hawai‘i, who have had to jump through numerous hoops and try to keep up with ever-changing goal posts to become owners, are not the problem. If anything, allowing law-abiding citizens the right to bear arms makes Hawai‘i safer. We’ve heard it said, “An armed society is a polite society”. Why? A criminal will definitely be more hesitant to commit crimes if he or she thinks that they may come up against good people who will stand up with the ability to protect themselves and each other.

Restricting certain types of firearms will not prevent them from coming into the state. Everyone knows this. The bad guys will find ways to smuggle them in and own and use them illegally, and the good guys will be left without the right to own the same kinds of arms for self-defense and the defense of their families. As a parallel, look at the fireworks ban. Has banning fireworks stopped them from coming in illegally? No, in fact, they come in perhaps in even higher quantities than before the ban was in place. Now they are not only used safely by licensed

operators, but by inconsiderate people in our neighborhoods, making our neighborhoods less safe because of fire hazards and “accidents”.

Will an act restricting firearms prevent them from being owned illegally by criminals? Certainly not. Why not allow law-abiding citizens to obtain, keep, and use them legally? After all, it is our constitutional right to do so. The government pretends to do these things in the name of “safety”. However, guns don’t shoot people, people shoot people. Perhaps a better solution for a legislature “committed to protect(ing) the safety and well-being of its citizens” is to focus on cracking down on crime and drugs, supporting our police, dealing with/treating mental illnesses instead of coddling those who have them, and creating positive programs in the community for our keiki so that they have good and healthy role models to look up to.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 8:34:44 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Zon Sullenberger	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.

Additionally, since most semi-automatic firearms are of common use, I believe passing this legislation could subject the State to challenges based on the Constitutionality of the law based on recent decisions from the US Supreme Court. The State would then need to spend excessive amounts of money defending these suites. Money better spent on other issues.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 8:48:24 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
lawrence kanawaliwali	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I do not support sb3196, please do not ban semi automatic firearms, it is unconstitutional, and infringes on my right as a free citizen. Thank you.NO SB3196

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 9:13:34 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dayne Tanaka	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Senator Wakai and Comittee,

I am writing to oppose SB3196. As a husband, father, and homeowner, having a registered firearm and consistent training allow my family to have peace of mind as Hawaii continues to change from the safe place we and our families before us grew up in. Unfortunately, increased gun control laws don't limit the criminals and bad people, but do limit good citizens who want nothing more than to protect their families. Some of these proposed changes would make illegal semi automatic guns that many in Hawaii have purchased, trained with and keep, not only to protect, but also to enjoy at the range or hunt to help feed their families. These changes don't seem just for the people of Hawaii and may give more reason for good local families to contemplate moving away from our islands. Please help to support law abiding citizens of Hawaii and the 2nd amendment and do not pass this bill.

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."

Thank you,  
Dayne Tanaka

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 9:20:44 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michael Page	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha all,

I am submitting testimony strongly opposing SB3196. I am writing as a long time law abiding resident of Hawaii, veteran, and constituent. This proposed bill is a complete waste of taxpayer time and only goes to continue to empower criminals. I fail to understand why we don't expand out reach to those areas with higher crime rates as well as strengthen laws to hold criminals accountable for their crimes. Introducing laws of this type will only put a band aid on a much bigger problem of crime and the lack of accountability in our current justice system. Hawai'i currently has some of the strictest gun laws in the nation and our violent crime rates are some of the lowest in the nation but are on the rise. Maybe we need to look at other avenues to fix our society than to reduce freedoms that so many gave their lives for. I again strongly oppose this bill.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 9:33:29 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
lawrence defontorum	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, as a responsible fire arms owner, this bill will not reduce the number of gun violence. Criminals will always find a way to obtain firearms. It doesn't make sense to ban assault rifles because assault rifle dont assault people. People assault people. Banning large magazines don't make sence either. What's the difference between 1 large magazine, and 2 10 round magazine?

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 9:35:34 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nalu	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE this bill. These are unconstitutional infringements on our rights. Using buzzwords like assault weapons is just a way to scare the public, when all you are doing is removing our rights as law abiding individuals and parents, who have the right to protect our families with the common use firearms. Stop this tyranny.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 9:43:18 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kathleen Bryant	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a female who believe in the right to defend herself. Therefore, I am against SB3196. SB 3196 restricts the use of firearms that are necessary to defend myself and my family as well as restricts my right to the second amendment. This bill restricts the guns I currently own and fully know how to operate and troubleshoot and leaves them only in the hands of the military and police personnel. For what, I say? They are not here to defend me. That would only be to protect themselves in the line of duty or to inflict harm on others during their line of duty and on personal terms. What happens when I need defense? I need to now wait until the harm is at my doorstep and hope that someone responds to my call immediately, which the soonest is perhaps 20 minutes. It's on you, the law makers, it's on you, Governor, should any harm or death occur due to the lack of response from those who are supposed to defend us, the police, the military (who by the way, is not available to my defense with a phone call). This takes away my right to be able to defend myself. Did you ever think about that? You, the lawmaker, is not a member of law enforcement or military. Who will defend you, if not yourself? What will you do when you have to wait longer than 20 minutes for help to arrive?

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 9:53:02 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Beth Anderson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

It is gratifying to see the legislature taking such comprehensive steps to prevent gun violence with the introduction of this bill. Weapons of war, assault rifles, assault shotguns, assault pistols, all of the gun accessories and weapons mentioned in SB3196, should not exist in our communities outside of military bases and some aspects of law enforcement. Why should private citizens be able to own deadly weapons that inflict horrible wounds, and extensive damage to internal organs? Tissue damage is catastrophic and organs are essentially liquified because of the high projectile speeds reached with assault weapons. The damage to children is especially horrific and usually not survivable. Assault weapons are especially deadly weapons, weapons of war that don't belong on in our neighborhoods, on our streets, or anywhere in our communities.

Please pass this legislation which prohibits anyone from bringing these weapons into our State, prohibits the sale or transfer of an assault weapon, and bans anyone from possessing these deadly weapons in our State. We know States with stricter gun control laws like these have less gun violence and death.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 10:00:01 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Megan Iobst	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is only going to make legal law abiding firearm owners and users become criminals. Bad people will do bad things whether there is a law in place or not. Stop punishing your law abiding citizens and stop infringing on my rights as a US citizen to keep and bear arms. The terminology of "assault weapon" is intentionally vague as well as politicized terminology to scare those who are ignorant of firearms and their legal uses.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 10:04:28 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
N. Kealoha	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Senate Committe Members:

I strongly opposed SB3196.

This law will only affect law-abiding citizens by further restricting their already very restricted Second Amendment rights in the State of Hawaii, rights moreover, that are guaranteed under the U.S. Constitution.

Tens of thousands of law-abiding citizens in Hawaii -- who are also registered voters -- own and enjoy shooting recreationally the very firearms and parts this law seeks to ban. This law would make them crimials.

Hawaii already has some of the most Draconian gun laws in the United States that make every part of legally acquiring and owning these firearms extremely time consuming and laborious. No new laws are needed.

As a registered tax-paying law-abiding voter, I urge that you STOP SB3196 from passing this committee and any similaw laws with the same intent.

Mahalo for your time.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 10:07:17 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kawai Ka	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I DO NOT SUPPORT THIS BILL.

IT IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

STOP TAKING OUR RIGHTS AWAY.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 10:16:20 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jon Ka	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I do not support this bill.

it is unconstitutional

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 10:27:50 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 direct violation of the constitution and my 2nd amendment rights as a law abiding citizen of the United States of America!

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 10:42:34 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mark W Iobst II	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Another unconstitutional ammendment to punish law abiding citizens. This will not significantly impact gun violence and further criminalize those who are currently obeying the law. Throwing around the adjective "assault" on to any firearm is intentionally vague to prey uppon the ignorance of those who are unfamiliar with firearms. This is authoritarian overreach trying to undermine the ability to protect ourselves, our famlies, our properties, and our enjoyment.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 10:44:57 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Aaron Rivera	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 10:50:04 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Keith Tajiri	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB3196.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 10:57:20 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Curtis K. Ortiz	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The use of "Assault" to label a firearm misrepresents them by personifying with a negative or threatening attribute. I have been a Firefighter for over 21 years and have seen an enormous amounts motor vehicle collisions that ended in death. As for firearms, 4 incidents, only 1 of which was a homicide. Why don't we label vehicles as assault? If you say its accidents, why are there so many cases where a person is threatening to hurt another person or an HPD officer with a motor vehicle? Anything can be used as an "assault weapon".

Firearms long have been used to hunt for food, protection, and sport. In fact there are shooting events in the Winter Olympics. Shotguns have been used for all three of those activities. And banning them solves nothing. Firearm bans have only benefited the black market and not the responsible gun owners and law abiding citizens.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 11:05:14 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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:

Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs.

**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.

We respectfully urge you to pass SB 3196.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Eric Tash and Renee Iijima

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 11:08:09 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Adam Lipka	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I opose this bill in it's entirety.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 11:11:49 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Emerson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

So what happens when the Spirit of Aloha doesnt protect us from a bad guy. What happens then. Gun control rules are already strict. This is just setting up for a bad situation especially with all the shootings nowadays. All the shootings happening in Hawaii are ILLEGAL guns, which they are not to have. Yet you have the audacity to take away LEGAL guns that are meant to protect. Does that make sense ? We do not want the governments help. Reagan's famous quote of what we should fear most. 'Im from the government, and im here to help'. Let us live our lives.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 11:25:49 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nathan higuchi	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My written testimony in opposition to SB3196,

This bill, if passed, will block my ability to defend myself and family from those who do not follow laws.

This bills looks to make guns that have the capability to put potentially life saving attachments /enhancements (aiming assistance, flashlights, etc) illegal to own, purchase, or sell.

Say this bill does pass, and all these firearms are not available to law abiding citizens of this state, do you think the crimes involving firearms will lessen or diminish in severity? How did the fireworks look up in the sky in our neighborhoods this past year? I believe aerals have been banned and are illegal to purchase for over 2 decades, yet I hear them go off everyday from Thanksgiving to the years end.

If someone were to break into my home, am I supposed to feel assured that I can properly defend myself and family because they won't be carrying any of the items this bill is proposing to ban? The aerial fireworks that are being set off in all of our neighborhoods say otherwise.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 11:41:33 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gavin C Freitas	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB3196 because of the fact that we already have a large amount of firearm restrictions in place. Banning standard capacity magazines or limiting all firearms to ten rounds, is only effecting law abiding firearm owners, criminals will still seek the aquisition of the items the measure wants to ban in an illegal manner.

The accessories that the measure wants to also ban does not make said rifles, like an AR-15, an assault rifle. The US Army defines an assault rifle as a short, compact, selective-fire weapon that fires a cartridge in power between a submachine gun and rifle cartridges. Selective-fire meaning it has a fully automatic feature besides semi-automatic. This is a feature that is already banned.

Legislature defines an assault rifle in a completely different manner, pistol grips, flash hidere, foregrips, etc. We do not need a ban on these items that are just accessories for firearms because it does not make the firearm any more dangerous than it already is.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 12:01:18 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Brian Aguigui	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To the Representatives of the State Legislature,

This bill does nothing to reduce gun violence or crime here in Hawaii, if anything all it will do is create felons out of law-abiding citizens. The verbiage of this bill essentially prohibits the possession of any firearm by any citizen here in the state. All the descriptions mentioned in this bill describe a characteristic of almost every firearm in existence. Prohibiting the legal and responsible ownership of firearms under the guise of making the public safer will only endanger the law-abiding public even further. Criminals will find a way to access firearms with or without this bill being enacted, just look how effective the legislation was in banning aerial fireworks. Instead of focusing resources and attention on law-abiding gun owners, the lawmakers of this state need to focus on more important issues like the lack of mental health resources in Hawaii, the proliferation and use of illegal fireworks, and the ridiculous costs of living in Hawaii. I sincerely hope there is some reconsideration to the provisions of this bill. The recent incidents of gun violence here in Hawaii are due to other underlying issues such as mental health and misguided young adults whom are poverty-stricken, not the responsible ownership of firearms by its law-abiding citizens. I'm appaled at the attempt by lawmakers in this state to superscede the ammendments of the U.S. Constitution that I put years, blood, sweat, tears, and memories of fallen comrades in arms, to defend overseas. As a Hawaii Resident, U.S. Citizen, Combat Veteran, and Taxpayer, I strongly oppose the passing of this bill.

Sincerely,

Brian Aguigui

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 12:20:21 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Art Obrero	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

First and foremost this bill is an infringement on our 2nd amendment right and is therefore unconstitutional. 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 tyrannical 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.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 1:43:51 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Anthony Barredo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Anthony and I'm writing to formally give testimony in opposition to SB3196.

I believe this bill, along with the current state gun control laws that this particular bill was written to amend, violates the 2nd amendment rights of the people of Hawai'i. This bill, which I'm sure was written with public safety in mind, will not stop those willing to perpetrate acts of gun violence from getting firearms. These few morally corrupt individuals are more than likely willing to go to illegal extents to obtain a firearm. Instead, I believe that the proposed measure will unduly and disproportionately affect law-abiding citizens. There are good people who wish to own firearms for a myriad of reasons which include hunting, hobby, and sport, but I think the most common and important reason is for protection from those aforementioned dangerous individuals. Limiting the gun rights of good people leaves them and those they love vulnerable to bad people.

I personally live in worry and fear because of the current state of the world and more specifically Hawai'i. It does seem like Hawai'i is not the same and shootings are becoming more prevalent. And I can see how the knee-jerk reaction would be to create even stricter gun laws. But as it says in Section 1 of the bill, Hawai'i already has some of the strictest gun laws, making it already a very difficult and long process to legally obtain firearms. I believe the issues leading to the uptick in shootings are less to do with gun control and are more to do with society's recent lack of focus on morals, but I know that there is no quick and easy solution for this either. The point is that it seems that our current gun laws seem to do little to prevent the recent shootings. The only thing that imposing even more restrictive gun laws can guarantee to do effectively is make law-abiding citizens of Hawai'i, like myself, feel even more unsafe by limiting how we can choose to defend ourselves if the need be.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 2:13:16 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kaleonani Palacat	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I do not support this bill. It is unconstitutional.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 2:26:37 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ronald Livingston	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

There is no such thing as an assault weapon.

This would do nothing to stop crime or criminals/

Your only punishing law abiding citizens,and stopping them from properly defending themselves and their familys.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 2:49:46 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Winfrey Pablo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB3196 in regards to:

-magazine round limits limited to 10 rounds

Standard capacity magazines whether they come in 20 round count or 30 round count should not be limited or blocked. I would feel comfortable having all 20 or 30 rounds available should I need to discharge my firearm.

-front hand grip and collapsible or folding stock these types of options or accessories make stabilizing my firearm a must.

SB3196 has implications which could affect Airsoft and Paintball especially when it comes to accessories and rifle or platform configuration. Airsoft and Paintball are great training and teaching points.

Thank you and God Bless!]

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 4:39:00 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
CHRISTOPHER K MICHAEL	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

mahalo for your time,i will be brief...this bill your trying to pass only hurts the law abiding,citizens like me and alot of others who fought for our right to bear arms and not the criminals whom do the harm to others.My fear is you will handicap us by taking the very means we have to protect our life and property as well as your life and property from those criminals who do have them and are not effected by these or any other laws.i simply ask that you use common sense when you vote on this bill and remember what happened or could have happened on jan 6 2021,how will you defend yourself,your loved ones,your beleifs if democracy doesnt prevail.thank you for allowing me to speak.aloha!!

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 5:27:28 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Johnson Chen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Criminals overwhelmingly obtain their firearms through illegal channels and will never be deterred by state and federal laws.

An individual's right to arms are an undue restriction on liberty.

Every year there are many DUI driving tregedies, why arn't you banning all vehicles with big engines, such as Corvette and Mustang? Irrelevant??

Such bill is senseless with no appropriate ground(s).

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 5:31:41 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
George Wilcox	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am opposed to SB3196 as it infringes the rights provided by the US Constitution 2nd Ammendment.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 8:03:41 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
JOSEPH DECAMBRA	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear House,

My name is Joseph DeCambra. I am an 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.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 8:52:06 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Angelo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Why are the politicians still trying to strip the rights of honest, law abiding citizens away? The real criminals don't follow laws, and crime won't change regardless of SB3196 passing or not. People, please open your eyes and see that these laws do nothing to keep you safe. Next thing you know, the government will tell you that you have to register the knives in your own kitchen with them... Historically speaking, when a government starts to disarm it's people, bad things are going to happen. The people will be powerless to defend themselves at that point and it will be too late. There are a lot bigger things in the picture that people should be worrying about to keep us safe. We should raise our kids with the right values so they don't turn in to criminals later on in the first place. This world would be a good place if we were focused more on that.

**LATE**

**Dennis M. Dunn**

**Kailua, Hawaii 96734**

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RE: SB 3196, Relating to Firearms

HEARING: Wednesday, February 14, 2024, 3:00 p.m., Conference Room 325

Good afternoon, Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS. 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 really 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!

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 9:04:35 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
John Miyagi	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I completely disagree with this "Bill". Considering that 90% of what I own would be illegal if this "Bill" were to pass. Thus, making me a criminal. Common sense gun laws should only affect criminals "that would make sense". Instead, you take away, law abiding individuals "Constitutional Rights", this will do nothing in reducing gun violence. Passing this "Bill" will definitely help criminals know that there are even less people that could defend themselves if this "Bill" were to pass. The current version of this "Bill" in laymen's terms reads like this.. "Any weapon that can fire a projectile by gas pressure of any type or that is black (scary looking is always black) and that has cool features (that have nothing to do with increasing velocity or damage to your target, it will now be banned and you get to go to jail for a felony charge. How about just increasing the penalties for criminals that use a firearm in the commission of a crime? You know, If this "Bill" is somehow passed and becomes law. It will immediately be challenged in a higher court, since this "Bill" violates the 2nd Amendment. Please use "Common Sense" when writing these "Bills". Thank You

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 9:19:10 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
John H. Perreira	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

First of all, in order to be considered an "assault weapon" the firearm must be capable of firing in a full automatic mode. Banning a firearm solely with features which are offensive (based on appearance) to the uninitiated I consider prejudicial. Government should not make laws that condemn one's personal property based on the elected individual's misguided emotions. All elected officials would better serve their constituents by ensuring the multitude of laws that are already on the books are enforced and that the penalties required are properly and severely applied to criminals. Hawaii already has more firearms laws than most states, please don't burden the legal firearms owners with anymore. When laws are written solely because government can't trust its citizens, it causes said citizens not to trust their government.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 9:41:54 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Darryll Akamine	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Honorable Senators,

I am opposed to the amendments proposed in SB3196. I am positive that you have taken this measure with the safety of the public in mind. However, as a law abiding citizen, I am very concerned that my freedom of firearm ownership will be greatly infringed. Criminals will NOT be impacted by this SB3196. Criminals, by definition are law breakers and laws have no bearing on their behavior. The law abiding citizens of Hawaii will be severally stripped of their ability to enjoy the shooting sports, and defend themselves. Hawaii already has one of the strictest firearm regulations in the country, and I never had issue with that, until now. I have been a law abiding firearms owner since 1981.

Thank you for your consideration regarding SB3196. I respectfully stand opposed.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 9:46:18 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Alexander Cezar	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Sirs,

I testify in opposition to this bill which seeks to ban AR type firearms. While these are seen as weapons of war, they are in fact semiautomatic (one trigger pull releases one round) sporting rifles which have a variety of uses for civilians, such as hunting (a .223/556 round is ideal for goat hunting) and target shooting. More importantly however these firearms can be used in defense of home and property from hostile domestic or foreign threats. To ban these would violate my 2nd amendment rights and prohibit me from protecting myself and my family. The acquisition of said firearms are highly regulated through the requirement of safety classes (the safety class is over 6 hours long) and background checks (we consent to fingerprinting and medical background checks) for long gun permits. Please allow this process to do what it was designed for, which is to keep firearms out of the hands of unsuitable people, while still allowing law abiding citizens to keep and bear arms, as is prescribed in the constitution of this great nation.

With regards,

Alexander Cezar

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 9:55:50 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
nicholas manibog	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I choose to oppose SB3196, we as American citizens have the right to bear arms, guns do not kill people, PEOPLE KILL PEOPLE.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 10:04:57 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Austin White	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Once again the legislature is making commonly owned firearms into bad things. Previous lawsuits have proven all of these arms are covered under the 2nd Amendment and because of the acceptance of statehood, under Article 1 Section 17 of the Hawaii Constitution.

It is evident that all that is being proposed is complete disarmament of the populace. If the state wants to ban items that actually harm people, ban electric cars as they cannot be heard due to no engine noise. Ban loud cars. Ban big black cars with large tires and big, powerful engines as they can go faster than cars with smaller tires and engines. Yes, that is how ludicrous it sounds.

So yes this measure is opposed by every person who uses logic and reason. But then I am assuming the legislature, especially the sponsors of this bill has those.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 10:20:17 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Steven Bergfeld	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha: I oppose SB3196. "Gun violence" can be controlled with enforcing existing laws. Hawaii has some of the strictest laws in the United States requiring registration, permits to acquire with a waiting period, criminal and mental history background checks, Law abiding citizens are the ones losing their second amendment rights with this legislation, not the criminals. Criminals do not care what laws you pass in the legislature and will certainly not abide by them.

What is the definition of an assault weapon? High capacity magazines are essential for self protection in the world we live in today.

Who is an authorized individual? It should be any law abiding citizen that is allowed to exercise their second amendment rights. Please stop the assault on our second amendment rights. Mahalo.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 10:23:02 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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 HB119/SB234, SB11, SB1230, SB122, and SB166. 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.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 10:27:43 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Marc Rol	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose these proposals which would restrict my ability and freedom given under our constitution. Why not strengthen the penalty of those whom commit crimes then make law abiding citizens into criminals. I believe this to be an unjust and unconstitutional act.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 10:37:09 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Stan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Senators,

First of all, I find it BS that this hearing is on Valentine's Day Feb 14th at 3 PM. I hope you politicians realize that most people have to work or have plans after work, but instead here I am writing/attending the hearing to defend my 2nd amendment right. **I strongly OPPOSE SB3196.** As a legal and responsible gun owner, I find this Bill to be trampling on my 2nd Amendment right. By passing this bill you will do more harm than good. Many small business owners run and operate gun stores, and by passing this bill a lot of them will be going out of business. Meanwhile, if these local gun stores go out of business then there will be no support for the legal and responsible gun community. Many of these local gun stores, support and help the Police Department, Sheriffs, Fire Department, and many other law enforcement and first responder agencies. This bill was designed and intended to curb gun crime, but it will not stop gun-related crime, because it's criminals who are causing it, not legal gun owners. I believe gun control does not work, if someone wants to get a gun they can. For example, look at the fireworks or drugs in Hawaii, they are both illegal yet people are still getting them in. Instead of trying to ban the object, you should make the law stricter on people who are illegally getting guns and also hold them accountable. I believe Hawaii is a wonderful place to live, but crime lately has been getting out of hand, as I mentioned before we the legal gun owners, have been following all your BS laws, rules, and regulations and crime still gets worse. **SO Please STOP** passing all these BS laws, rules, and regulations because they do not work, and instead start taking a more proactive approach and make an example of these criminals and hold them fully accountable for their actions.

Thank you for your time,

Stanford Lee

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 10:38:22 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nicholas H Takara	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Greetings,

While I appreciate the efforts to promote the safety of the public with the intent of this bill, I strongly oppose punishing a minority of the population that exercises their second amendment rights in a lawful manner, within a State that has already placed a ridiculous amount of restrictions on its citizen's rights.

I, humbly, implore you to do further research as to how this will continue to divide our Aloha State's population. As we can only continue to thrive as a community and not as individuals.

Be well and Aloha.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 10:56:03 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Cecil E. Haverty	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This sounds ridiculous if all gun manufacturers are banned. What about the guns that already exist? Does the submitter know anything about the honest gun enthusiast who owns some of these guns?

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 11:06:29 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Justin Arzaga	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill it infringes on constitutional rights.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 11:11:22 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ahren Pang	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a responsible gun owner, I firmly believe in the Second Amendment's importance in preserving individual freedoms and ensuring our ability to protect ourselves and our loved ones. The right to bear arms isn't just about hunting or sport shooting; it's about safeguarding against tyranny and defending our fundamental rights.

I've witnessed firsthand how responsible gun ownership fosters a sense of security and empowerment within communities, and I stand firmly in support of the Second Amendment.

Additionally, it's crucial to recognize that criminals operate outside the bounds of law and morality, and they don't adhere to the same rules as law-abiding citizens. Restricting access to firearms and/or placing bans on accessories only hinders law-abiding citizens from defending themselves against those who seek to do harm. In times of life or death or facing tyranny, law-abiding citizens will be at a severe disadvantage if they are unable to exercise their Second Amendment rights to protect themselves and their liberties.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 11:38:33 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Daniel Trevino	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill will only continue to serve the criminals, criminal elements, and criminal organizations that prey on the most vulnerable of our citizens and communities. Criminals who already do not abide by laws in place, felons who continue to carry illegal and unregistered guns are not held accountable under our current laws and justice system. This bill does not further protect law abiding citizens and only criminalizes law abiding citizens who are simply exercising their rights to protect themselves, their families, and communities. As the increase in crime and decrease in police officers along with delayed police response times moves us closer to that of other mainland cities the people of Honolulu should not be further restricted in being allowed to defend themselves. Please focus on actual matters like increasing bail, prosecuting repeat offenders, and changing charging criteria for violent offenders and violent crimes.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 11:48:35 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Phil Rarick	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Honorable chairman and committee members, I am in strong opposition to this bill or any draft amendments and recommend this does NOT pass out of committee.

In 1992 a similar version of this proposed legislation was introduced. The late senator Ron Menor after hearing on same, did not pass the bill out of committee in it's original format. The opposition numbers were so significant that the hearing had to be held in the auditorium across from the capitol on the Queens property. The Senate bill was amended from "assault rifle" to pistol.

The Senate stated it was NOT the intent to ban long guns or magazine capacity in the 1992 legislation.

Semi-automatic firearms have been around in common use for over 121 years.

The AR-15 has been in common sporting use since 1963... AR does NOT stand for "assault rifle" it is for the company Armalite Rifle, and was patent #15. Millions of americans have been trained in the safe use of this common firearm.

Here we are here we are 32 years later, and the legislature is going back on your word.

Stop the lie. Do NOT vote in support of this bill.

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 12:00:43 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Joshua Y.	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair**

**Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair**

**SB3196**

**In Opposition**

**I am writing on behalf of myself and the airsoft community in Hawai'i. I am testifying against SB3196 because of its potential effects on the airsoft industry in the state of Hawai'i. Due to the similarity between airsoft attachments and functioning firearm attachments, this bill would ban the sale of many attachments used by community members. For example, many stocks and rail systems that fall under the scope of this bill are also utilized by airsoft replicas. This would be detrimental to the growing industry and support airsoft has gained recently on our islands.**

**I oppose this bill because Airsoft is a hobby many friends and I partake in. It has become a large part of my life and has created connections with others that I would not have made without this activity. If this bill were to pass, the airsoft community would be greatly affected, and many of these personal connections that I have made would be broken. The airsoft community fosters new relationships and connections between all participating and promotes education on safely handling replicas and conducting oneself responsibly.**

**Thank you for your consideration.**

**Joshua Y.**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 12:10:35 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Betsy Scolnik	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this strongly!

we need gun safety

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 12:23:25 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dane Trevathan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill only accomplishes one thing, that is to punish law-abiding gun owners in the state of Hawaii. This bill will do nothing to positively effect gun violence in the state of Hawaii because criminals do not follow the law. This bill only would affect law-abiding gun owners in the state, a group which is extremely responsible and accountable for their own firearms. SB 3196 will take away their right to defend themselves from those that wish them harm as well limiting their rights to libertys given to all of citizens of the United States of America.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 12:30:58 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
David Kennedy Jr Pai	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I do not support Senate Bill 3196. It is unconstitutional and an infringement upon the 2nd amendment.

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 12:42:44 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
john	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am against branding firearms assault weapons when there not.this is to broad of a lable, it restrict the law abiding citizen from so many things. Something that holds higher capacity does not make it am assault weapon.

im against this

**LATE**

**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 1:15:29 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Richard Sagucio	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To the honorable members of the State Legislature,

Thank you for giving me a chance to participate in the legislative process. I am a lifelong Hawaii resident, age 53, born and raised on the island of Kaua'i. My grandfather immigrated to Hawai'i from the Philippines and was able to get my parents here as well.

I feel compelled to give testimony on this proposed bill regarding semi-automatic firearms. I could go on a long winded discussion about how only criminals will benefit from this bill since they will not follow the law. But I'm sure that everyone is pretty much worn out from hearing this all the time, so I will leave you with this.

I am concerned about the future of our state. It seems like the gentrification of our aina is inevitable. I feel that with this bill it will hasten the process and law-abiding citizens like myself and thousands of others will eventually be forced to move. So what will be left is the affluent population and the other people who will be forced to serve them while barely being able to live in Hawai'i. And with that will come rampant crime like what is happening in San Francisco.

I humbly ask that you consider this when you make your decision on this bill since it will be affecting thousands of firearm owners throughout the state.

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**SB-3196**

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Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Theo-Den Boncales	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

I want to oppose SB3196 on changing anything to any semi-automatic or heavy weapons.

If "IF" all of sudden WW3 breaks out and every gun owner on this island had 10 rounds magazines we will honestly have a disadvantage towards our enemy, we will have someone in the line of fire loading a 10 round mag. While the enemy is shooting 20-30 rounds at us. And if you take away any detachment like scope with magnification, red dot, or any illuminating sight, grip so forth and so forth. We need to see the enemy Atleast 300 yards away with a scope so we have an advantage to see. We need a foregrip or any grip to stability to control our fire. If a bayonet is or has an attachment already we need close quarter combat. All this a win lose situation.

this is honestly taking away our second amendment. Even though we have rights to bare arms we can't have our weapons just straight iron sight or 10 rounds. All disadvantages in my book

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**SB-3196**

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 2:11:50 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Roberto Morales	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We are law abiding citizens, who follow the law on firearms registration. We believe in our right to bear arms legally. I don't agree with this bill which in my opinion is saying that we are not allowed to be in possession of firearms legally. What is the reason for this Bill, I see no reason at all, it is just making trouble to peaceful citizens. We are Hawai'i Ohana people, with great respect and compassion for each other here in Hawai'i. Stop mixing us with Mainland people who don't care about anything or anyone.

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**SB-3196**

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Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Thomas Kaaihili	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB3196 because it infringes on my Second Amendment Rights and makes the state of Hawaii even more of an oppressive state. It is bad enough that more native Hawaiians have to move away because it is too expensive to live on their Native land but to take away some of the available resources to defend their loved ones, themselves, property, from an oppressive government, etc is a crime in itself.

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**SB-3196**

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Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Matthew moniz	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

It's our constitutional right to own firearms plane and simple!

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**SB-3196**

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Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Bobby J Smith	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I vehemently oppose SB3196. The socialist progressive democratic lawmakers of Hawaii are failing to protect law-abiding citizens in our state. With violent crime on the rise, it's evident that the Honolulu Police Department alone cannot ensure our safety. Instead of taking action to safeguard us, our legislature seems indifferent, if not complicit, in exacerbating our vulnerability. They seem determined to leave us at the mercy of the escalating violence, even as social media influencers exploit the situation for profit. At every turn, they're stripping away our rights and making us more susceptible to crime, disregarding the fundamental purpose of our Bill of Rights. It's the innocent victims who bear the brunt of their decisions, while our elected officials shirk their responsibility to uphold our safety and liberties.

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Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Peter Roa	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

Strongly oppose. Unconstitutional.

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**SB-3196**

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Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2024 3:00:00 PM

<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. I am a 47 year old local that has lived in Hawaii all my life. I am a husband and father of 3. Growing up with my Dad being a outdoors person, we did all the kinds of activities that I do with my children now. Like hunting , fishing, surfing. I compare this bill to an issue we have on underage drinking. So because there are a few underage drinkers out on the streets either hurting or killing others or even themselves, we should ban drinking altogether!! Even for the legal responsibal drinkers. And nobody drinks alcohol period. That wouldn't be fair to the responsible safe drinkers. Same with precision gun building for competitions or just building a gun for hunting, why should we all be punished for the few that canot follow the law. My Ohana has gone through all the requirements to obtain and operate a firearm following all the rules. Yet, we are still threatened to have our God given rights taken away. I feel no matter how much you restrict the good guys, the bad guys will still have weapons. I understand that your best interest is the people's safety, but I don't think this is the answer. Please rethink what your doing. Aloha and God Bless.