

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 05 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2342
H.D. 1
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 2342, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WEAPONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Prohibit carrying or using a firearm in the commission of a separate misdemeanor offense;
- (2) Amend and clarify prohibitions regarding deadly or dangerous weapons, switchblade knives, and butterfly knives; and
- (3) Clarify hunter education certificates and other written exemptions regarding permit issuing.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Attorney General, Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu, and one individual.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from sixty individuals.



Your Committee finds that under existing law, it is a class C felony to knowingly possess a pistol or other deadly or dangerous weapon while engaged in the commission of a crime. This measure will protect the public from the serious risks associated with the carrying of firearms in connection with criminal activity by updating that prohibition and creating a separate class C felony offense for carrying a firearm while engaged in the commission of a separate misdemeanor offense.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Making it effective upon its approval; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2342, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2342, H.D. 1, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,



KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary
JDC

Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 2342 HDI SDI	Committee Referral: PSM, JDC	Date: 04/02/24		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
AWA, Brenton				✓
TOTAL	4	—	—	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes