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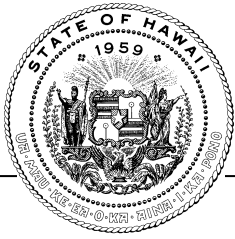
In consideration of
HB984, HD2
RELATING TO FIREARMS.

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) **supports** HB984, HD2, which prohibits firearms in certain locations and premises and provides for enhanced sentencing; requires possession and disclosure of a license to carry; prohibits leaving an unsecured firearm in a vehicle attended; prohibits being under the influence of a controlled substance when carrying a firearm; prohibits carrying or possessing firearms on certain private property open to the public without express authorization; amends the requirements for, and revocation of, firearms permits and licenses; and amends the disqualification of persons from owning, possessing, or controlling a firearm.

The Department supports the intent of this measure which seeks to protect public health, safety, and welfare from the serious hazards associated with firearms and gun violence and clarifies, revises, and updates Hawaii's firearms laws, while respecting and protecting the lawful exercise of individual rights. The Department is in support of protecting areas such as schools, government buildings, polling places, and other analogous locations from the potential dangers related to firearms and gun violence. The Department is also in support of respecting the right of private individuals and entities to choose whether to allow or restrict the carrying of firearms on their property, providing that firearms shall not be carried on private property open to the public without the express authorization of the owner, lessee, operator, or manager of the property.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.



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

The Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD) supports HB 984, HD2, which prohibits firearms in certain locations and amends state laws governing firearms.

OPSD **strongly supports** this measure as a way to keep the public and state employees safe in public spaces and public work places.

Members of the public and public servants want to reduce the chance of active shooter events in public spaces and places of work. Active shooter training cannot guarantee safety when persons intent on killing other people are allowed to carry firearms into public buildings and gathering places.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony.



**TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
KA 'OIHANA O KA LOIO KUHINA
THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2023**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

H.B. NO. 984, H.D. 2, RELATING TO FIREARMS.

BEFORE THE:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND
MILITARY AFFAIRS

DATE: Friday, March 17, 2023

TIME: 3:02 p.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 225

TESTIFIER(S): Anne E. Lopez, Attorney General, or
David D. Day, Special Assistant to the Attorney General

Chair Wakai and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General (Department) strongly supports this bill. The purpose of this bill is to clarify, revise, and update Hawaii's firearms laws to address the serious hazards to public health, safety, and welfare posed by firearms and gun violence. Like Senate Bill No. 1230, which the Committee heard and recommended passing last month, House Bill No. 984, H.D. 2, would help to maintain the longstanding public policy and legislative intent of chapter 134, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), amid a changing legal landscape following recent United States Supreme Court decisions.

For 170 years—since 1852—Hawai'i has protected public health and safety by carefully limiting who may carry guns in public. For decades, a system of discretionary licensing was used: the police departments would evaluate an applicant and decide whether there was a good reason why that person needed to carry a concealed firearm in public. This policy was preserved and supported across many different administrations and legislative sessions, and it played an important role in helping to reduce the risks of gun violence in our communities. Largely due to Hawaii's system of discretionary licenses, concealed weapons were not commonly carried in public in Hawai'i. Accordingly, there was not as great a need for some of the types of firearms laws that exist in many other states—for example, laws prohibiting carrying firearms in

“sensitive places” like schools, playgrounds, and government buildings, or laws prohibiting carrying a firearm in public while intoxicated.

In its June 2022 decision in *New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. Bruen*, 142 S. Ct. 2111 (2022), the United States Supreme Court held that discretionary licensing systems for carrying guns in public cannot be used going forward. The Supreme Court stated that the Second Amendment requires that state law must provide clear and objective criteria for when licenses to carry firearms in public will be granted. Moreover, after *Bruen*, the Second Amendment requires that if an applicant meets the statutory criteria that have been established by the state legislature, then a license to carry a concealed weapon in public “shall” be granted.

The Supreme Court’s *Bruen* decision represents a very significant and disruptive change for our State. In the wake of *Bruen*, many more people are applying for licenses to carry a firearm. Under *Bruen*, those licenses shall be granted unless there is an objective statutory basis requiring denial. This will result in a significant increase in the presence of firearms in public, with more individuals carrying concealed weapons in Hawai’i than ever before in our State’s history. This presents serious challenges for public health and safety. This bill is an effort to address these challenges in the post-*Bruen* legal landscape.

Gun violence presents an urgent public-health issue, and even after the Supreme Court’s decision in *Bruen*, there are still a number of important tools available to address the serious and increasing risks posed by firearms and gun violence. States have the authority to enact “a ‘variety’ of gun regulations,” *Bruen*, 142 S. Ct. at 2162 (Kavanaugh, J., concurring), such as prohibiting the carrying of firearms in sensitive locations and adopting laws to ensure that those who carry firearms are “law-abiding, responsible citizens.” *Id.* at 2133, 2138.

At a fundamental level, this bill is intended to do two things.

First, some existing provisions of chapter 134, HRS, can no longer be applied going forward, and should be reframed to address the immediate effects of the Supreme Court’s decision in *Bruen*. The bill would update and revise these provisions to preserve the intent and purpose of chapter 134, HRS, to the extent possible. For

example, the bill would clarify the legal standards and criteria that will be applied when a person applies for a license to carry a firearm in public.

Second, the bill identifies policies that we believe would help address the significant risks presented by the increased public carrying of firearms.

As explained in greater detail below, this bill would:

- Prohibit carrying or possessing a firearm in certain sensitive locations;
- Require a person stopped by a law enforcement officer to inform the law enforcement officer if they are carrying a concealed firearm;
- Prohibit leaving an unsecured firearm in a vehicle unattended;
- Prohibit people carrying a firearm from consuming alcohol, consuming a controlled substance, being under the influence of alcohol, or being under the influence of a controlled substance;
- Prohibit carrying or possessing a firearm on private property open to the public without authorization;
- Require the Department of the Attorney General to publish an annual report regarding licenses to carry firearms;
- Revise, clarify, and focus Hawaii's mental-health disqualification for firearms possession;
- Protect public safety by ensuring that firearms are not possessed or carried by those who lack the essential character or temperament necessary to be entrusted with a firearm;
- Add new education and training requirements for applicants for a license to carry a firearm in public;
- Clarify that when a permit to acquire a firearm or a license to carry a firearm is denied, the applicant should be given reasons for the denial and will have a right to a contested case hearing;
- Prohibit a person carrying a firearm in public pursuant to a license from carrying more than one firearm on their person at one time;
- Disqualify individuals who have been convicted of a violent misdemeanor crime or a crime relating to firearms from possessing firearms for 20 years

following the conviction and maintain Hawaii's lifetime prohibition on possessing firearms for persons convicted of a felony; and

- Adjust certain regulatory fees relating to firearms.

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The bill would prohibit carrying or possessing a firearm in certain sensitive locations (section 2, section 134-A, HRS, page 3, line 16, through page 9, line 13).

These include the following locations:

- State and local government buildings;
- Schools, colleges, and universities;
- Public or private hospitals, mental health facilities, nursing homes, clinics, medical offices, urgent care facilities, and other places at which medical or health services are customarily provided;
- Bars and restaurants serving alcohol;
- Stadiums, movie theaters, concert halls, and places at which a professional, collegiate, high school, amateur, or student sporting event is being held;
- Prisons and jails;
- Public libraries;
- Beaches, playgrounds, state monuments, and other state and county parks;
- Shelters and residential facilities serving unhoused persons or victims of domestic violence;
- Voting service centers and other polling places;
- Banks;
- Places, facilities, or vehicles used for public transportation or public transit, including buses, bus terminals (but not including bus stops located on public sidewalks), trains, rail stations, and airports;
- Amusement parks, aquariums, carnivals, circuses, fairs, museums, water parks, and zoos; and
- Any public gathering, public assembly, or special event conducted on property open to the public, including but not limited to a demonstration, march, rally, vigil,

protest, picketing, or other public assembly, that requires the issuance of a permit from a federal, state, or local government and the sidewalk or street immediately adjacent to the public gathering, public assembly, or special event and within one thousand feet from the public gathering, public assembly, or special event; provided that there are signs clearly and conspicuously posted at visible places along the perimeter of the public gathering, public assembly, or special event.

These provisions are intended to protect particularly sensitive locations from the risks of gun violence. These locations fall into three general categories: high-density locations; locations with vulnerable populations; and locations of governmental activity. Parking areas adjacent to the sensitive locations identified above are also deemed sensitive locations where possessing firearms is prohibited. These prohibitions do not apply to law enforcement and authorized security guards and are subject to various affirmative defenses.

The U.S. Supreme Court has made clear that the Second Amendment does not prohibit states from prohibiting carrying firearms in “sensitive locations.” The collection of sensitive locations defined in the bill is in line with the set of sensitive locations that a number of other states have identified in recent legislation. Although many states protect sensitive locations from firearms, Hawai‘i currently has no such law in place. We believe these provisions are legally appropriate and are grounded in longstanding history and tradition—as required by the legal test the Supreme Court established in *Bruen*.

This prohibition would not apply to law enforcement officers. See section 2, section 134-A(b), HRS, page 7, lines 3-4.

The bill would also amend chapter 706, HRS, by adding a new section that would establish enhanced sentencing provisions for carrying or possessing a firearm in sensitive locations when a person is not licensed under section 134-9, HRS. See section 3, page 15, lines 6-11.

The bill would require a person carrying a firearm in public pursuant to a license to maintain possession of the license and proof that the firearm being carried is properly registered (section 2, section 134-B(a), HRS, page 9, lines 14,

through page 10, line 4). This provision is intended to promote public safety by making sure that those who carry firearms pursuant to a license comply with registration and licensing requirements. Many states have established similar requirements for licensees.

The bill would require a person stopped by a law enforcement officer to inform the law enforcement officer if they are carrying a concealed firearm (section 2, section 134-B(b), HRS, page 10, lines 5-17). This provision is intended to protect the public, protect law-enforcement-officer safety, promote situational awareness during investigatory stops, and avoid the risks of escalation. Many states have already established similar public safety requirements. See, e.g., N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-415.11(a) (“[Licensee] shall carry the permit together with valid identification whenever the person is carrying a concealed handgun, shall disclose to any law enforcement officer that the person holds a valid permit and is carrying a concealed handgun when approached or addressed by the officer, and shall display both the permit and the proper identification upon the request of a law enforcement officer.”); Alaska Stat. Ann. § 11.61.220 (requiring that a person must “immediately inform the peace officer of [firearm] possession” if stopped).

The bill would prohibit leaving an unsecured firearm in a vehicle unattended (section 2, section 134-C, HRS, page 10, line 20, through page 11, line 17). A significant concern associated with the increased public carry of firearms is the increased risk of theft of firearms from automobiles. See Megan J. O’Toole et al., *Gun Thefts from Cars: The Largest Source of Stolen Guns*, Everytown Research & Policy (May 9, 2022), <https://everytownresearch.org/gun-thefts-from-cars-the-largest-source-of-stolen-guns> (reporting, based on FBI crime data, that “gun thefts from cars are now the largest source of stolen guns—one that continues rising in parallel with rising rates of gun sales and violence”).

Under this provision, a person leaving a firearm inside a vehicle unattended would be required to securely lock the firearm in a gun safe or other secure container within the vehicle that is out of sight from outside of the vehicle. This provision is similar to laws that have been enacted in a number of other states, including New York,

California, and Connecticut. See, e.g., N.Y. Penal Law § 265.45; Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 29-38g(a)(1) (“No person shall store or keep any pistol or revolver in any motor vehicle that is unattended unless such pistol or revolver is in the trunk, a locked safe or locked glove box.”); Cal. Pen. Code § 25140 (“[A] person shall, when leaving a handgun in an unattended vehicle, lock the handgun in the vehicle's trunk, lock the handgun in a locked container and place the container out of plain view, lock the handgun in a locked container that is permanently affixed to the vehicle's interior and not in plain view, or lock the handgun in a locked toolbox or utility box.”).

This provision would not apply to law enforcement officers. See section 2, section 134-C(c), HRS, page 11, lines 14-15.

The bill would prohibit people carrying a firearm from consuming alcohol, consuming a controlled substance, being under the influence of alcohol, or being under the influence of a controlled substance (section 2, section 134-D, HRS, page 11, line 18, through page 12, line 16). This provision is intended to combat the very serious public health risks that are presented when intoxicated persons carry or use firearms. Research demonstrates that “people who abuse alcohol or illicit drugs are at an increased risk of committing acts of violence,” and “[d]rug and alcohol use by domestic abusers has been strongly linked with the perpetration of fatal and non-fatal domestic violence.” D.W. Webster & J.S. Vernick, *Keeping Firearms from Drug and Alcohol Abusers*, 15 *Injury Prevention* 425 (2009); see also B.G. Carr et al., *A Randomised Controlled Feasibility Trial of Alcohol Consumption and the Ability to Appropriately Use a Firearm*, 15 *Injury Prevention* 409, 409 (2009) (concluding that “[i]ntoxicated subjects were less accurate, slower to fire in reaction time scenarios, and quicker to fire in scenarios requiring judgement relative to controls” and determining that “[a]n association between firearm injury and heavy alcohol consumption has been demonstrated”).

Notably, “studies consistently reported that alcohol use was significantly associated with the possession of firearms, the ownership of firearms, and the use of firearm as a suicide means, and that the association was stronger for heavy alcohol use.” Charles C. Branas et al., *Alcohol Use and Firearm Violence*, 38 *Epidemiologic*

Reviews 32, 43-44 (2016). Moreover, “an overwhelming proportion (70%) of [intimate-partner] homicide perpetrators were under the influence of substances when the crime occurred, . . . and the use of alcohol is a strong predictor of intimate terrorism of women.” Darryl W. Roberts, *Intimate Partner Homicide: Relationships to Alcohol and Firearms*, 25 J. Contemp. Crim. Just. 67, 70 (2009).

The majority of states either prohibit carrying a firearm while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance, prohibit carrying a firearm while consuming alcohol or a controlled substance, or both. Hawai‘i currently has no law prohibiting either.

The bill would prohibit carrying or possessing a firearm on private property open to the public without authorization (section 2, section 134-E, HRS, page 12, line 17, through page 14, line 4). The bill would create a “default rule” that a person may not carry firearms on other peoples’ private property without express permission of the owner or manager of the property. The purpose of this provision is to reduce the risks of gun violence on private property, to reduce the likelihood of armed confrontations, and to respect the right of private entities and property owners to decide for themselves whether to allow the carrying of firearms on their property.

This is similar to laws adopted in New York and New Jersey in 2022. See N.Y. Penal Law § 265.01-d(1) (“[a] person is guilty of criminal possession of a weapon in a restricted location when such person possesses a firearm, rifle, or shotgun and enters into or remains on or in private property where such person knows or reasonably should know that the owner or lessee of such property has not permitted such possession by clear and conspicuous signage indicating that the carrying of firearms, rifles, or shotguns on their property is permitted or has otherwise given express consent.”); N.J. Stat. Ann. § 2C:58-4.6(a)(24) (prohibiting carrying a firearm onto “private property, including but not limited to residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, institutional or undeveloped property, unless the owner has provided express consent or has posted a sign indicating that it is permissible to carry on the premises a concealed handgun”); see also Alaska Stat. § 11.61.220(a) (prohibiting possession of a firearm “that is concealed on the person within the residence of another person unless the person has

first obtained the express permission of an adult residing there to bring a concealed deadly weapon within the residence”).

Under this provision, an owner or operator of private property may signify authorization for others to carry a firearm on their property by providing written or verbal authorization, or by posting a conspicuous sign indicating that carrying or possessing a firearm is authorized. To be subject to this provision, the private property must be “open to the public”—this includes places like malls, hotels, other retail establishments, etc.

Consistent with this provision, survey data indicates that most people would prefer that the default rule be that guns should not be carried on others’ private property without their express consent. As one recent study found, “a substantial and statistically significant majority of Americans reject the default right to carry weapons onto other people’s residences, unoccupied rural land, retail establishments and businesses.” Ian Ayres & Spurthi Jonnalagadda, *Guests with Guns: Public Support for “No Carry” Defaults on Private Land*, 48 *Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics* 183, 189 (2020).

In light of the above, it appears that of the two possible alternatives for a rule like this—(1) a rule allowing the concealed carrying of firearms on others’ private property unless the property owners take affirmative steps to expressly deny consent or (2) a rule that prohibits concealed carry of firearms on others’ private property unless property owners expressly grant consent—most people would prefer option (2). As noted above, a central purpose of this provision is to protect the important right of owners and operators of private property to decide for themselves whether they want to allow other people to carry firearms on their property.

The bill would require the Department of the Attorney General to publish an annual report regarding licenses to carry firearms (section 2, section 134-F, HRS, page 14, through 15, line 2).

The bill would revise, clarify, and focus Hawaii’s mental-health disqualification for firearms possession (section 7, section 134-7(c), HRS, page 33, line 7, through page 34, line 20). Currently, section 134-7(c)(3), HRS, prohibits persons “diagnosed as having a significant behavioral, emotional, or mental disorders [sic] as defined by the most current diagnostic manual of the American Psychiatric

Association or for treatment for organic brain syndromes” from possessing firearms. The bill would replace the current disqualifier provision with a new provision establishing that a person shall not possess a firearm if they have been “diagnosed with or treated for a medical, behavioral, psychological, emotional, or mental condition or disorder that causes or is likely to cause impairment in judgment, perception, or impulse control to an extent that presents an unreasonable risk to public health, safety, or welfare if the person were in possession or control of a firearm or ammunition[.]” The proposed revision is intended to update the statutory language to create a more targeted provision that focuses on reducing risks to public welfare. Additionally, the term “organic brain syndrome” is no longer commonly used. See, e.g., Donald W. Black, M.D. & Jon E. Grant, M.D., M.P.H., J.D., *The Essential Companion to the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition* 360 (2014).

The wording of this provision is similar to an analogous Texas statute. See Tex. Gov’t Code § 411.172(d) (disqualification for license to carry based on “diagnos[is] by a licensed physician as suffering from a psychiatric disorder or condition that causes or is likely to cause substantial impairment in judgment, mood, perception, impulse control, or intellectual ability”).

The bill would protect public safety by ensuring that firearms are not possessed or carried by those who lack the essential character or temperament necessary to be entrusted with a firearm (section 5, page 23, line 20, through page 25, line 9, and section 8, page 40, lines 1-3; page 41, lines 4-6; and page 49, line 1, through page 50, line 1). The bill provides that “[i]n determining whether a person lacks the essential character or temperament necessary to be entrusted with a firearm, the issuing authority shall consider whether the person poses a danger of causing a self-inflicted bodily injury or unlawful injury to another person, as evidenced by:

- (1) Information from a healthcare provider indicating that the person has had suicidal or homicidal thoughts or tendencies within the preceding five years;
- (2) Statements by the person indicating dangerousness or violent animus towards one or more individuals or groups, including but not limited to groups

based on race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion, or other characteristic, of a nature or to an extent that would objectively indicate to a reasonable observer that it would not be in the interest of the public health, safety, or welfare for the person to own, possess, or control a firearm or ammunition; or

(3) Other information that would lead a reasonable, objective observer to conclude that the person presents a danger to the community or intends or is likely to use a firearm for an unlawful purpose or in an unlawful manner.”

The bill would add new education and training requirements for applicants for a license to carry a firearm in public (section 8, section 134-9, HRS, page 43, lines 12-17, and page 45, line 19, through page 47, line 11). This includes components on firearm safety, firearm handling, shooting technique, safe storage, legal methods to transport firearms and secure firearms in vehicles, laws governing places in which persons are prohibited from carrying a firearm, firearm usage in low-light situations, situational awareness and conflict management, and laws governing firearms, including information regarding the circumstances in which deadly force may be used for self-defense or the defense of another, mental health and mental health resources, as well as a live-fire shooting exercise on a firing range, with a demonstration by the applicant of safe handling of (and shooting proficiency with) each firearm that the applicant is applying to be licensed to carry in public. Increased education and training is expected to play an important role in mitigating risks associated with the public carry of firearms. This provision is intended to align with recent reforms in several other states.

The bill would also adjust the duration of a license to carry a firearm from one year to four years. See Section 8, section 134-7(m), HRS, page 52, lines 11-12 (providing that “[u]nless renewed, a concealed or unconcealed license shall expire four years from the date of issue”).

The bill also provides that a concealed carry license is valid throughout the State, rather than being valid only in the particular county in which it was issued. See Section 8, section 134-9(a), HRS, page 39, line 3, through page 40, line 8.

The bill would clarify that when a permit to acquire a firearm or a license to carry a firearm is denied, the applicant should be given reasons for the denial and will have a right to a contested case hearing (section 5, section 134-2(i) and (k), HRS, page 29, lines 13, through page 30, line 4, and page 31, lines 8-19, and section 8, section 134-9 (j) and (k), HRS, page 50, line 9, through page 51, line 17). This is intended to ensure efficient and fair administrative processes for applicants.

The bill would prohibit a person carrying a firearm in public pursuant to a license from carrying more than one firearm on their person at one time (section 8, section 134-9(r), HRS, page 54, line 3-7). This provision is intended to address the risks to public health and safety associated with carrying multiple firearms in public without impairing the ability of a law-abiding, responsible individual to engage in effective self-defense with a firearm.

The bill would disqualify individuals who have been convicted of a non-felony crime relating to firearms from possessing firearms for 20 years following the conviction (section 7, section 134-7(h), HRS, page 38, lines 7-16). Under current law, felonies and a small number of other violent crimes result in an indefinite disqualification from possessing firearms. The bill would modestly expand the set of crimes that trigger a disqualification from firearms ownership, and establish a category of firearms crimes that also, upon conviction, result in a disqualification from firearms possession. These provisions are intended to reduce the risks to public health and safety posed by armed individuals who have a track record of dangerous criminal conduct—rather than being responsible, law-abiding gun owners. The core purpose is to ensure that those who carry guns are responsible, law-abiding gun owners. With respect to misdemeanor convictions, the bill would revise the length of the firearms prohibition associated with such convictions from an indefinite disqualification to a 20-year disqualification. In other states, qualifying misdemeanor convictions generally result in prohibitions on firearms possession that range from 3-20 years. The bill would maintain Hawaii's indefinite prohibition on firearms possession by felons, which parallels federal law.

The bill would adjust certain regulatory fees relating to firearms (section 8, section 134-9(i), HRS, page 50, lines 5-8, and section 8, section 134-9(q), HRS, page 53, line 9, through page 54, line 2). The bill would provide for a nonrefundable fee of \$150 for an application to carry a firearm pursuant to section 134-9, HRS, and would establish a nonrefundable fee of \$50 for a license renewal application under section 134-9, HRS. These revisions are warranted because the prior fee (\$10 for a license issued under section 134-9, HRS) was set decades ago and it should be adjusted to reflect inflation and increased costs, including costs associated with background checks and investigations and additional procedures established in this bill. These fees shall be chargeable by and payable to the appropriate county and shall be used for expenses related to police services.

These fees are comparable to fees established in a number of other states. See, e.g., N.J. Stat. Ann. § 2C:58-4 (New Jersey: “[e]ach application [for a permit to carry handguns] shall be accompanied by a \$200 application fee”); Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 140, § 131(i) (Massachusetts: “[t]he fee for the application [to carry a firearm] shall be \$100, which shall be payable to the licensing authority and shall not be prorated or refunded in case of revocation or denial”); Okla. Stat. tit. 21, §§ 1290.5 and 1290.12 (Oklahoma: \$100 application fee and \$85 renewal fee); Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-1351 (Tennessee: \$100 application fee).

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As outlined above, the Department strongly supports this bill. The bill would help to maintain the longstanding public policy and legislative intent of chapter 134, HRS, amid a changing legal landscape following recent United States Supreme Court decisions.

Thank you for your consideration of this measure.



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

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Legislative Testimony

Hō'ike Mana'o I Mua O Ka 'Aha'ōlelo

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
March 17, 2023 at 3:02 p.m.

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HB 984 HD2 – RELATING TO FIREARMS

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

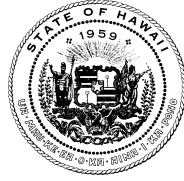
Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 984 HD2, which, among other things, prohibits the carrying or possessing a firearm in certain locations and premises, including any public or private community college, college, or university, and adjacent parking areas, including but not limited to buildings, classrooms, laboratories, artistic venues, athletic fields or venues. The University of Hawai'i (UH) supports the intent of HB 984 HD2 and this provision in particular. UH respectfully requests the following amendment.

UH recommends an amendment to Section 2 of the measure which identifies certain locations and premises where the possession of a firearm is prohibited. On page 5 subparagraph (7), the UH requests that “**research facilities**” also be added to the prohibited areas at any university or college.

UH has educational, research and cooperative extension locations across the state which are not physically located or adjacent to a campus but provide a wide array of research and education to UH students as well as the general public.

In light of the frequency of mass shootings, increasing reports of gunshots, and the availability of guns that heighten the risk for suicide on college campuses across the U.S., the risk and scope of gun violence has taken an enormous toll on students and employees sense of safety on campus.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this issue.



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SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

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H.B. 984 H.D.2 RELATING TO FIREARMS

To: Sen. Glenn Wakai, Chair
Sen. Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety
and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) **supports** H.B. 984 H.D.2 and offers the following comments on this measure which relates to the possession and carrying of firearms.

This bill would prohibit carrying or possessing a firearm at any public library, including adjacent parking lots. For clarity, HSPLS respectfully requests that this description be amended to include all public library property, buildings, facilities, meeting rooms, and spaces used for community programming, including adjacent parking lots.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on H.B. 984 H.D.2.

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TESTIMONY OF J. ROGER MORTON
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC SAFETY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Friday, March 17, 2023, 3:02 PM, Via Videoconference

TO: Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair, Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

RE: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 984, HOUSE DRAFT 2, RELATING TO FIREARMS

The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) of the City and County of Honolulu (City) **strongly supports** House Bill 984, House Draft 2, relating to firearms.

DTS fully agrees with including public transit vehicles and facilities in the prohibited locations to carry or possess a firearm. DTS respectfully requests a couple of additions to the list in subsection §134-A (a)(13). Please add "paratransit vans" and "shelters," which are more defined structures than bus stops, so that it reads:

- (13) Any place, facility, or vehicle used for public transportation or public transit, and adjacent parking areas, including but not limited to buses, paratransit vans, bus shelters and terminals (but not including bus stops located on public sidewalks), trains, rail stations, or airports;

Thank you for your consideration of our additions and for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 8:15:50 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Judith White	Testifying for Moms Demand Action	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This legislation is ESSENTIAL to keeping Hawaii one of the safest states in the country related to gun safety. We know from solid research that fewer guns=less gun violence. Please support this bill.

With much Aloha,

Judith C. White, Psy. D., Mom, Tutu, Psychologist, HI chapter Moms Demand Action
Kapaa



March 17, 2023 at 3:02 pm
Conference Room 225

Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

To: Chair Glenn Wakai
Vice Chair Brandon J.C. Elefante

From: Robert Choy, MPH
Director, Post-Acute Care
Healthcare Association of Hawaii

Re: **Support**
HB 984 HD 2, Relating to Firearms

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii (HAH), established in 1939, serves as the leading voice of healthcare on behalf of 170 member organizations who represent almost every aspect of the healthcare continuum in Hawaii. Members include acute care hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, home health agencies, hospices, assisted living facilities and durable medical equipment suppliers. In addition to providing access to appropriate, affordable, high-quality care to all of Hawaii's residents, our members contribute significantly to Hawaii's economy by employing over 30,000 people statewide.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide **support** for this measure, specifically in identifying healthcare facilities as a sensitive space. Healthcare providers hold a unique space in our society—they are called upon to treat those who are victims of violence, while also ensuring that their premises are kept safe from those who wish to do harm.

We have heard stories from our members over the years about their need to increase security on their campuses to ensure that dangerous weapons are not brought in to cause harm. This takes an incredible amount of resources and vigilance. It is also not foolproof—we have seen in many states the tragic consequences of weapons such as firearms being brought into hospitals and nursing homes, with some documented cases of providers being killed while on the job.

The legislature's efforts to protect Hawaii residents with regard to recent legal rulings is deeply appreciated, and protecting our healthcare workers and patients must remain a top priority in any legislation to identify sensitive places.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our support for this measure.



Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks! is a nonpartisan 501c4 nonprofit committed to advocating for children and their families. Our core issues are safety, health, and education.

To: Senator Wakai, Chair
Senator Elefante, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

Re: HB984 HD2, relating to firearms
3:02 p.m., Mar. 17, 2023

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante and committee members:

On behalf of Hawai'i Children's Action Network (HCAN) Speaks!, mahalo for the opportunity to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT** of House Bill 984 HD2, relating to firearms.

It is estimated that **nationally 7 children per day died from firearms in 2021**.¹ Communities of color face this crisis even more acutely. Children and youth from black, brown and indigenous communities have died from firearms at a rate greater than their white counterparts.²

Gun violence's harm is pervasive. Every day children and youth witness gun violence in their communities and homes. Exposure to violence can have significant impacts on young children. **When children witness gun violence, and violence in general, it impacts children's mental and physical well-being.** We cannot overstate how much more acute this response is for our youngest keiki. Even when young children were less likely to witness gun violence, they were "more likely to feel high fear, sadness and upset when they did."³

HB984 is critical for our children to be safe, healthy and thriving. In particular, we appreciate the prohibition of firearms in schools, child care facilities, playgrounds and parks. **We want children and their families to feel most safe in the places kids go to grow, learn and be nurtured.**

Mahalo,
Ke'ōpū Reelitz
Director of Early Learning and Health Policy

¹ Panchal, Nirmita, [The Impact of Gun Violence on Children and Adolescents](#), Kaiser Family Foundation.

² Id.

³ Mitchell, K., Jones, L., Turner, H., Beseler, C., Hamby, S. & Wade Jr., R, "Understanding the Impact of Seeing Gun Violence and Hearing Gunshots in Public Places: Findings from the Youth Firearm Risk and Safety Study," *Journal of Interpersonal Violence* 1-17, 10. <https://www.unh.edu/ccrc/sites/default/files/media/2022-03/understanding-the-impact-of-seeing-gun-violence-and-hearing-gunshots-in-public-places-findings-from-the-youth-firearm-risk-and-safety-study.pdf>

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Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Barbara Gomes	Testifying for Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense Hawaii Chapter	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a resident of Oahu. As both a parent and an educator, I have become very concerned about keeping our Hawaii Nei one of the safest states in the country. Please support this bill so we have clear boundaries statewide. Guns surely do not belong at playgrounds, parks, schools, churches and many other places, but without this bill, anyone who gets a concealed carry permit can bring hidden guns into those places.

Additionally, guns and alcohol should never mix. This bill will make it clear that people carrying guns in public cannot bring their guns to bars or restaurants serving alcohol.

Thank you VERY much for your careful consideration of this important bill.



Testimony of Deb Nehmad, Chapter lead, Brady Hawaii
Before the Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental Affairs
SUPPORT FOR HB984 HD2

March 17, 2023

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

In furtherance of BradyUnited'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 HB984 HD2.

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
- Every 7 days, someone in Hawaii is shot and killed.
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It's clear that work remains to be done, and in the wake of the Supreme Court's (SCOTUS) decision in *NYSRPA v. Bruen*, which invalidated parts of Hawaii's concealed carry licensing provision, it is imperative that immediate action be taken. The passage of HB984 HD2 is a significant step in the right direction to ensure the safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors.

Why This Bill is Needed

As of December 22, 2022, over 600 people in Honolulu reportedly applied for concealed carry permits following the release of the *Bruen* decision in June. As of March 15, 2023, HPD had issued 60 permits to 51 applicants with no limitations in place on where guns can be carried. We can only expect thousands more applications statewide. In a State that had not issued any concealed carry permits for decades, this is a jarring number and absent action, those living and visiting Hawaii will be faced with a reality where guns are everywhere.

Research shows that if Hawaii does not act immediately to implement comprehensive and robust provisions to enhance its concealed carry permitting system, its citizens will face higher risks of homicide, gun theft, and gun violence. A rigorous study of concealed carry laws found that in states with weak concealed carry laws, violent crime rates rose 13% to 15% after ten years. A recent study conducted by the Center for Gun Violence Solutions analyzed the impact of weakened conceal carry permitting systems on violent crimes. The study found that states that loosened their concealed carry permitting systems (and failed to enact the very licensing requirements that Hawaii seeks to introduce in HB984 HD2) saw a 9.5% increase in firearm related assaults over a decade. In the interest of protecting its citizens, passage of HB984 HD2 will ensure the entire State has a standardized and robust concealed carry permitting system.

The Supreme Court in *Bruen* leaves it up to State and local legislatures to restrict the use of firearms in certain “sensitive places,” including schools and government buildings. HB984 HD2 is consistent with SCOTUS case law. It’s important to note at the outset that the Supreme Court in *Bruen* made it clear that its holding was “neither a regulatory straight jacket nor a regulatory blank check,” and that restrictions on guns in sensitive places are still permissible, so long as they are objective.

Passage of HB984 HD2 will help Hawaii maintain its standing as one of the safest states in the country by ensuring that the State enhances and standardizes its concealed carry permitting/ licensing requirements and broadens its sensitive place restrictions.

What The Bill Does

HB984 HD2 ensures that those who are carrying firearms in public have proper licensing, adequate training, and are not at risk of harming themselves or others. It maintains Hawaii's requirement for comprehensive background checks for applicants for concealed carry licenses. Under this bill, an applicant could not qualify for a license to carry a firearm if they have any history of threats or acts of violence by the applicant directed toward themselves or others. Further, the bill prohibits the issuing authority from granting a license where the issuance would not be in the interest of public health, safety, or welfare because the person is found to be lacking the essential character or temperament necessary to be entrusted with a firearm and establishes objective criteria for making that assessment. Additionally, the bill introduces a training requirement that involves live-fire instruction and demonstration of safe handling of, and shooting proficiency with, each firearm the applicant is applying to be licensed to carry.

HB984 HD2 further outlines "sensitive places" where firearms cannot be carried, including child-care facilities and other places frequented by children, city-owned buildings or offices, all forms of public transportation (except as provided for by State or federal law), voter service centers, and first amendment expressive spaces, like rallies and marches. Within this legislation, each sensitive place has been evaluated in terms of their individual characteristics. The nature of the activities taking place in each of these locations as well as the presence of certain vulnerable populations warrant each location's classification as a sensitive place. It would be illogical to deem a swath of locations "not sensitive," simply because the list seems too long. These are all areas where restricting the concealed carry of firearms only serves to benefit the health and safety of those living in and visiting Hawaii.

These essential safety measures –improvement to the concealed carry permitting system and the creation of sensitive place restrictions – pass constitutional muster. As noted above, the Supreme Court in *Bruen* made clear that its holding was "neither a regulatory straightjacket nor a regulatory blank check," and that restrictions on guns in sensitive places are still permissible, so long as they are objective. It would be illogical to deem a swath of locations "not sensitive," simply because the list seems too long.

Conclusion

The provisions of HB984 HD2 are consistent with *Bruen* and pass constitutional muster. Considering the SCOTUS decision, immediate action must be taken in Hawaii to enhance the concealed carry licensing system. By implementing comprehensive provisions that will prevent reckless and dangerous people from carrying concealed firearms and designating safe spaces where concealed carry will not be allowed, Hawaii will keep its public spaces safe from the threat of senseless firearm violence. **For these reasons, Brady Hawaii strongly encourages the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs to vote YES on HB984 HD2.**

Sincerely,

Deb Nehmad
Chapter Lead, Brady Hawaii
The Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence



March 16, 2023

Aloha, Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Committee Members:

My name is Erica Yamauchi, and I live and work in the Kaimukī area. As a gun violence survivor, business owner, mother of two children in public schools, and adjunct faculty member at the University of Hawai'i, **I'm writing today in strong support of House Bill 984.**

I don't want to wonder whether someone is carrying a gun when they come into our family's business, every time I go into a boutique or restaurant on Wai'alae Avenue, or when we take our children to the beach. The idea that concealed guns could be in these places makes me feel less safe in our community.

Our low incidence of gun violence here in the islands hasn't been by accident.

Here in Hawai'i, we had a strong law in place to make sure people weren't carrying firearms in public unless they had a specific need to do so. Our state law used to require that people had to prove they had an "exceptional" reason to fear injury to themselves or their property before they could get a license to carry a gun in public. Because of this state law, we haven't had guns in public places – which means we've had far lower risk of tense situations escalating into gunfire and fewer risks of guns being used for intimidation, or accidentally being fired, in public spaces.

When the Supreme Court struck down a New York law that was like Hawai'i's law, we no longer have that protective measure in place, and unfortunately, we can expect to see more guns in more places very soon.

The Supreme Court's Bruen decision opened up the floodgates for the possibility that more people will be carrying more guns all around Hawai'i. Hawai'i urgently needs to address this risk by passing a new laws that set clear requirements on *who* is, and is not, qualified to carry a gun in public; *how* our county chiefs of police can vet people applying to carry a gun in public; and *where* people who get permits to carry guns in public can and can't bring those guns.

For example, we need to make sure we don't let people carry guns in public if they've had a recent history of violent and/or threatening behavior, or have been recently cited for being reckless with firearms.

We need to require that people carrying guns in public must have been trained on the specific types of issues that come up when carrying a gun outside the home. This should include how to store their guns safely in cars so more stolen guns don't end up on the street, where they can and can't carry their guns, and when they can and can't legally use lethal force in self-defense.

We need to make sure law enforcement has the right information and authority to identify and deny public carry permits to people who pose a heightened public safety risk.

People applying for carry permits should be carefully evaluated based on objective criteria to ensure fairness and uniformity in the process. With more people now eligible to get permits to carry guns in public, we need to set clear boundaries on where they can and can't bring those guns.

Guns don't belong at playgrounds, parks nor schools, but without this bill, anyone who gets a concealed carry permit can currently bring hidden guns into those places.

Furthermore, it's common sense that guns and alcohol should never mix. This bill will make it clear that people carrying guns in public cannot bring their guns to bars or restaurants serving alcohol.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Erica Yamauchi".

Erica Yamauchi
Statewide Co-Lead, Hawai'i Chapter

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 2:08:32 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

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

Comments:

IN SUPPORT

Indivisible Hawaii supports HB984 HD2.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 10:21:27 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

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

Comments:

Hawaii Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence and its more than 800 supporters strongly backs HB984 HD2. This measure is critically important to maintain the safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors. HB984 HD2 does an excellent job, setting clear requirements as to who is, and is not, eligible to carry a gun in public and where people who obtain permits can and cannot carry guns in public spaces. Further, it sets out how county chiefs of police can make sure that permits for concealed carry weapons are approved only after a fair and thorough background and mental health review.

Please vote for HB984 HD2. Thank you.



**TESTIMONY OF TINA YAMAKI, PRESIDENT
RETAIL MERCHANTS OF HAWAII
March 17, 2023
Re: HB 984 HD2 Relating to Firearms**

Good afternoon, Chair Wakai and members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs. I am Tina Yamaki, President of the Retail Merchants of Hawaii and I appreciate this opportunity to testify.

The Retail Merchants of Hawaii was founded in 1901 and is a statewide, not for profit trade organization committed to supporting the growth and development of the retail industry in Hawaii. Our membership includes small mom & pop stores, large box stores, resellers, luxury retail, department stores, shopping malls, on-line sellers, local, national, and international retailers, chains, and everyone in between.

We are in support of HB 984 HD2 Relating to Firearms. This measure prohibits firearms in certain locations and premises and provides for enhanced sentencing; requires possession and disclosure of a license to carry; prohibits leaving an unsecured firearm in a vehicle unattended; prohibits consuming or being under the influence of alcohol, an intoxicating liquor, or a controlled substance when carrying a firearm; prohibits carrying or possessing firearms on certain private property open to the public without express authorization; requires annual reports from the department of the attorney general on carry licenses; amends the requirements for, and revocation of, firearms permits and licenses; amends the disqualification of persons from owning, possessing, or controlling a firearm. Expands the qualified immunity for health care providers who provide information on firearms applicants to include physician assistants and advanced practice registered nurses.

We would like to request that Retailers also be included as a sensitive place. We understand that Retail would be included as a commercial business. However, we would like to make it clear that the public carrying concealed firearms is not allowed at retail locations.

We would like to point out that on any given day there are large public gathering of shoppers at retail stores and shopping malls. It would be hard to enforce if one store allows conceal and carry and another one does not.

On a daily basis, retailers continue to be hard hit by thieves who shoplift and try to fight back with employees or good Samaritans when confronted. Shoplifters are becoming more aggressive when fighting back. Our major concern is that there is someone who wants to be “the hero” and tries to shoot the shoplifter, misses and a customer or employee is injured, or the shoplifter tries to shoot his way out of being caught. **We want our customers and employees to feel safe to come to work and shop in our stores. Without shoppers there would be no retail brick and mortar stores and if retail stores close due to lack of customers, there will be less people working.**

Active shooters are prevalent in malls across the United States. In 2022 alone, there were active shooter incidents in malls that include but not limited to Mall of America, Westfield Garden State Plaza, Beverly Hill Center, Greenwood Park Mall, Columbia Mall, Inland Center Mall, Stanford's Shopping Center, Atlantic Station mall, Scottsdale Fashion Square Shopping mall, Eastridge Mall, Ellenton Premium Outlets, Tysons Corner Center, Stanford Shopping Center, Inland Shopping Center, Macomb Mall, Jefferson Mall, Kings Plaza Shopping Center, and the Irving Mall. And while these malls are on the mainland and not in Hawaii, our state must remain vigilant and not think “It won't happen here.” Again, **we don't want someone to think they are going to be “the Hero” or go viral on social media for trying to take down an active shooter and then shooting a customer or employee instead.** Not everyone who has a conceal and carry permit will be a weapon's expert. It is our understanding that at a firing range is very different than put in a live situation. In a live situation, most people's adrenaline is heightened, reactions are instantaneous and mistakes can be made. **Unlike video games, there is no reset or do over when someone gets shot.**

Mahalo again for this opportunity to testify.



HAWAI'I STATE
**COALITION AGAINST
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

March 17, 2023

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. Angus L.K. McKelvey
Sen. Brenton Awa

Re: HB984 HD2 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 28 member programs statewide, we respectfully submit testimony in **strong support of HB984 HD1 and suggest an amendment that would protect nonprofit organization program sites**. This measure would have a profound impact on public safety, survivors of domestic violence, their children, and the organizations that serve them.

We respectfully suggest amending lines 16-18 on page 5, to read:

(10) Any shelter, ~~or~~ residential or programmatic facility operated by a government entity or a charitable organization serving unhoused persons or victims of domestic violence and/or children, including children involved in the juvenile justice system, and including adjacent parking areas;

Many domestic violence programs provide services to survivors outside of a shelter setting. Those programmatic sites prove counseling, supervised child visitation, and exchange and advocacy services. 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%.



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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Additionally, more than half of women killed by gun violence are killed by family members or intimate partners.¹

And the trend is worsening: in the ten-year period between 2008 and 2017, intimate partner homicides of women involving guns increased by 15 percent.² Adults are not the only victims. [On March 4, 2022, a father under a restraining order killed his three daughters during a court-ordered family visitation](#) at a church.³

We must create safe spaces where survivors of domestic violence are free to heal and seek help after traumatic events. Prohibiting the public carrying of firearms in these spaces is paramount to creating this healing environment without the threat of harm, revictimization, or re-traumatization.

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

Sincerely,
Angelina Mercado, Executive Director

¹ 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

² 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](#). Data from this study were obtained by Everytown from the author James Alan Fox directly over email dated October 1, 2019 for this analysis.

³ <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/03/02/us/sacramento-church-shooting.html>



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A LIMITED LIABILITY LAW PARTNERSHIP

DATE: March 16, 2023

TO: Senator Glenn Wakai
Chair, Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

FROM: Mihoko Ito / Tiffany Yajima

RE: **H.B. 984, H.D. 2 - Relating to Firearms**
Hearing Date: March 17, 2023 at 3:02 p.m.
Conference Room: 225 & Videoconference

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

We submit this testimony on behalf of the Hawaii Bankers Association (HBA). HBA represents seven Hawai'i banks and one bank from the continent with a branch in Hawai'i.

HBA submits this testimony in **support** of H.B. 984, H.D. 2 which, among other things, establishes the crime of carrying a firearm in prohibited locations and defines a list of locations.

In June 2022, the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen* impacted many conceal carry laws by opening the door for municipalities and states to define sensitive places where concealed weapons could be prohibited. Since this decision, many municipalities and states have been deliberating over and passing legislation to prohibit concealed firearms in sensitive locations.

We support the inclusion of financial institutions as one of the locations where concealed carry weapons would be prohibited. Given the elevated risk of danger in bank crimes that involve firearms, it makes good policy sense and is appropriate to restrict concealed firearms on bank premises.

We are happy to answer any questions, and appreciate the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.



Submitted via web portal

RE: HB 984 (Saiki): Relating to Firearms - SUPPORT

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante and Members of the Committee:

Everytown for Gun Safety, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, and Students Demand Action for Gun Sense in America are writing in strong support of HB 984.

Everytown is the largest gun violence prevention organization in the country with nearly 10 million supporters including moms, mayors, survivors and everyday Americans who are fighting for public safety measures that respect the Second Amendment and help save lives. At the core of Everytown are Mayors Against Illegal Guns, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America and the Everytown Survivor Network.

Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America is a grassroots movement of Americans fighting for public safety measures that respect the Second Amendment and protect people from gun violence. Moms Demand Action campaigns for new and stronger solutions to lax gun laws and loopholes that jeopardize the safety of our children and families. 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.

The Supreme Court's June 2022 decision in [*New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. Bruen*](#) invalidated New York's requirement that applicants seeking a license to carry a concealed handgun in public show "proper cause"—jeopardizing public safety in Hawai'i and other states with similar laws. The Court's decision is wrong, dangerous, and completely out of step with centuries of history and fundamental constitutional principles.

With a rate of 3.8 deaths per 100,000 people, Hawai'i has [one of the lowest rates of gun deaths](#) in the U.S. This is no accident—Hawai'i has the [third strongest set of gun safety laws in the country](#). Hawai'i is a national leader in gun violence prevention policy and has a long history of passing common-sense gun laws.

However, the Court's decision risks compromising those hard-won gains by making it easier for more people to carry concealed guns in Hawai'i communities and likely leading to significantly more guns in public places. In the first three months after the Court's decision, [more than 500 people](#) across the state had applied for permits. Data out of Maryland, which is similarly affected by the *Bruen* decision, shows that from June 23-July 11, people submitted 5,314 new applications for wear and carry permits—a 772.6% increase from the same time the prior year. As our nation continues to experience horrific mass shootings, an onslaught of daily gun violence, and a spike in hateful armed extremism, more people carrying guns in public is the absolute last thing we need.

Let's be clear—strong concealed carry permit systems save lives. One report found that when states weaken law enforcement's authority to deny permits to people who pose a danger, violent crime rates rise by 13 to 15 percent over what would have been expected without the change¹ and firearm homicides increase by 7 percent in urban counties.² Another report found that adopting a shall-issue law in general is associated with a 9.5% increase in the rate of firearm assaults. Researchers also found that states that have shall-issue laws without any provisions such as violent misdemeanor prohibitions, live fire requirements, suitability requirements, or dangerousness prohibitions in their shall-issue concealed carry permitting laws see rates of firearm assault and firearm homicide that were 22% and 30% higher than would be expected with these provisions.³

By requiring Hawai'i to eliminate its "exceptional case" standard for concealed carry permitting, *Bruen* completely upended centuries of precedent and made all Hawai'i residents less safe in the process. Thankfully, the Court made clear that states are still allowed to require a license to carry a firearm in public, and expressly declined to interfere with the public carry regimes of the overwhelming majority of states—including those that require firearm training and deny permits to applicants who officials find pose a danger to public safety. The Court also reaffirmed that the exercise of discretion by licensing authorities in order to deny licenses to those who might pose a risk to public safety is permissible, so long as the law provides narrow, objective, and definite standards to guide licensing officials in determining whether an applicant is responsible and not dangerous.

HB 984 will strengthen Hawai'i's concealed carry license system in a number of key ways in response to the Court's decision. It will ensure that licenses to carry a loaded gun in public are not granted to people who are determined to be a danger to self or others based on a thorough background check and will prohibit guns from sensitive areas where they don't belong. It will also improve training requirements for concealed carry to ensure license-holders can properly handle, store, and transport a firearm, and know where guns are not allowed.

For these reasons listed above, Everytown for Gun Safety, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, and Students Demand Action for Gun Sense in America strongly support HB 984.

Sincerely,

Sarah Sumadi

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¹ John J. Donohue, Abhay Aneja, and Kyle D. Weber, "Right-to-carry Laws and Violent Crime: A Comprehensive Assessment Using Panel Data and a State-Level Synthetic Control Analysis," *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies* 16, no. 2 (2019): 198-247.

² Cassandra K. Crifasi, et al, "Correction to: Association Between Firearm Laws and Homicide in Urban Counties," *Journal of Urban Health* 95, no. 5 (2018): 773-76.

³ Mitchell L Doucette, Alexander D McCourt, Cassandra K Crifasi, and Daniel W Webster, "Impact of Changes to Concealed Carry Weapons Laws on Fatal and Nonfatal Violent Crime, 1980-2019", *American Journal of Epidemiology*, 2022;, kwac160, <https://doi.org/10.1093/aje/kwac16>



The Heller Foundation
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March 16, 2023

The Honorable Kyle T. Yamashita
Chair, Committee on Finance
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa and distinguished members of the Hawai'i House Committee on Finance,

On behalf of myself, Dick Heller and The Heller Foundation, we respectfully submit testimony strongly **AGAINST HB 984 (D2)** and encourage all elected officials vote 'no' on this unconstitutional bill.

My name is Kristie Joy Tertel and I am the National Director of Legislative Policy at The Heller Foundation. Dick Heller saved my life. As a single, small-statured young woman in America, Heller philanthropy educated me on the importance of a gun being the great equalizer. This is my story.



Prior to becoming a gun owner, I had been beaten into an a coma six times and was found left for dead in a Baltimore, Maryland dumpster by an abusive (now) ex-boyfriend. When I started speaking-out about surviving domestic violence, to silence and scare me- my ex then served me with a 'peace order' that took months and \$6,000 to overturn. Two years later, I was violently drugged and sexually by a retired Navy SEAL who remains AWOL. I have survived every single 'gun control' argument in the book.

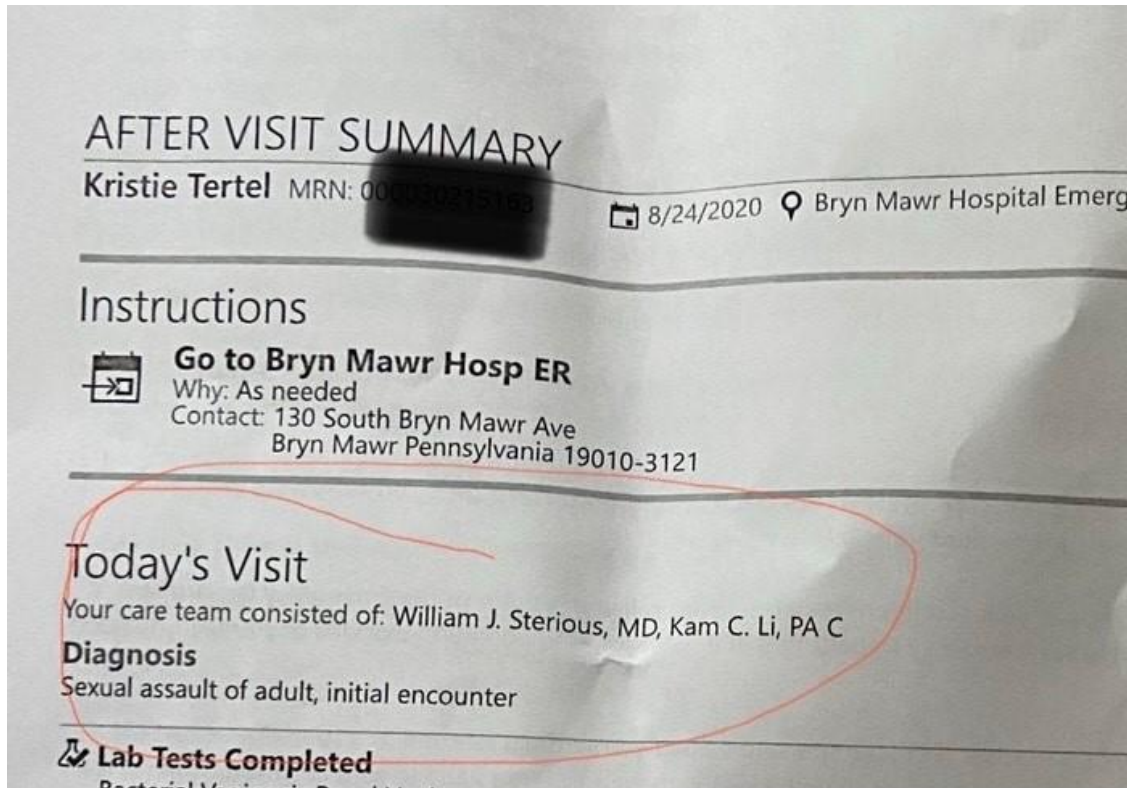


Currently, due to my human right to self country, I have over extremely violent and/or suffer from mental illness. I get death threats weekly.

advocacy work in the defense across the 40 stalkers, most are convicted felons severe, untreated

HB984 seeks to disenfranchise the most vulnerable members of the community and, if, passed, provides an immediate threat to survivors, like myself, of domestic violence as it prevents our ability to arm ourselves. The human right to self defense affords women throughout Hawaii the FREEDOM to feel safe in all public and private places throughout both training and firearms ownership. My gun is the tool I now use to EMPOWER MYSELF. Please don't make me a victim AGAIN by disarming my rights in HB984.

All of the violent crimes I survived would have been PREVENTED, had I been armed and trained.



The Heller Foundation is a 501 c (3) non-profit, non-partisan educational organization headquartered in our nation's capitol in Washington, D.C. The Heller Foundation is a grassroots movement of Americans focused on education and fighting for our God-given, Constitutionally-entrenched, human right to bear arms. The Heller Foundation was founded in 2008 by **Dick Heller**, the plaintiff in the landmark United States Supreme Court decision, *D.C. v Heller*. **Rolling Stone Magazine** deems **Dick Heller** 'the Godfather of the Second Amendment' and, rightfully so, as Heller is the Founder and Executive Director at *The Heller Foundation*.

District of Columbia v. Heller, 554 U.S. 570 (2008) set binding precedent as it was the first time in history that the Second Amendment was under the microscope by the United States Supreme Court. Noted by Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, the *Heller* decision affirmed that the Second Amendment protects an individuals right to keep and bear arms- unconnected with service in a militia- for traditionally lawful purposes, such as within the home and for self-defense. Hawai'i HB984 is a blatant move to attack the

rights affirmed in *Heller* in a sad attempt to disenfranchise lawful gun owners throughout the state. The Heller Foundation OPPOSES HB984, in its entirety, as it is unconstitutional and any supporters of this unlawful bill are **morally bankrupt**. As such, please vote 'no' on House Bill 984.

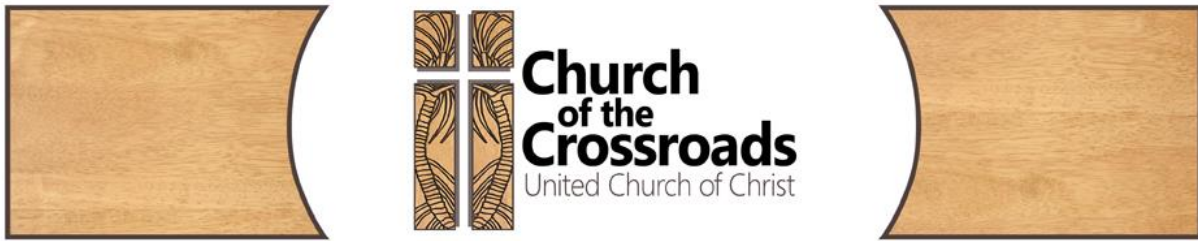
As such, **The Heller Foundation strongly OPPOSES HB984** because it directly violates the binding precedent set forth in the recent *NYSRPA v. Bruen* United States Supreme Court decision, HB984 is extremely flawed in both intent and content and if passed, will be met with immediate legal challenges. HB984 is unconstitutional. Hawaiians deserve better.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify **AGAINST** House Bill 984.

Respectfully Submitted,

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A Just Peace and Open and Affirming Congregation

THE CHURCH OF THE CROSSROADS TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF BILL HB 984, HD2 WITH REQUEST FOR AMENDMENTS

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

The Church of the Crossroads supports HB 984, HD2 and requests amendments.

In January 2023, our church congregation voted unanimously to advocate for stronger gun safety measures, including:

- requiring thorough background checks of criminal and mental health history;
- requiring proof of insurance for firearms injuries;
- requiring robust safety training for all firearms permits, transfers and licenses;
- closing the loophole that permits shotguns and rifles to be loaned to other persons for 15-75 days without notice to the government and without any license, permit or background check for the person receiving the weapon; and
- prohibiting the carrying of firearms in Sensitive Places, broadly defined to include but not be limited to governmental buildings, parks, public transportation, sports and entertainment venues, bars and restaurants, commercial establishments, schools and homeless shelters.

We support HB 984 because it creates numerous measures to better protect our community, while complying the unfortunate US Supreme Court's mandate that public carry permits be allowed.

We request HB 984, HD2 be amended and strengthened to:

- **Prohibit carrying of firearms in all commercial establishments, regardless of whether the establishment serves alcohol;**
- **Require "the posting of clear and conspicuous signage at all public entrances" to private properties open to the public where the owner consents to the presences of firearms being carried, so the public can know and choose to avoid places where firearms may be present. (The bill currently allows posting as an alternative to express owner consent, but the public has no way to know of that fact if there is not clear and conspicuous posting, and so has no ability to choose safer properties).**
- **Require disclosure of any "health care plans" in addition to "health care providers in sections 134-2(c)(2) and 134-9(g)(2). Health care plans (such as HMSA and Kaiser) keep robust data on health care services and diagnoses from all providers reimbursed.**

- **Close the loophole in HRS 134-4(c) that allows shotguns and rifles (including assault rifles) to be loaned to other persons for 15-75 days, without any license, permit or background check. All these other enhanced protections in our law will have little effect when such uncontrolled transfers of firearms are still permitted. Section 134-2(h) in this bill continues to embrace the dangerous “lending” loophole in 134-4(c).**

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

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

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I write today on behalf of myself, Hawaii Firearms Coalition, and all law-abiding gun owners in the state of Hawaii, **We are in opposition to HB984.**

With the recent Supreme Court decision in New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. Bruen, the State of Hawaii has begun to see law-abiding citizens applying for and being issued concealed carry licenses. In reaction to this, we see several laws being proposed as a method of denying and or delaying the issuance of such licenses.

The Supreme Court in NYSRPA V Bruen laid out a framework for gauging the constitutionality of any law that impacts the cour right of the second amendment (for law-abiding persons to keep and bear arms). In doing so they said that action should be taken on any law that impacts the right to keep and bear arms before a historical analysis has been conducted to make sure said law is in line with the text, history, and traditions of the Second Amendment.

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

Any law that is current or passed is likely to face a constitutional challenge. Several states have passed similar laws to those being proposed here, each of which has been significantly neutered or stopped by the courts.

We issue a caution to Hawaii legislators that making changes to our current laws that impact the second amendment will open the state and counties to lawsuits. These will challenge not only the changes but the state's current laws and policies. Government lawyers, when asked, are sure to claim to be able to defend the changes/laws, but history is not on their side. They have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars without a single success.

Below, we provide a breakdown of the multipage/subject bill and out position and explanation on each section.

134-A Carrying or possessing a firearm in certain 2 locations and premises prohibited; penalty.

We are in opposition to the extensive list of sensitive places provided in this bill. However, we do

acknowledge that there are some places where firearms may be prohibited. The Supreme Court in *NYSRPA Vs. Bruen* gave several examples of permissible places (schools, legislative assemblies, polling places, and courthouses¹). The also outline a framework for determining if others were permissible² but gave limitations as well. Simply declaring all public places as being sensitive because they are open to the public and people “can” call the police is not acceptable³. It is our belief that the list of sensitive places should be so small that it should have little to no effect on the day-to-day lives of its law-abiding citizens, and in no way should it encompass all public space except sidewalks.

§134-B Mandatory insurance coverage.

We are in opposition to requiring insurance to exercise a constitutional right. Firstly the insurance required does not exist. It is the hope that by requiring it, insurance companies will create the policy, but this is unlikely. If they do create a policy, it will be costly and expensive and available only to the wealthy. Oftentimes those that are in the most need of firearms are already suffering the economic impacts of living in Hawaii.

§134-C Duty to maintain possession of license while carrying a firearm; duty to disclose; penalty.

If this bill had been passed two years ago, this provision would have likely been permissible. But with the Supreme court affirming the right to carry a firearm, it's likely that a licensing requirement will be challenged in the near future. Current case law⁴ would suggest that a challenge would likely prevail. In addition, a requirement that a person identifies they are exercising a right and provide ID to show they are legally allowed to exercise said right is also unconstitutional and has been settled law for decades⁵.

§134-D Leaving unsecured firearm in vehicle unattended; penalty.

We support the ability for a person to store their firearm in their vehicle but request the following changes. Allow firearms to be secure in the glove box or trunk of the firearm. An additional

¹ “longstanding” “laws forbidding the carrying of firearms in sensitive places such as schools and government buildings.” 554 U. S., at 626. Although the historical record yields relatively few 18th- and 19th-century “sensitive places” where weapons were altogether prohibited—e.g., legislative assemblies, polling places, and courthouses” https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/21pdf/20-843_7j80.pdf

² courts can use analogies to those historical regulations of “sensitive places” to determine that modern regulations prohibiting the carry of firearms in new and analogous sensitive places are constitutionally permissible. https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/21pdf/20-843_7j80.pdf

³ But expanding the category of “sensitive places” simply to all places of public congregation that are not isolated from law enforcement defines the category of “sensitive places” far too broadly. https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/21pdf/20-843_7j80.pdf

⁴ *Murdock v. Pennsylvania*, 319 U.S. 105 (1943) A State may not impose a charge for the enjoyment of a right granted by the Federal Constitution. P. 319 U. S. 113.

⁵Under *Terry v. Ohio*, an investigatory stop—including a demand for identification is permissible, only if the officer possesses reasonable suspicion, based on specific, articulable facts, that the suspect is committing or has committed a crime.

locked box provides no additional safety. Remove the requirement for a case to be “fire, impact, and tamper resistant” this would result in a larger case that may be more easily visible, leading to the potential of target theft. Police officers store their firearms unsecured in the trunk of their squad cars.

§134-E Unlawful conduct while carrying a firearm; penalty.

While we are not directly opposed to these prohibitions, there need to be some changes. Allow for consumption of alcohol within a person's own home. While firearms are never a great idea, a person should be able to defend themselves in their home under any circumstances. For alcohol, there needs to be a metric of measurement, this should be measured the same as impaired driving.

§134-F Carrying or possessing a firearm on private property open to the public without authorization; penalty.

We are in opposition to the default prohibition on private property. While we do believe that property owners can prohibit the carrying of firearms on private property, the default should not be to prohibit it. The law should encompass clear and concise signing requirements as it does in almost every other state.

Should a sensitive places bill pass, it is essential that the law include signage requirements: an example of which I have included below.

- 1. Be posted in a conspicuous location on all building entrances.*
- 2. Contain a pictogram that shows a firearm within a red circle and a diagonal red line across the firearm.*
- 3. Contain the words "no firearms allowed pursuant to HRS XYZ"*
- 4. Be at least 8.5"x11" in size.*
- 5. Include the date the sign was posted.*
- 6. The signs required by this section shall be composed of block, capital letters printed in black on white or yellow laminated paper.*
- 7. The letters constituting the words "no firearms allowed" shall be at least three-fourths of a vertical inch, and all other letters shall be at least one-half of a vertical inch.*

It should also include an affirmative defense that the sign must be visible, undamaged and posted for thirty days.

§134-G Authority of counties.

The bill should include a preemption clause, prohibiting a law at any level lower than the state. Hawaii should not have five different sets of firearms laws. Having such can lead to confusion, mistakes, and criminal prosecutions that serve no public safety purpose.

134-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes,

The “crime of violence” definition is too broad and covers minor and non-physical acts. Pushing someone out of the way or grabbing someone’s hand is considered a physical force. A slap on the face is considered a bodily injury. Harassment includes repeated phone calls. Sexual Assault 4th degree includes peeping tom. These are all bad things that a person should not do but are not crimes of violence. A person's constitutional rights should be vacated for minor infractions that do not pose a threat to public safety in general.

134-2 Permits to acquire.

We oppose the changes made to this section for the following reasons.

“a designee of the chief of police”

would allow any person or private company to process firearms applications. No one other than law enforcement should be able to process applications and have access to people's private records.

“and shall identify any healthcare providers who possess or may possess such records.” It has already been determined that people's medical records are private. Requiring people to identify medical providers BEYON their current provider is clearly an invasion of privacy.

“essential character or temperament”

This is a vague and subjective term. Denial of constitutional rights should be based on due process through indictments and convictions.

“Citizens, nationals, or lawful permanent resident”

we 100% support this change.

“Permits issued to acquire any pistol or revolver shall be void unless used within thirty days after the date of issue.”

There should not be an expiration on the permit date. If a person is approved for the permit or can pick up the firearm and keep it forever. They should be able to keep the perm, it forever until they use it.

“the issuing authority determines that issuance would not be in the interest of public health, safety, or welfare ...intends or is likely to use a firearm for an unlawful purpose or in an unlawful manner.”

Absent a prohibiting factor (hrs134-7) A person can not be denied a permit. The changes made in this section is subjective and open to interpretation and abuse. We have seen in recent years that the Honolulu Police Department and Hawaii Police department have lost lawsuits regarding their interpretation of state laws, and this wording will allow further abuse.^{6 7 8 9}

⁶ <https://dockets.justia.com/docket/hawaii/hidce/1:2021cv00333/155633>

⁷ <https://dockets.justia.com/docket/hawaii/hidce/1:2021cv00384/156040>

⁸ <https://dockets.justia.com/docket/hawaii/hidce/1:2020cv00330/150393>

⁹ <https://dockets.justia.com/docket/hawaii/hidce/1:2018cv00125/138948>

“A firearms training or safety course or class conducted by..... as well as a component on mental health, suicide prevention, and domestic violence issues associated with firearms and gun violence.”

The requirement that a person seeks training of any kind before purchasing a firearm is costly and burdensome and serves no public safety aspect, especially if a person already owns any type of firearm. The ability for the police department to certify instructors allows for four different interpretations resulting in inconsistent instruction across the state and would also result in a person who receives training on one county being unable to purchase firearms in another without having to repeat the training in that county.

The current system has been in place since 1994 and has worked just fine.

As cautioned above, making changes that infringe of the right of the people will likely lead to lawsuits. If a lawsuit is needed to fix a change, it's likely it will also target the entirety of the process. With only eight states requiring classes to purchase a firearm¹⁰ none of which existed before the 1990s, its unlikely they will survive a legal challenge.

“An approved hunter education course as authorized 1under section 183D-28”

Removing hunter education as a training option for handguns and revolvers. Hunter’s education teaches firearm safety and state gun laws and was offered as a free or low-cost training option for people to acquire firearms. Also people from the mainland, military servicemembers, and gun owners who received other firearms training use this as an affordable way to learn Hawaii’s laws and meet Hawaii’s training requirements without paying \$200 for a handgun safety course

“as well as a component on mental health, suicide prevention, and domestic violence issues associated with firearms and gun violence”

Firearm instructors are not trained to teach mental health, suicide prevention, and domestic violence. I recommend the State create a video on these subjects and place it on the internet for the public to watch. A win-win situation where gun owners do the training conveniently, and the general public benefits from the information being taught by experts.

“provided that an instructor shall not submit an attestation for the instructor’s own permit application.”

A person who is qualified to teach the subjects needed to own a firearm has completed the process. Making them take a class to be certified by another individual serves no purpose other than to create a time delay and cost to that individual

“for permits. under this section. except for a single fee chargeable by and payable to the issuing county”

Adding a fee to each application serves no purpose other than to add a cost. The fingerprinting and data entry only occurs one time with the HCJDC, collecting the fee a few times is a tax on the right to bear arms.

¹⁰ <https://everytownresearch.org/rankings/law/training-required-to-purchase-guns/>

“If an application under this section is denied, a 15 person or entity aggrieved by the denial shall be entitled to a 16 hearing before the chief of police”

The police departments should not be adjudicating themselves. A third-party review of all denials should take place REGARDLESS is the individual request it. A compensational value should be added [aid out to all individuals found ot be wrongly denied.

“No person shall intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly lend a firearm to any person who is prohibited from ownership, possession, or control of a firearm under section 134-7.”

Intentionally and knowing are synonyms. Adding the extra word (intentionally) will introduce confusion.

“has one or more pending charges for a felony, a crime of violence, a criminal offense relating to firearms, or an illegal sale or distribution of any drug in a court in this State or elsewhere”

We do not remove a person's rights because of an arrest, they must have a conviction or inditement (actual charges)

“The person is or has been diagnosed....unreasonable risk to public health, safety, or welfare if the person were in possession or control of a 14 firearm or ammunition”

The terms used are subject, open for interpretation and abuse. Police departments are not doctors and are not equipped to make determinations on a person's medical health. Relying on personal doctors for this information could lead to a larger problem of people not seeking mental health care, as it could remove their right to bear arms.

“Any person who otherwise would be prohibited under subsection (b) from owning, possessing, or controlling a firearm and ammunition solely as a result of a conviction for a crime that is not a felony, ...possessing, or controlling a firearm and ammunition if twenty years have elapsed from the date of the conviction.”

This should be reduced to 5 years.

134-9 Licenses to carry.

Pre Bruen, the state may have been able to put many of these restrictions in place. Post Bruen the state must demonstrate that there is a historical analogy to any law which they wish to pass. 25 states currently do no require a concealed carry license to possess a firearm for lawful purposes.

Modern concealed carry licensing did not exist pre-1976. Although some states prohibited concealed carrying of firearms they allowed open carrying in its place. Should the state push thru burdensome restrictions its likely they will face challenges that would remove much of the current licensing scheme.

“Is not found to be lacking the essential character or temperament necessary to be entrusted with a firearm”

A person should only be denied the ability to carry a firearm if they are a prohibited person. The essential character is a method of adding a morality clause that's open to interpretation and can be used to deny people a constitutional right based on subjective opinions.

"Is a citizen, national, or lawful permanent resident of the United States or a duly accredited official representative of a foreign nation"

We agree with this change in its entirety

"Is a resident of the State of Hawaii"

Constitutional rights apply to everyone, not just residents of the state. Hawaii needs to reciprocate licenses from out of state. Failure to add a reciprocity clause will open the state and counties up to lawsuits as you are denying those that travel here a fundamental right. We do not remove the firearms of those who arrive in the state until they complete "a process" we should not be removing the right to bear arms either.

"Effective January 1, 2025, provide proof of compliance with the insurance coverage requirements of section 134-3;"

As stated previously, you can not require insurance to exercise a right.

"Sign an affidavit expressly acknowledging that the applicant has read.....including laws regarding the use of deadly force for self-defense or the defense of another, and that:"

The requirement that a person signs a sworn document agreeing to follow the rules should not be a requirement. We do not do this with any other right, law or policy. This would be compelled speech and would likely be unconstitutional.

"to use the firearm or firearms for which the license to carry will be issued"

Many people will want to carry different handguns depending on what they are doing/wearing. A license should be good for any firearm for which they own. The requirement that a license be obtained for each firearm serves no purpose other than to add a cost and time delay.

"The course of training for issuance of a license under this chapter may be any course acceptable to the licensing authority that meets all of the following criteria:"

Training requirements Should training be something that all gun owners seek out? Yes. Should training requirements be set by the government? No.

The training requirements, as outlined in SB1230, are very broad and serve no purpose other than to create a financial and time barrier to exercising a right. Further, the requirement that the training is done on a strict schedule inhibits the ability of a person to exercise their right. With all government-mandated programs, the level of education is often lower than what would otherwise be offered.

Instead of offering a quality product that would enhance safety and knowledge, the bare minimum levels are attained. Instead of creating barriers for those that wish to carry firearms, more time and funds should be put towards educating Hawaii's youth about gun safety.

Such action would substantially enhance public safety since gun education, like driver's

education, would instill core safety values into Hawaii's youth. Accordingly, any additional training requirements in the bill should be removed.

The training required for HRS134-2g that people have already completed to acquire current firearms should be enough. The requirement that a person seeks annual training and/or training on multiple firearms they wish to carry should also be eliminated since there is no articulable or otherwise justifiable reason for repetitive training.

Legislators should be aware that due to the lack of any historical analogy to require training to own or carry a firearm during the nation's founding, it's likely that any challenge to this requirement as written would lead to all training requirements being removed.

"An applicant for a license under this section shall sign a waiver at the time of application."

The requirement that a person releases medical information is a further infringement on their right to privacy.

A nonrefundable fee of \$150 shall be charged for each 5 license application submitted under this section.

This fee is beyond what would be considered constitutional and serves no purpose other than to put a burden on law-abiding citizens. The supreme court said in Bruen that this is something that they would be opening to see a challenge on¹¹

"A license to carry issued under this section shall be void if"

The only reason a license should become void or be revoked is if a person is disqualified from owning a firearm and has been subjected to due process.

License Length.

Hawaii's current one year and the proposed two years are too short. A license should be good for a significant amount of time so as not to become burdensome. Currently, most states that issue them have a five-year limit with a mail-in or online renewal. Hawaii should do the same.

Andrew Namiki Roberts
Director Hawaii Firearms Coalition.

¹¹ we do not rule out constitutional challenges to shall-issue regimes where, for example, lengthy wait times in processing license applications or exorbitant fees deny ordinary citizens their right to public carry.https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/21pdf/20-843_7j80.pdf

TESTIMONY

HB 984 RELATING TO FIREARMS

Friday, March 17, 2023, 3:00 pm
State Capitol Conference Room 325 and via Videoconference

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

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Members

I strongly OPPOSE HB984, 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 protects an individual's right to carry a handgun for self-defense outside the home.
2. Do you have the historical documents related to the drafting of HB984? The Supreme Court was clear in Bruen (June 2022) that in order for any gun control legislation to pass constitutional muster under the Second Amendment, such legislation must be consistent with historical tradition. The state has had six months since Bruen to identify well-established and representative historical information. There is no historical tradition cited in HB984.
3. We can all agree that violent crimes involving firearms are tragic. However, the dictate of Bruen is clear: legislative interest balancing is understanding and elsewhere, appropriate. However, it is not deference that the Constitution demands. While the authors of this bill may disagree with Bruen, it may NOT disobey it.
4. REMOVE the proposed amendment in HRS 134-2 (Permits to acquire). This is unconstitutional. Why would we want to issue permits to aliens? Aliens are not U.S. Citizens. What are the potential security risks? Who is going to monitor and enforce the sixty-day period and six-month period? How will you obtain their mental health and criminal history background?

HB984. Page 19 (Line 12). The chief of police of each county shall issue permits to aliens of the age of eighteen years or more for use of rifles and shotguns for a period not exceeding sixty days, upon a showing that the alien has first procured a hunting license under chapter 183D, part II. The chief of police of each county shall issue permits to aliens of the age of twenty-one years or more for use of firearms for a period not exceeding six months, upon a showing that the alien is in training for a specific organized sport-shooting contest to be held within the permit period.

5. HB984 proposes the issuing authority shall not issue a permit to acquire the ownership of a firearm if an applicant is disqualified under section 134-7 from the ownership, possession, or control of a firearm, or if the issuing authority determines that issuance would not be in the interest of public health, safety, or welfare because the person lacks the essential character or temperament necessary to be entrusted with a firearm. Who is authorized to adjudicate “character” and “temperament”? What are their credentials?
6. There are countless stories verified by law enforcement records where criminals intending to kill innocent citizens in shopping malls, restaurants, and other heavily populated areas were stopped by a trained law-abiding conceal-carrying citizen. On February 1, 2023, a very tragic incident took place in Mililani, where my family and I have resided for 35 years. A mother of an infant was run down by a crazed man using his vehicle as a weapon and then beaten by the same man. An innocent bystander providing first aid to the critically injured woman was also beaten by the perpetrator. If a trained law abiding citizen who was licensed to conceal carry were there, the outcome would have been much different with minimal critical injuries.
7. Defines sensitive places. In the 2022 Bruen decision, Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas said that there were a handful of places where guns could be constitutionally banned. He called these “sensitive areas” and they include places like courthouses, jails, and similar establishments. This makes sense as these are places where some are more inclined to be violent. These specific places are secured so that virtually no one can bring a gun in because metal detectors are used, not signs on the door. Currently, the term “sensitive area” is being used to justify additional restrictions.

Once again, I strongly OPPOSE HB984. Please vote NO.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 11:19:44 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lisa H. Gibson	Testifying for Indivisible Hawaii	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

STONGT SUPPORT. Please pass this bill to protect Hawaii and our peaceful culture from the tyranny of guns.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 2:01:20 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andrea DeCosta	Testifying for Hale Ola Spa & Apothecary	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

TO: Chair, Vice Chair and Finance Committee Members

FROM: ‘Ilima DeCosta

Owner, Hale Ola Spa & Apothecary

DATE: March 17, 2023 (3:00pm)

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in **strong support of HB 984 SD2**, Relating to Firearms.

HB 984 SD2 would codify where and when a firearm licensee may carry a concealed firearm, by clarifying which locations are prohibited for concealed carry.

I am a mother whose adult daughter was shot and killed due to domestic related gun violence, and I am also a business owner in Honolulu.

The people who visit my establishment are seeking health and relaxation, and the presence of firearms at our business would undermine the sanctuary of our healing space.

Presently, the local practice for concealed carry is that NO firearms are allowed into any business establishment without the express permission of the business owner. This means that business owners do not need to post “*No firearm*” signs, and this should remain the standard practice, rule, or law.

Unfortunately, there are some in our community who want to test the rules and laws, by carrying their firearms concealed AND unconcealed into the state Capitol, during a recent hearing.

The person who carried their unconcealed firearm into a recent legislative hearing claimed he has a permit to carry a firearm unconcealed and that he didn’t realize firearms weren’t allowed in the Capitol.

Ignorance is no excuse for breaking the law, and the individual who carried an unconcealed firearm into the Capitol should have been immediately apprehended by DAGS.

The only way to hold owner's of firearms accountable for following the rules or laws is to enforce the rules and laws. Failing to do so may result in concealed carry licensee's perceiving themselves to be quasi police or law enforcement and becoming engaged in extrajudicial actions – including fatal shootings – over instances where the death penalty is not the legal penalty and citizen involvement was more harmful than helpful.

The presence of firearms in government buildings, medical facilities and private businesses is an anathema to public safety. I urge the Committee to pass HB 984 SD2 and fulfill their duty to protect the public health and safety.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/14/2023 4:07:12 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Violation of the 2nd Amendment. You have no standing!! Only Communist are pushing these Gun Laws!!! The people are AWAKE!!!

We the people would rather have Charges File against all who are involed In this act againts the people of America. We will not Vote for Any one that is involed.!!

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 12:23:25 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Donovan Sun	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee,

I oppose bill HB984. According to NYSPRA VS Bruen sensitive carry laws are unconstitutional. Why would you take away the rights of law abiding citizens to protect themselves and loved ones. Honolulu Police Chief Department Chief Joe Logan said in press conference on November 22, 2022 that all of the people applying for a ccw license would not be a concern to law enforcement or citizens. This bill will only create a place for criminals to attack unarmed law abiding citizens. Look at the case of Nikki Goeser and Hank Wise in Tennessee. Nikki Goeser left her legal concealed carry firearm in the car because it was a gun free zone and her husband ended up getting killed by a criminal (Hank Wise) with a firearm. We are law abiding citizens that go through extensive training, background checks, and fees just to exercise our second amendment right. This bill is a waste of the public citizens time, money, and will only put innocent lives at risk.

Mahalo for your time,

Donovan Sun

H.B. 984 HD2

This bill offers the citizens of our state the strongest protection regarding firearms!

STRONGLY SUPPORT: “~134—A Carrying or possessing a firearm in certain locations and premises prohibited; penalty. (a) It shall be unlawful for a person to intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly carry or possess a loaded or unloaded firearm, whether the firearm is operable or not, and whether the firearm is concealed or unconcealed, while in any of the following locations and premises within the State.

STRONGLY SUPPORT: §134-B Duty to maintain possession of license while carrying a firearm; duty to disclose; penalty. (a) A person carrying a firearm pursuant to a license issued under section 134—9 or in accordance with title 18 United States Code section 926B or 926C shall have in the person’s immediate possession:

- (1) The license issued under section 134—9 or credentials as required under title 18 United States Code section 926B or 926C; and

STRONGLY SUPPORT: §134-C Leaving unsecured firearm in vehicle unattended; penalty. (a) No person shall intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly store or otherwise leave a loaded or unloaded firearm out of the person’s immediate possession or control inside a vehicle without first securely locking the firearm in a safe storage depository that is out of sight from outside of the vehicle.

(b) For purposes of this section, “safe storage depository” means a safe or other secure impact— and tamper—resistant container that, when locked, is incapable of being opened without a key, keypad, combination, or other unlocking mechanism. A vehicle’s trunk or glove box alone, even if locked, is **not** a safe storage depository.

STRONGLY SUPPORT: §134-D Unlawful conduct while carrying a firearm; penalty.

- (a) A person who is carrying a firearm, including any person who is carrying a firearm pursuant to a license issued under section 134—9 or in accordance with title 18 United States Code section 926B or 926C, shall not:

Consume alcohol or alcohol or intoxicating liquor;
Consume a controlled substance;

Be under the influence of alcohol or intoxicating liquor; or

Be under the influence of a controlled substance.

STRONGLY SUPPORT: §134-E Carrying or possessing a firearm on private property open to the public without authorization; penalty. (a)

A person shall not intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly enter or remain on private property open to the public while carrying or possessing a loaded or unloaded firearm, whether the firearm is operable or not, and whether the firearm is concealed or unconcealed, unless the person has been given express authorization to carry or possess a firearm on the property by the owner, lessee, operator, or manager of the property.

STRONGLY SUPPORT: “~706— Enhanced sentencing for carrying or possessing a firearm in certain locations and premises. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the court shall sentence a person convicted of an offense under section 134—A who was not licensed under section 134—9 or exempt pursuant to section 134—11(a) at the time of the offense to. _____.

PLEASE CONSIDER:

Penalties for multiple offenses and consider certain situations where the licence is suspended or revoked. Use of the term “petty misdemeanor “ implies the offences are insignificant

STRONGLY SUPPORT: SECTION 8. Section 134—9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows: “~134—9 Licenses to carry.

BY AND FAR: This should be very strict!

if the applicant:

- (1) Sufficiently establishes the urgency or need to carry a firearm unconcealed;
- (2) Is engaged in the protection of life and property;
- (3) Satisfies each of the criteria established by or pursuant to subsection (d);

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

Comments:

I stand in **STRONG OPPOSITION** to this bill. There are many things wrong with it and much of it is blatantly unconstitutional, flying directly in the face of the recent Supreme Court ruling. Many of the provisions have already been challenged in other courts throughout the country with Injunctions and Temporary Restraining Orders issued against them on the grounds that the lawsuits will be likely to succeed on the merits.

There are numerous mainland groups just waiting to sue the City and State should laws like these pass, and they have been winning their cases so far with injunction and TROs issued against the violating entities. I can guarantee you that they are watching, and they already have at least a rough draft of their lawsuits ready. I can guarantee you you do not have the relevant historic laws that will be required to defend them in court. They've already laid out that the laws need to be from the founding of the country, the 1790s, and laws from the Kingdom of Hawaii, Republic of Hawaii, and even the Territory of Hawaii will not be valid.

The US Supreme Court has already said the 5 places that are historically sensitive enough for the carry of guns to be banned from. Those 5 places are Public Schools (Specifically banning students, not staff or teachers), Courthouses, Polling Places, Prisons and Jails.

Existing law already allows private businesses to deny entry or services to anyone for any reason, this includes carrying a firearm. If I were to go into a business with my firearm and they ask me to leave, I must leave or I'll be trespassed by the police and catch criminal charges, potentially losing my right to bear arms. During my CCW class, we were told in very clear language that if you are in a business and asked to leave you are to leave immediately. If one were to raise a stink like some Anti-Maskers did during the Covid Pandemic they would quickly lose their right to bear arms.

Someone has previously mentioned that places that could be made sensitive need to be protected. Will you have security guards at all parks, private businesses, public places and everywhere else you want the carry of firearms banned? We barely have enough police officers and security guards are routinely attacked by unarmed individuals, let alone armed ones.

The places are so broad, and by the wording of the bill, I'm violating the law even if I don't know I'm violating the law. If I go to an office building and I'm unaware that the city is leasing space there for whatever reason, I'm breaking the law. The City and County of Honolulu doesn't even know what all the properties they have, how can I be expected to?

Guns can be dangerous, the danger increases when they are manipulated. If I need to unload and unchamber my gun every time I park my car and put it in a locked case to comply with this law, that increases the potential to have a negligent discharge, to hurt or kill someone simply because I'm trying to comply with the law. Not only that but I expose my gun every time I need to transfer it from storage to my holster and back. If a criminal sees I've got a gun and leave it in my car they're gonna take the risk to get a free gun to either use or sell.

I am heavily against leaving a gun in the car, loaded or unloaded. Even if it's in a 'secure' lockbox there is the high potential for its theft. Some vehicles do not have a proper way to secure a lockbox so a thief could just reach in and grab it and pick or break the lock at their leisure and now they have a free unregistered gun. Even if I were to secure it by bolting the lockbox to my car or having a steel cable to anchor it, we've got criminals walking around with power tools stealing catalytic converters. If they can cut through a catalytic converter and be gone in 2 minutes, they can surely do the same with a gun lockbox.

The ban on carrying on public transport is also discriminatory towards those such as myself who rely on public transportation. I have witnessed and heard of many incidents on buses that became violent. People being attacked, people being sexually assaulted, some being murdered just for waiting at bus stops. I am a railfan and look forward to being able to ride the Rail when it opens. There are no security guards at bus stops, there are none on the bus, there will be one at the rail. If you're lucky the bus driver might pull over and intervene or a bystander might come to your assistance. Not always. I've questioned HART in the past about what would happen if there was a violent incident to take place on the rail. Their response was they will see it on the cameras in the cars and call the police to arrive at the next station. There's quite a few problems with that, first they need to actually see it happen. Each Rail Unit will have 4 cars, and assuming they only have 2 cameras per car, that's 8 cameras just for one Unit, the Project is estimated to have 20 units by project completion. Even if half of them are not in active service, that's 80 camera screens at once someone is going to have to watch and notice something happening, then have whoever is monitoring the situation to determine what's going on and call the appropriate response (Police, Fire, Medical).

You cannot guarantee my safety aboard public transit. I am my own first responder, police might show up 10 minutes after they get the call if I'm lucky.

Next subject, Duty to Inform. While I have no problem with informing a police officer that I am armed if requested, having to 'immediately' inform them I have a firearm can lead to some problems, such as with the shooting death of Philando Castile. He told the officer he was armed and went to get his ID and was shot. While training of Police Officers can help to reduce the likelihood of this it won't eliminate it. If I'm riding with someone and they get pulled over for whatever reason and someone in the back seat just randomly says "I've got a gun." How well do you think that's going to end? I carry my gun on my right side, I keep my ID on my right side as well, will I be shot because an officer I just made nervous and aware of the fact I have a gun and where it's located?

Another problem I have is the requirement to have my Registration as well as my carry license, the fact that I have a carry license should be evidence enough that I have a registered weapon as that is required to get a license in the first place. I'm also concerned about things that might be out of my control, what if I forget or lose my wallet? Police should be able to call HQ and run a check on me and see 'Registered Weapon, CCW Permit on file.' as well as see a picture of me from the last time I registered a firearm or got a permit.

Back to safe storage, particularly the wording 'that when locked is incapable of being opened without a key, keypad, combination, or other unlocking mechanism and is capable of preventing an unauthorized person from obtaining access to or possession of the firearm contained therein and shall be fire, impact, and tamper resistant.' Locks can be picked, drilled, and otherwise broken, mechanical and electronic locks can be bypassed. I have a decent safe in my house bolted to the wall, someone with a crowbar can break into it in 5 minutes, with power tools even less. And this doesn't even mention the fire resistance requirement, most vehicle storage options do not have that.

The proposed requirement for a gun applicant to show that they have 'the essential character or temperament necessary to be entrusted with a firearm' is just as vague and subjective as the already struck down 'good moral character'.

I could write another 5 pages or so of what's wrong with this bill, frankly these 2 and a half pages should be more than enough not counting all the other testimonies you'll be reading today.

And meanwhile, while you're putting all these restrictions on law abiding gun owners, criminals are doing their own thing.

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Submitted on: 3/15/2023 5:50:35 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jacqui skill	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support [HB984](#), which would set up clear permitting requirements before someone is allowed to carry a gun in public and clear boundaries on where someone can and can't bring those guns . **Help save lives!**

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/14/2023 11:05:37 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christy MacPherson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, and members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs,

I support HB984 HD2. It's still not enough, but it's a start. It's absolutely painful to watch the news these days and people are going to keep doing things illegally, but we must do better as a state to protect innocent lives. We need to protect them as if they were our *own* friends and family.

Mahalo for your consideration.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/14/2023 8:47:25 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Charlie Bass	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please keep Hawaii safe by controlling the availability and use of guns.

It's practically impossible to reverse the distribution and number of guns once they are present.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/14/2023 8:20:11 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
I. Robert Nehmad	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a resident of the City & County of Honolulu and support this bill.

I would appreciate your vote supporting this Bill

Mahalo

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 1:10:01 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
B.A. McClintock	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is a good start. Please work on banning guns everyday. Mahalo.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 7:40:57 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Will Caron	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Although the United States Supreme Court has held that the Second Amendment provides for an individual right to keep and bear arms for lawful purposes, this right has limits and is subject to regulation to protect public health, safety, and welfare from the serious hazards associated with firearms and gun violence.

States retain authority to enact a variety of gun regulations, such as prohibiting the carrying of firearms in sensitive locations and adopting laws and regulations designed to ensure that those who carry firearms are law-abiding, responsible citizens.

We need to update Hawai'i's firearms laws to mitigate the serious hazards to public health, safety, and welfare associated with firearms and gun violence, while respecting and protecting the lawful exercise of individual rights. This bill achieves that goal. Please pass HB948 HD2.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 7:53:21 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kate Reimann	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB984 as an effort to enhance gun safety -- a mom of two school aged kids, gun violence is always on my mind. This bill supports the need for common sense legislation around firearms and I support. Thank you.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 8:08:59 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Constance Perry	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing to urge you to please pass HB984 which would set up clear permitting requirements before someone is allowed to carry an arm in public spaces. While I disagree with any public carry law, personally, I believe it is extremely important to clarify where they are absolutely not allowed as a public safety measure. Please keep our keiki, our health care workers and the general public safe by putting this law in place NOW.

Mahalo,

Constance Perry

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Submitted on: 3/15/2023 8:52:13 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Elijah Kim	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. You are making it difficult for tax-paying, law-abiding citizens to exercise their constitutional right. By imposing processs and fees, you are preventing your constituents from being able to protect themselves, their family, and their property. This is wrong. If you are in support of this bill, you are against the Constitution and against the American freedoms that I have fought for as a veteran. Stop trying to take our rights away. You are political appointees that are supposed to represent the citizens. Stop trying to push your personal agendas and opinions. Support America, our Constitution, and our freedoms.

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Submitted on: 3/15/2023 9:23:12 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nancy Taylor	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly urge support of **HB984 HD2. Licensing is critical to the safety of our residents and visitors.**

Thank you for your consideration of my view.

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Submitted on: 3/15/2023 9:26:54 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Philip Morgan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I want to express my support for HB984. We need clear and strong gun laws. Guns are the #1 cause of death in children in America. We in Hawaii have not had the problems experienced in other parts of the country because we have had strict laws regarding gun ownership and use. We need to continue as best we can under the current Supreme Court rulings to control the availability and use of guns especially in sensitive places. Please pass HB984. Thank you,

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Submitted on: 3/15/2023 9:32:59 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bernardo Soriano	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I opposed bill HB984. This bill states it aims to mitigate serious hazards associated with firearms and gun violence. What evidence is there that identifies law abiding citizens that have undergone the already high scrutiny of acquiring a firearm in Hawaii as well as acquiring a concealed carry permit - pose a serious hazard to the people of Hawaii? By unconstitutionally banning law abiding citizens from protecting themselves and loved ones basically everywhere, you leave the door wide open for criminals to take advantage and continue to commit gun violence and other serious hazards. This bill aims to make law abiding citizens into criminals and allows criminals more free reign to commit violent acts as they know law abiding citizens will not have the capacity to defend themselves. Unless you can guarantee all of our safety in these listed sensitive places and will be held accountable if any person is violently attacked - which is impossible, especially with an already understaffed HPD. This bill should not pass, it is unconstitutional and increases the chances for law abiding citizens to be targets of violent criminal acts given no way to defend themselves

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Submitted on: 3/15/2023 9:40:16 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Susan Salm	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We need Gun Safety measures in Hawai'i now after the egregious decision by the Supreme Court. Please make Hawai'i safe for all of its citizens.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/14/2023 10:39:27 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kristen Young	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Committee Members,

I support HB984 which would set up clear permitting requirements before someone is allowed to carry a gun in public and clear boundaries on where someone can and can't bring those guns.

Guns are destructive and I don't believe they are meant to be an everyday accessory. Allowing just anyone to go around with a weapon would be completely irresponsible.

People should be able to go out in public—to school, to church, to the theater, to restaurants, to parks, etc.—without worrying that someone may have a gun on them that could get fired in a heated moment or even by accident. Guns don't make me feel safe. While people may have a right to bear arms, that should not trump our right to feel safe and be free from potential gun violence in public settings.

In the United States, gun violence and mass shootings are horrifically the norm. While gun violence still exists in Hawai'i, the rate of gun deaths here is among the lowest when compared with the rest of United States. That is not just by coincidence or because people here have the "aloha spirit". I believe it's because Hawai'i has strong gun laws and is proactive about gun safety. Gun regulation protects everyday citizens, including gun owners, and it's the responsible thing to do.

Please vote YES on HB984 to support sensible gun laws and public safety in Hawai'i.

Mahalo,
Kristen Young
Honolulu resident

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/14/2023 8:55:38 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David Ruiz	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Stop infringing on our Second Amendment rights!

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/14/2023 5:34:21 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David Fukuzawa	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Honorable Representatives and Senators,

I am opposition of HB984 HD2. So much has been added. I already gave testimony once in opposition of this bill because it would make it difficult for even law enforcement officers to carry a firearm to and from work. But what confused me this time, is making it more difficult to own a firearm because now you would have to take a firearms class from either a law enforcement person who is an instructor or a firearms instructor who has been certified by the chief of police, and how would that be determined. You have totally eliminated the National Rifle Association, which has a stringent requirement to be certified to instruct. You have eliminated that so this will significantly reduce the number of instructors in the state. It is one thing to create legislation for concealed carry, but it is another to totally revamp all of the ownership and useage legislation that is already on the books. Why? We have to strictest laws regarding guns in the entire nation. Why are we doing this? Work on the concealed carry laws, but leave the rest alone. We don't need to add more restrictions and requirements than are already there. As prior military and retiree from the State of Hawaii, Dept of Public Safety, and as a law abiding citizen and as a person who used to enforce the laws of our state with having to monitor and supervise convicted felons; I think our state needs to slow down. Stay in compliance with the 2nd Amendment of the Constitution. Lets not restrict the law abiding citizen so he/she cannot protect themself when necessary and make it more easier for the criminal to break laws and not be placed in incarceration. We have so many offenders who should not be released into the community. If we continuously give the offenders more opportunities to be released, then more violent crimes will happen. Please use some common sense and help out the law abiding citizens.

Sincerely,

David J Fukuzawa, SAS-V (Retired)

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Submitted on: 3/15/2023 9:50:21 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Laura Friedman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB984 HD2. It is very important that the State of Hawaii regulate who may carry a concealed firearm and where they can do so.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 12:35:32 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
tia pearson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We need to set up clear permitting requirements before someone is allowed to carry a gun in public and clear boundaries on where someone can and can't bring those guns. We all need to be on the same page so that loopholes aren't created and police can be more effective in protecting us.

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Submitted on: 3/15/2023 12:55:27 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Casey Nakama	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

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Submitted on: 3/14/2023 3:48:12 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
lynne matusow	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

While I support this measure, there seems to be a glaring omission. I live in a high rise. There are more than 1,000 residents. This is private property. The ownership of the property should have the right to post a notice saying that public carrying of firearms is not permitted. I would hate to be trapped in an elevator with someone other than a law enforcement officer carrying a firearm. Very dangerous.

Please amend this measure to ensure that all residents of apartment building will have assurances that guns, etc will not be on property, unless the owners allow it.

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Submitted on: 3/15/2023 9:50:38 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Carolyn Lee	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have grave concerns about the impact of the Bruen decision on the safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors. Among other important provisions which I strongly support HB426 HD2 addresses two areas of major concern about how our residents and visitors can remain safe. It ensures that the licensing procedure for concealed guns weeds out individuals who would be a threat to others or themselves. It also sets forth a list of sensitive places where firearms cannot be carried that is comprehensive enough to protect the safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors. Please support HB984 HD2.

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Submitted on: 3/15/2023 9:41:31 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rodney Salm	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have grave concerns about the impact of the Bruen decision on the safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors. Among other important provisions which I strongly support HB426 HD2 addresses two areas of major concern about how our residents and visitors can remain safe. It ensures that the licensing procedure for concealed guns weeds out individuals who would be a threat to others or themselves. It also sets forth a list of sensitive places where firearms cannot be carried that is comprehensive enough to protect the safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors. Please support HB984 HD2.

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Submitted on: 3/15/2023 10:30:08 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mai Hall	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I support HB 984 to prohibit firearms in certain locations and premises. Hawaii is my home, it was where I was born and raised. However, I have seen many changes that involve the improper use of firearms. Creating more access points to carry firearms, I believe, would make matters worse and actually increase crime. Having lived on the continent for some time, I have seen the reactions of the general public when faced with a citizen touting a gun in public. Carrying a gun in public creates fear and heightens oppression. It strikes a notion of strength that inappropriately preys upon the fears of others. Is this how we want to be in Hawaii? Afraid of our neighbors because they now have guns? The Hawaii I know strives for inclusivity and acceptance. Adding guns in public will not push us forward as a community, but rather divide us like our continental counterparts. Please limit guns in public and regulate them as needed.
Mahalo

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Submitted on: 3/15/2023 9:58:28 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marcus Tanaka	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

This violates Buren and even the AG stated that to find out if it does or not, they're asked to litigate it. So what this bill does is a "lets pass it now and figure the rest out later". Would you treat any other right the same way? How about censoring free speech. Lets ban it or not allow it at any sensitive place. Or lets ban prayor before eating a meal at a reastaurant unless you get permission first.

Then add in the other stuff after sensitive places is also all bad.

All this bill does is make places safer for bad guys like rapist, active shooters, kidnappers, murderers becuase their victims will be disarmed.

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Submitted on: 3/15/2023 10:53:31 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
scott shimoda	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. No one will read this anyway. How are you going to implement any of this?

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Submitted on: 3/15/2023 11:16:54 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gena Whitten	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please keep Oahu safe by passing HB984. Gun violence is epidemic on the mainland. Please restrict concealed carry in all sensitive location. Disallow concealed carry by anyone who is intoxicated. Disallow concealed carry permits for all domestic abusers or anyone with a TRO. Be sure that all who own guns have complete and thorough background check, training for use of firearm, and knowlege of safe storage. Please keep us, our families, and all who visit the islands safe. Thank you.

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Submitted on: 3/15/2023 10:55:55 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lisa Metzger	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Voicing my complete support of bill HB984. If the Supreme Court is going to force those of us who don't want to live surrounded by weapons of death at all time into a more dangerous life, we at the very least need to put strict limitations on who can conceal carry and where. Guns have absolutely no place near schools, parks, playgrounds, hospitals or any other private business who doesn't want it. Please protect my keiki and myself by passing HB984.

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Submitted on: 3/15/2023 12:38:40 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Justin h	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Unconstitutional do not pass

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 12:10:46 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kathleen Sands	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Hawaii State Representatives:

I am writing to strongly support this bill. I am proud that Hawaii's rate of gun violence is low relative to other states. But it's imperative to realize that relies heavily on stricly regulating gun ownership, concealed carrying and, in particular, forbidding guns in sensitive zones. Please keep faith with the vast majority of people in our state, who want to keep their loved ones safe from guns.

Sincerely

Kathleen Sands

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 12:42:39 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
K Tom	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose HB984

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 12:33:44 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Carol Maxym	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have grave concerns about the impact of the Bruen decision on the safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors. Among other important provisions which I strongly support HB426 HD2 addresses two areas of major concern about how our residents and visitors can remain safe. It ensures that the licensing procedure for concealed guns weeds out individuals who would be a threat to others or themselves. It also sets forth a list of sensitive places where firearms cannot be carried that is comprehensive enough to protect the safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors. Please support HB984 HD2.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 12:54:21 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Victor K. Ramos	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

OPPOSE: Segments of the bill violate the 2nd Amendment of the US Constitution.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 1:07:18 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Coralie Matayoshi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HB 984. It is VITAL to the safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors to pass this bill so we will have clear requirements for eligibility for carrying a gun in public; thorough criminal background and mental health review; robust safety training requirements; and restrictions on where firearms can be carried in public.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on this very important matter.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 12:52:04 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ron Matayoshi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB 984, Gun Safety. Too much gun violence in our community.

- It is VITAL to the safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors to pass this bill so we will have clear requirements for eligibility for carrying a gun in public; thorough criminal background and mental health review; robust safety training requirements; and restrictions on where firearms can be carried in public.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 1:33:29 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Darlene	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We need gun safety.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 1:46:57 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gaye Chan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have grave concerns about the impact of the Bruen decision on the safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors. Among other important provisions which I strongly support HB426 HD2 addresses two areas of major concern about how our residents and visitors can remain safe. It ensures that the licensing procedure for concealed guns weeds out individuals who would be a threat to others or themselves. It also sets forth a list of sensitive places where firearms cannot be carried that is comprehensive enough to protect the safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors. Please support HB984 HD2.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 1:58:33 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jane Davis	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have grave concerns about the impact of the Bruen decision on the safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors. Among other important provisions which I strongly support HB426 HD2 addresses two areas of major concern about how our residents and visitors can remain safe. It ensures that the licensing procedure for concealed guns weeds out individuals who would be a threat to others or themselves. It also sets forth a list of sensitive places where firearms cannot be carried that is comprehensive enough to protect the safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors. Please support HB984 HD2.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 2:26:15 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jenny Silbiger	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs,

It is VITAL to the safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors to pass this bill so we will have clear requirements for eligibility for carrying a gun in public; thorough criminal background and mental health review; robust safety training requirements; and restrictions on where firearms can be carried in public.

Therefore, I support HB984.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,

Jenny Silbiger

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 2:32:34 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Karen L Worthington	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

3/15/2023

Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

Hearing date 3/17/2023 at 3:02pm

for HB984 HD2 Relating to Firearms

Testimony IN SUPPORT of HB984 HD2

Dear Chair Waikai, Vice Chair Elefante, and Committee members,

I am writing to ask you to pass HB984 HD2 to protect Hawai'i families by ensuring that Hawaii has clear laws and requirements relating to owning and carrying a firearm. I speak as a parent and the daughter of an Army combat veteran who was a firearms coach and competitor. I believe that carrying a firearm in a public place is a privilege, and if not carried out legally and responsibly, has the potential to result in unintentional harm to others. The carrying of firearms in public places instills fear in many people and the rights of those people to be free from emotional and physical harm should be protected. My father ingrained in me an understanding of the responsibilities that come with responsible ownership of firearms, including the obligation to safely secure firearms and be trained in carrying, shooting, purchasing, selling, gifting, cleaning, and maintaining firearms. Hawai'i residents deserve clear guidance about these responsibilities and our children deserve protection from those who are not willing to follow clear safety mandates related to firearms.

I ask that the legislature pass HB984 HD2 to provide clear guidance regarding where, when, how, and by whom firearms may be carried in Hawai'i. Please ensure that owners of firearms have clear guidance regarding their rights and obligations by passing this bill.

Sincerely,

Karen Worthington, Kula, Hawaii, 96790

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 2:37:01 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joan White	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have grave concerns about the impact of the Bruen decision on the safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors. Among other important provisions which I strongly support, HB984 HD2 addresses two areas of major concern about how our residents and visitors can remain safe. It ensures that the licensing procedure for concealed guns weeds out individuals who would be a threat to others or themselves. It also sets forth a list of sensitive places where firearms cannot be carried that is comprehensive enough to protect the safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors. Please support HB984 HD2. Our citizens lives depend upon this legislation, which depends upon you. Thank you.

SUBJECT:

H.B. NO. 984 H.D. 2 Relating To Firearms

DATE: Friday, March 17th, 2023

LOCATION: Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 225 & Videoconference

TESTIFIER: Keopu'u Napoleon-Ahn

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice-chair Elefante, and Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs,

I am a graduate student at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa Thompson School of Social Work and strongly support HB984, HD2. This measure clarifies, revises, and updates Hawaii's firearms laws to address gun violence's substantial threats to public health, safety, and welfare.

Firearm-related deaths continue to be a substantial and growing public health problem in the United States. According to the Gun Violence Archive, as of March 15th, 2023, there has been a total of 8,517 gun violence deaths, including all causes noted below.

- 3,633 deaths by: Homicide, murder, unintentional, and defensive gun use
- 4,884 deaths by: Suicide

For the past 17 decades, Hawai'i's elected leaders have worked diligently to Limit public gun carry in Hawai'i to safeguard the public's health and safety. This is evident as Hawai'i has one of the lowest gun violence rates in the nation due to its tight firearms prohibitions. In addition, a national gun policy report found that elected leaders who passed lifesaving gun safety regulations reduced gun violence. That said, Hawaii's low gun death rate isn't a coincidence.

As someone directly affected by losing a loved one to gun violence, I have never believed there would be less crime if more people owned guns. I strongly support HB984, HD2 as it amends and enacts requirements and processes for obtaining a license to carry a firearm, updates criteria governing when firearm ownership, possession, or control is prohibited, defines locations and premises within the State where carrying or possessing a firearm is prohibited, prohibits leaving an unsecured firearm in a vehicle unattended, and enacts, amends, and clarifies other provisions relating to firearms.

Thank you, Chair Wakai, Vice-chair Elefante, and Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, for the opportunity to testify in support of HB984, HD2,

Keopu'u Napoleon-Ahn

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 4:03:31 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Edgardo Gutierrez	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 4:22:04 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Richard Tillotson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly support HB984 and urge you to pass this bill.

It is vital to the safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors to pass this bill so we will have clear requirements for eligibility for carrying a gun in public; thorough criminal background and mental health review; robust safety training requirements; and restrictions on where firearms can be carried.

Thank you for considering my testimony and mahalo for your service.

Richard Tillotson

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 4:33:10 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michdelle Melendez	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

People have a right to bear arms. It is a constitutional Freedom! The bad people who harm others will not abide by these new regulations. Good people don't bring firearms in public places without a good reason. The Government Cannot tell us what to do!

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 7:22:37 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
RHS Lee	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We oppose this bill.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 4:42:11 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Susan Arinaga Li	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TESTIMONY OF SUSAN LI

IN SUPPORT OF HB 984 HD2

RELATING TO FIREARMS

SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

March 17, 2023

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

My name is Susan Li and I submit this testimony in support of HB 984 HD2 Relating to Firearms.

I was born and raised in Honolulu and have lived here for over 50 years. I am the mother of two adult children who grew up in Honolulu. They attended schools here, visited the zoo and aquarium, played in parks, ate in restaurants, and went to stores and other places of business – all without my having to worry that their safety could be endangered by someone carrying a

concealed firearm. Guns don't belong in any of these places where children play, learn, and grow up. This bill will help to protect our keiki from firearms in places frequented by young people.

The bill takes a common-sense approach by prohibiting guns in bars and restaurants where alcohol is served and where there is a high risk of reckless or intentional shootings, as well as in places where members of the public congregate, such as places of transportation.

The bill also sets forth reasonable requirements for the issuance of permits to acquire firearms, which will help to protect the safety of the public. It sets forth clear requirements for who is qualified to carry a gun in public (and who is not); how our county police chiefs can vet applicants for a license to carry firearms in public; and where people who obtain permits to carry firearms in public can and cannot bring those weapons.

For these reasons, I urge the passage of HB 984 HD2.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Susan Li

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 6:48:04 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joanna Weber	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please, OPPOSE HB 984.

MAHALO, JOANNA WEBER

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 5:24:59 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joel Berg	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The state got caught violating the constitution and instead of correcting the problem they presented this bill. This bill is a tantrum. I expect to see good gun laws struck down and burned to ash as collateral damage to this shameful display of legislative lawlessness. And always my tax dollars will end up paying the lawyers fees to defend this nonsense while programs that could benefit the state go underfunded. You guys should be ashamed of yourselves. I know I'm ashamed on your behalf.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 4:38:58 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marya Grambs	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I wholeheartedly support this bill, *but I humbly ask that you add "grocery stores"* to the list of specifically prohibited places.

Thank you!

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 5:48:40 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
alison hamman	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please protect our Second Amendment rights do not pass this the people do not support it only the criminals would benefit. Lol biting citizens retain our second amendment rights

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 6:56:19 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this Bill.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 7:55:20 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE HB984

People have a right to bear arms. It is a constitutional Freedom! The bad people who harm others will not abide by these new regulations

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 5:40:35 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Larry Saltzman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I fully support this bill. The gun laws of Hawaii have kept its citizens much safer than the other people on the mainland, and we must do everything we can to keep Hawaii as safe. As we can. We need to require strong background checks training and limit the place where people can carry guns.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 6:18:15 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Leah McRae	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, my name is Leah McRae, zip code 96819. I am a 13 year resident of Oahu, a parent of children who graduated from Hawaii public schools and an early childhood educator and advocate. I strongly support HB984.

Following the June 2022 Supreme Court *Bruen* decision, the state of Hawaii must act now to keep our state’s strict gun laws in place. I support that HB984 will prohibit carrying or possessing a firearm in certain sensitive locations; will prohibit leaving an unsecured firearm in a vehicle unattended; will prohibit a person carrying a firearm in public pursuant to a license from carrying more than one firearm on their person at one time; will prohibit people carrying a firearm from consuming alcohol, consuming a controlled substance, being under the influence of alcohol, or being under the influence of a controlled substance; and will prohibit carrying or possessing a firearm on private property open to the public without authorization.

While I would prefer citizens NOT carry firearms in public, laws need to be in place to require licensing, fees and proper registration of firearms. I support new education and training for licensed gun owners. I support requiring a person stopped by a law enforcement officer to inform the law enforcement officer if they are carrying a concealed firearm.

To keep our community safe, I support revising, clarifying and focusing on Hawaii’s mental-health disqualification for firearms possession which will protect public safety by ensuring that firearms are not possessed or carried by those who should not entrusted with a firearm.

Please vote “Yes” on HB984.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 8:24:09 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
tania victorine	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Our 2nd amendment is our constitutional right which shall not be infringed.

Why the hell do we even have to explain??!! You public servants should know what the constitution means therefore, we should be able to protect ourselves and our families ANYWHERE without limitations.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 7:20:24 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Judith Ann Armstrong	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB984 HD2.

Limit as much as possible who can carry guns and where and when.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 8:05:53 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
tlaloc tokuda	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha PSM Chair, Vice Chair and Committee members i support HB 984 HD2 because unlike the Supreme Court, Hawaii's bill is more responsible. Hawaii had rules that people couldn't carry concealed weapons, however the Supreme Court's Bruen decision opened up the floodgates for the possibility that more people will be carrying more guns all around Hawaii. ● Hawaii urgently needs to address this risk by passing a new Public Carry Bruen Fix law that sets clear requirements on: ○ who is, and is not, qualified to carry a gun in public; ○ how our county chiefs of police can vet people applying to carry a gun in public; and ○ where people who get permits to carry guns in public can and can't bring those guns. ● We need to make sure we don't let people carry guns in public if they've had a recent history of violent or threatening behavior, or have been recently cited for being reckless with firearms. ● We need to require that people carrying guns in public must have been trained on the specific types of issues that come up when carrying a gun outside the house. This should include how to store their guns safely in cars so more stolen guns don't end up on the street, where they can and can't carry their guns, and when they can and can't legally use lethal force in selfdefense. ● We need to make sure law enforcement has the right information and authority to identify and deny public carry permits to people who pose a heightened public safety risk. People applying for these permits should be carefully evaluated based on objective criteria to ensure fairness and uniformity in the process. ● With more people now eligible to get permits to carry guns in public, we need to set clear boundaries on where they can and can't bring those guns. ○ Guns don't belong at playgrounds, parks, or schools, but without this bill, anyone who gets a concealed carry permit can bring hidden guns into those places. ○ Guns and alcohol should never mix. This bill will make it clear that people carrying guns in public cannot bring their guns to bars or restaurants serving alcohol.

Mahalo for your consideration,

tlaloc tokuda

Kailua Kona, HI 96740

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 7:18:44 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 8:38:25 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brent Uemae	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in opposition to HB 984. I am opposed to most of what's in this bill and would like to highlight some areas of concern.

- The list of prohibited places is far too broad and restricts carrying to sidewalks. It will make the legal carry of firearms useless by restricting law abiding firearms owners of the right to self protection in most places. The section below was taken from the NYSRPA v Bruen ruling which addresses some of this concern.
 - It is true that people sometimes congregate in “sensitive places,” and it is likewise true that law enforcement professionals are usually presumptively available in those locations. But expanding the category of “sensitive places” simply to all places of public congregation that are not isolated from law enforcement defines the category of “sensitive places” far too broadly. Respondents’ argument would in effect exempt cities from the Second Amendment and would eviscerate the general right to publicly carry arms for self-defense that we discuss in detail below. See Part III–B, *infra*. Put simply, there is no historical basis for New York to effectively declare the island of Manhattan a “sensitive place” simply because it is crowded and protected generally by the New York City Police Department.
- The change to the permit to acquire requirements by adding training/education every four years not only adds more cost to firearms ownership but will significantly increase the time it would take to be able to acquire the firearm. Available classes do not occur on a weekly basis on Maui and could take up to a month or more to get into a class. On top of that, this bill is proposing to increase the permit to acquire timeframe from 20 days to 40 days making it a possibility that someone could have to wait over two months to acquire a firearm. This proposal creates an unnecessary burden on existing firearms owners.
- Pages 9-10 of this bill creates a redundant requirement by requiring carry license holders to have in their possession the issued carry license plus “Documentary evidence that the firearm being carried is registered under this chapter.” This bill is already making it a requirement for police departments to issue licenses containing the registered firearms’ serial number as read on pages 51-52
- Page 50 related to issuing of carry licenses should have a required and defined amount of time for police departments to issue or deny licenses instead of it being a “reasonable time”. Why is the legislature able to propose a defined timeframe of 40 days to respond to permits to acquire firearms but there's no defined timeframe for a carry license?

There are some proposals that I'm in agreement with such as extending the carry license beyond one year and the addition of permitting the storage of a firearm within the person's vehicle.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 8:39:33 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Eric Akiyama	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly oppose HB984. Please do not take away the ability for the law abiding citizen to defend themselves against criminals. The police cannot be everywhere.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 8:52:30 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jake Ishikawa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

My name is Jake Ishikawa, and I am a high school student at Kapolei High School. I am testifying in strong support of House Bill 984 HD2. I am not going to deny people's second amendment right to "keep and bear arms;" however firearms can be a danger and a threat to the public and therefore require special restrictions to protect the general public. Mass shootings have become too common in the Mainland and it is important that we protect Hawai'i from mass shootings. People's lives are far more important than a firearm. Additionally, this bill restricts the locations in which a person can carry a firearm. Schools, hospitals, and the like, must be protected from firearms because they pose a threat to the general safety. As we know all too well, school shootings are too common in the Mainland and each time we need to grieve and pray. We cannot let that happen in Hawai'i. Only sensible people should be issued a permit to carry a firearm and this bill clarifies the requirements to obtain a permit, such as knowing information like the individual's character, temperament, and mental health history. In order to keep the general public safe, we must pass this bill.

Once again, I strongly support House Bill 984 HD2 and it is my hope that this bill will pass out of this committee for the safety of everyone in Hawai'i. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

With gratitude,

Jake Ishikawa

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 8:55:58 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Wayne Asam	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill as it only infringes our rights and doesn't do anything to prevent criminals from possessing illegal firearms. Please start working on the root of problems and issues. Stop wasting our tax paying dollars on these silly bills. All of these will be fought vigorously by me and many others in our community.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 9:10:40 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
juhl rayne	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

People have a right to bear arms. It is a constitutional Freedom! The bad people who harm others will not abide by these new regulations. Good people don't bring firearms in public places without a good reason. The Government Cannot tell us what to do!

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 9:21:17 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mane Futo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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."

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 9:26:52 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this Bill because it infringes on our Second Amendment Right to keep and bear arms. All these proposed rules and regulations will only jeopardize the safety of law abiding citizens from being able to defend themselves against criminals. Criminals do not follow the law. Criminals will still be in possession of a deadly weapon ie. firearm even though they are prohibited from having one. You should focus more on catching and locking up these criminals with multiple convictions instead of slapping them on the wrist and releasing them back out into the community only to terrorize innocent people over and over again.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 9:31:21 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Craig Kashiwai	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it infringes on my Constitutional rights.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 9:38:58 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lois Langham	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I want to feel safe here. I support HB984 HD2.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 10:30:06 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
gabrielle davidson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I STRONGLY support HB984 HD2!

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 10:31:16 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chelsey Bryson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am worried about gun violence and support this bill

RELATING TO THE PUBLIC CARRY OF FIREARMS

Hi, my name is Lori Fujimoto. I am here today to request less restrictions for us qualified civilians -- concealed carry weapons (CCW) permit holders -- to carry firearms concealed and non-concealed (open carry)...especially women.

Women are far more likely to be victims of violent crime, and far less likely to be perpetrators of violent crime.

Especially female CCW permit holders should not have any sensitive area restrictions. And if you keep any sensitive places, then they should only be those that have magnetometers to keep out all guns, which are places like airports and courthouses. And even in these places like airport and courthouses, there should be private lock boxes provided to secure firearms, like how the US Federal Court house, provides law enforcement officers a secure their firearms.

Almost exclusively, law enforcement has not responded quick enough to stop violent crime, because it predominantly happens much too quickly. Usually, victims are not even able to call 9-1-1 soon enough for police to arrive before violent injury occurs.

This just this past February 1, 2023, at approximately 9:00 am, Mililani Walmart parking lot, Desmond Kekahuna intentionally ran over a woman who was pushing her baby in a stroller. Attacker then proceeded to attack this woman and a man who came to her aid, leaving them both in critical condition.

The idea that low Honolulu crime (which is debatable), and that Honolulu is “safe-enough,” should not violate our US Constitution rights to keep and bear (i.e., carry) a concealed weapon. This low-crime argument suggests that this attack in the Mililani Walmart is rare enough to be perfectly acceptable. Your CCW restrictions leaves victims like these entirely defenseless.

The proposed ban prohibits qualified citizens from carrying in all the listed locations in effect is a “back door ban” or “disguised ban” that violates our US Federal Constitutional Rights. There is nothing “sensitive” about these places. These places that you deem “sensitive” are mundane and a part of normal everyday life. Qualified CCW permit holders literally cannot obtain simple basic, life necessities to survive or participate in society.

Integrity demands that you public officials abide by the US Constitution and what was specified by the US Supreme Court, and not circumvent or suppress the law with your own political bias. The City Council’s willingness to “back door ban” concealed carry shows your lack of integrity. Your liberal, crime-lenient political positions are soft (softer than conservative Republicans) on violent criminals and strip law-abiding citizens of their 2nd Amendment and leaving innocent victims defenseless.

Criminals who are willing to commit violent crime, will certainly not obey lesser laws of carrying weapons. These restrictions sick/send/launch violent criminals to target law-abiding citizens, especially in gun-free, sensitive zones, because criminals know that the law-abiding will obey the law and not carry their firearms in those zones. .

My husband has been employed/working as a federal law enforcement agent/officer for the past 18 years. I, as his wife, would pass the same background database checks as him. Yet your “back door ban” treats me as a criminal, who has no constitutional right to carry a firearm for self-defense.

The database background checks for CCW applicants are already the same as the police.

The firearms proficiency test is also comparable to the local police.

Qualified citizens should be able to carry both open and concealed. Open carry serves as an effective deterrent to violent crime. Periodic open-carry should be allowed to CCW permit holders in certain “sensitive” situations, where, for example, there is a suspicious group of men congregating outside a store at night. My law enforcement husband does this when he has to fill gas late in crime ridden areas of Hawaii.

Qualified Retired Law Enforcement Officers (QRLEO) should be exempt from the restrictions of sensitive locations and private property.

I also support qualified citizens and QRLEOs to carry high capacity magazines. This will allow the qualified citizen to defend themselves on a more even playing field, when defending against violent criminal attackers who are well-known to disobey firearms laws like the laws restricting magazine capacity.

Lori K. Fujimoto, March 13, 2023
last four of social security number 7284

RELATING TO THE PUBLIC CARRY OF FIREARMS

I am here today to request less restrictions for us qualified civilians -- concealed carry weapons (CCW) permit holders -- to carry firearms concealed and non-concealed (open carry)...especially women. Women are far more likely to be victims of violent crime, and far less likely to be perpetrators of violent crime.

Especially female CCW permit holders should not have any sensitive area restrictions. And if you keep any sensitive places, then they should only be those that have magnetometers to keep out all guns, which are places like airports and courthouses. And even in these places like airport sand courthouses, there should be private lock boxes provided to secure firearms, like how the US Federal Court house, provides law enforcement officers a secure their firearms.

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Integrity demands that you public officials abide by the US Constitution and what was specified by the US Supreme Court, and not circumvent or suppress the law with your own political bias. The City Council’s willingness to “back door ban” concealed carry shows your lack of integrity. Your liberal, crime-lenient political positions are soft (softer than conservative Republicans) on violent criminals and strip law-abiding citizens of their 2nd Amendment and leaving innocent victims defenseless.

Criminals who are willing to commit violent crime, will certainly not obey lesser laws of carrying weapons. These restrictions sick/send/launch violent criminals to target law-abiding citizens, especially in gun-free, sensitive zones, because criminals know that the law-abiding will obey the law and not carry their firearms in those zones. .

I have been working as a federal law enforcement agent/officer for the past 18 years. My wife would be passing the same background database checks as me. Yet your “back door ban” treats my wife as a criminal, who has no constitutional right to carry a firearm for self-defense. The sensitive area laminations should not apply to retired law enforcement.

The database background checks for CCW applicants are already the same as the police.

The firearms proficiency test is also comparable to the local police.

Qualified citizens should be able to carry both open and concealed. Open carry serves as an effective deterrent to violent crime. Periodic open-carry should be allowed to CCW permit holders in certain “sensitive” situations, where, for example, there is a suspicious group of men congregating outside a store at night. As a law enforcement agent/officer when I have to fill gas late in crime-ridden areas of Hawaii, I unconcealed my gun (and badge).

Qualified Retired Law Enforcement Officers (QRLEO) should be exempt from the restrictions of sensitive locations and private property.

I also support qualified citizens and QRLEOs to carry high capacity magazines. This will allow the qualified citizen to defend themselves on a more even playing field, when defending against violent criminal attackers who are well-known to disobey firearms laws like the laws restricting magazine capacity.

Rory K. Fujimoto, S/A, March 13, 2023
last four of social security number 7680

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 11:29:41 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
James Rosa	Testifying for ROSAS ARMS LLC	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I'm a Federal Firearms Dealer on Kauai providing Safe Firearms Training for the general public, most of whom practice and train with their firearms 2, 3, 4, 5 times more often than active Law Enforcement Officers. Law Enforcement Patrol Officers practice & qualify only once per year, which is a danger to the general public if a Patrol Officer needs to use his or her firearm. This is a fact, yet this bill is written to greatly limit the general public's ability to defend themselves and others even though they are much more proficient than Law Enforcement with their firearm. I hear time and time again that Hawaii is one of the lowest states for crime due to Hawaii's strict firearm laws, although I know for a fact that this is a big lie. Many violent crimes in Hawaii, although reported never make it to court and are never exposed to the general public. This is the major reason that firearm sales have greatly increased in Hawaii. Those families with loved ones that have been hurt or killed, with no help from Law Enforcement, are arming themselves for the safety of their families and other innocent people. By passing this bill you are opening the door for criminals to kill and hurt more innocent people since the criminals don't abide by any laws and you once again leaving innocent people defenceless. Please don't give the criminals an open season on all innocent people.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 11:34:58 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lynn Otaguro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB 984 HD2. It sets forth clear permitting requirements and boundaries for where guns may be carried, and will keep our communities safer. Please support this bill.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2023 11:39:37 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
kimo galon	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

HB984-2

I oppose HB984-HD1. This is another bill that will deny CCW holders their constitutional right to carry outside the house as “Heller vs DC” stated. This bill will criminalize all CCW permit holders. This bill will not do anything to deter any criminal activity. If you are not hardening our schools, offices and etc..Criminals will hit all areas that are anti-gun.

We should not be “required” to have insurance. As a hard worker that is still trying to recover from Covid lockdowns I cannot afford paying for insurance. I have a hard enough time paying for auto insurance. In time I would like to purchase insurance but I’d like to do so on my time unless the city and tax payers would like to foot all of our bills from taking classes to paying for proficiency tests and insurance. If the state requires all of that on a constitutional right then the state can pay for it.

Waiting for a permit any longer than a day is terrible and bad policy. There was an instance where a woman had a TRO on her Ex-husband and applied for a CCW permit. Her Ex found her and killed her before she could even get her CCW permit approved.

All these minute micro managing rules makes no sense. As a gun owner we already hold ourselves to a higher level where we take every step with responsibility

If we can safely keep our firearms in holster, we should be able to do and carry as we please.

All of these rules and sensitive places will only create safe haven for criminals and they will never stop stealing and ruining lives. As I stated before we need more laws and focuses to make it more difficult for these people to stop committing crimes.

We should not be speaking about enhanced sentencing with CCW holders when we can’t even punish the very criminals that roam our streets. The city and state has done nothing for homelessness, violent and nonviolent crimes.

Our medical records are our own business. The state or city has no business knowing any of my medical records. The state is clearly overreaching its “authority” just as they did during covid. What was the result.... A devastated economy which has not recovered and still has not come up with any alternatives to state income besides “tourism”. Also qualified immunity for physicians,

psychologists and etc. is grossly uncalled for. We know that there are many unqualified healthcare officials that will make bad diagnosis and they need to reap the repercussions of a bad diagnosis. This amendment will not hold anyone liable for their actions with the exception of the CCW license holder. Do not forget the right to bear arms is our 2nd amendment right and not a second class right. We are innocent until proven guilty.

Your anti- gun legislation will put us in danger rather than keep us safe.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 7:01:04 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Stephen Kobayashi	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments: I oppose HB984

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 7:18:59 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jayne Kealoha-Dacuycuy	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose bill HB984. This goes against the constitutional rights given to the people. Stop this government overreaching.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 7:19:03 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robert Marks	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair and members - this bill goes a long way to mitigating the harm to Hawai'i by the US Supreme Court's awful decision in Bruen. Please pass this measure.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 7:22:31 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kaliko Trusdell	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this Bill. The same type of rules have been overturned in New York and New Jersey's State Supreme Courts. Do not waste tax payer dollars by implementing unlawful rules that do not meet the US Constitution.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 7:29:56 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 7:33:15 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robert Hechtman	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose bill HB984!

It is obviously designed to discourage/ prevent law abiding citizens from concealed carry of a fire arm for self defense.

It is intact a de facto ban and in direct contradiction of both the 2nd amendment and the recent Bruen decision.

It will not hinder criminals or deter them from carrying illegally as they don't follow the laws anyway. This bill will not make our communities safer. In fact it will have the opposite effect. Decent people will not be allowed a means to protect themselves and be easy prey to criminals. Look at the recent rise in violent crimes the past few years.

Please vote against this bill.

Aloha, Robert Hechtman

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 8:10:49 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose HB984 relating to firearms as it clearly violates the Second Amendment.

Thank you,

Jessica Tamaribuchi

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 7:33:39 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sabrina Sumner	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a citizen of Hawai'i and a great grand-daughter, grand-daughter, niece, and sister of soldiers who fought for mine and all people for the freedoms of the United States Constitution as well as the Bill of Rights. We, the educated, law abiding citizens have the right to protect ourselves as well as our families lives because it is our God given, born with rights, and it is being infringed upon by the government. With crime on the rise, we deserve to protect ourselves from convicted and habitual criminals. For those government officials who stops this right, has gone against their oath to their current positions and should step-down.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 7:39:04 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Caroline Azelski	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In support of HD2. Thank you.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 7:42:25 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
noela von	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose. Thank you

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 8:10:11 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jennifer Cabjuan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please do NOT support this bill. Criminals do not care about laws you write. Respect the 2nd amendment and the Constitutional rights of Hawaii people-Vote NO

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 8:17:00 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Daniel Leite	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I vehemently oppose this bill. By creating any area that bans carrying of firearms you are creating an area of victimization. Any restrictions of a law-abiding citizen to carry a firearm limits their ability ability to protect themselves and others. By their very nature criminals do not follow laws. That is the definition of a criminal. You will be creating areas where violent criminals know they will be able to carryout their malicious acts unopposed, making all who passed this bill accomplices to every crime that happens in such an area if you pass it.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 8:19:13 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Samuel M Mitchell	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support the passage of HB984 HD2

Samuel Mitchell

Member of Makiki NB-10 & Leg. V.P. of NARFE

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 8:21:07 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

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

Comments:

You are voted in to represent us the people. If this bill is allowed to go through you are violating our constitutional rights. Choose to do the right thing and stop representing those who are special interest and start doing the job you were voted in to do. Please protect our rights as you are required by your position.

Our people our being victimized daily as you see on social media and the news by those who do not and will not follow the laws. Do not get in the way of our constitutionally given right to protect ourselves as we go about our day with our loved ones in a law abiding manner.

Put yourselves in our shoes and ask yourself if you are okay with the poor Mililani girls senseless death when she could have potentially protected herself? Or that poor mom and the gentleman who protected her in that Walmart parking lot. They were powerless to protect themselves. However, someone could have if our lawmakers didn't get in our way to rightfully do so. Our police officers should be honored and revered, but they cannot protect if they aren't there in a timely manner. We have the right to protect ourselves and our loved ones. Like I said, put yourselves in the position of the families of those hurt or killed, would you be voting to restrict our rights? You are in the position to do so, so do the right thing for once.



March 16, 2023

Dear Committee Members of the Hawaii State Legislature,

My name is Mark A. Baker II, J.D., and I am a 2019 West Virginia University College of Law graduate. I am a special advisor to the Heller Foundation.

I am writing to inform the Committee that I am against HB984. There are two provisions that I would like to highlight that can be found unconstitutional concerning *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen*. The two locations designated as "sensitive" can be related to the prohibition of firearms in certain locations and premises and the prohibition of carrying or possessing firearms on certain private property without express authorization.

These two provisions violate the Bruen decision by the United States Supreme Court. A court could find that HB984 is an attempt to overburden a constitutional right by making law-abiding citizens who have obtained a concealed carry permit virtually unable to carry a firearm outside their homes. The legislature is infringing upon law-abiding citizens' rights and circumventing the Supreme Court's decision in Bruen.

Surrounding the events of 2020, this Committee should become cautious of supporting situations that could result in increased police interactions with minority populations due to the enforcement of this law. As a law-abiding minority citizen, laws that encourage law enforcement to scrutinize law-abiding citizens they think are concealed carrying could result in harmful interactions. Lastly, the Committee should consider the racist history of gun control and how gun control was founded in this country to disarm politically unpopular ethnic, racial, and religious minorities.

I am against HB984, and I believe the Committee should respect the Bruen decision and respect the rights of law-abiding gun owners in Hawaii to carry their firearms.

I thank the Committee for taking the time to read my testimony.

Respectfully,
Mark Baker, JD.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 8:50:06 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Justin Kaawa	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Why so many obstacles for LAW ABIDING US CITIZENS? I feel the need to not just protect my life, loved ones, and property but be ready at all times and all places especially at my child's school or place of worship, there has been to many incidents of school and church massacres let alone killings and attempted murders in our state alone. I strongly feel that by passing a bill that prohibits responsible gun owners from carrying only puts a TARGET on your so called SENSITIVE places for criminals it's as if you're setting off a dinner bell for criminals knowing that there will be no one ARMED to protect themselves. The Hawaii we once knew is gone to weak laws that let criminals back onto our streets. Of course the first thing to do in any situation is call 911 for Law enforcement but in many cases HPD takes to long to respond and we all know HPD has been lacking the man power they need to keep our streets safe. I personally can say as a RESPONSIBLE Hawaii Registered Gun owner it is my RIGHT to protect myself, my loved ones, and the innocent from ANY THREAT at ANY TIME and ANY PLACE

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 8:51:22 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ali Ameden	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We will not lose our right to bare arms. And if you were intelligent you would not even propose such a bill. Bad people with guns will not follow any laws so this is irrelevant. Stop trying to control every aspect of our lives!

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 8:54:45 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alice Abellanida	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am strongly opposed to this tyrannical bill! It is an egregious violation of the 2nd amendment! More and more restrictive laws that punish law abiding people will not stop criminals. This bill is more government control and is ridiculous on the spaces allowed to carry. I urge you to vote no.

Alice Abellanida

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 9:07:39 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kekoa Gardner	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a law abiding gun owner and have followed all the requirements for me to obtain my firearms. What any "sensitive places" legislation fails to understand is that this will only prevent law abiding citizens from having a firearm in these designated places. Those who follow the law and obtain their firearms legally and comply with concealed or open carry requirements will be the only people not having the ability to defend themselves or their love ones in these designated places. Those with ill intent will not care about any law saying they are not allowed to have a firearm in these designated places. If they choose to illegally carry a firearm, they will. It is also safe to assume that their firearm was not obtained legally.

This law will also tie the hands of business owners who would choose to allow licensed concealed or open carry on their premissis. It should be up to them to decide if they would like to carry a firearm on their person to protect their business and/or allow their customers to do the same. If a place is considered "private property" it should be the decision of the property owner.

Those who go through the process of legally obtaining and carry firearms respect the law. They understand the consequences of having a firearm and take that responsibility seriously. They have trained with their firearm and know how to use it. They understand what will happen should they draw their firearm on another person and do not take this action lightly.

History has proven that such government overreach only hinders law abiding citizens from protecting themselves, not prevent criminals from committing crimes.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 9:10:44 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Patti Cook	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a long time advocate for gun safety and while our Hawai'i laws are better than most anywhere else in the country, there are still gaps and serious public safety issues. Also, due to the Bruen decision, we need our Legislators to set clear conditions and requirements regarding people who may carry concealed guns outside of their home.

The current version of HB984 HD2 addresses key concerns regarding who is, and is not eligible to carry a gun in public, how county police chiefs must assure that permits for concealed carry are approved only after a thorough background and mental health review, and locations where people who get permits to carry guns in public can and cannot carry those guns.

Please expedite passage of this bill to better ensure the safety of our children and all island residents.

Thank you. Patti Cook - Waimea, Island of Hawai'i

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 9:17:07 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
PAMELA SUMMERS	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB984 HD2

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 9:17:44 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am in *opposition* of bill **HB984**. Your choices of *sensitive areas* only prohibits/restricts **law-abiding citizens** to protect themselves in those areas while **criminals** who don't obey any laws carry in those same places.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 9:19:53 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lori Kizer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB984 HD2. Mahalo.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 9:32:24 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kahana Kauahi	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a law abiding citizen and i feel that this is a violation of our 2nd amendment rights.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 9:33:37 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chad Cummings	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. Our own Hawaii Constitution says it directly copies the 2nd Amendment! This goes against everything the 2nd Amendment says. The right to keep and bear arms! SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED. Our rights are being INFRINGED upon, it's crazy how the people in office are doing these things to law abiding citizens. Yet criminals are free to do what they will and we as law abiding citizens pay the price. What other rights do we have that we need to pay a fee to use? How is it that you use parts of the Constitution only when it helps you, but infringe on other Amendments? You are letting feelings take away OUR GOD given RIGHTS that are protected by our Constitution. If we go by what Bruen said about tradition then Hawaii was a warrior nation everyone had weapons. And the Hawaiians had guns and cannons.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 9:37:05 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cheryl Tanaka	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

It's too costly and it should be left alone

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 9:37:36 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Elizabeth Nelson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB 984. People in Hawaii have a right to have a gun for their safety, but citizens without a gun have a right to be safe, also.

Thank you, Elizabeth Nelson

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 9:48:27 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robin Leong	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB984 HD2.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 9:56:58 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Springer Kaye	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support putting as many guardrails in place as possible, given that our state is being forced to allow concealed carry against our residents' and voters' wishes. We know more guns will only lead to more gun violence and more gun deaths in our communities. As a mother, I would feel safer knowing there are no guns allowed in any public venue, gathering space, school or school event, place of worship, government building, hospital, airport, buses, or anyplace that alcohol is consumed. We don't want vigilantes thinking they can keep our community safe by gunning down members of our community! I appreciate your doing what you can to strictly limit the proliferation of guns in our community.

**TESTIMONY OF ELLEN GODBEY CARSON IN SUPPORT OF HB 984, HD 2
WITH REQUEST FOR AMENDMENTS**

I write in strong support of HB 984, HD 2, with requested amendments to strengthen the bill.

While I write as an individual, I have served as president of the Hawaii State Bar Association, the Institute for Human Services (IHS), and the Sex Abuse Treatment Center. In these capacities, I have strived to strike the right balance for safety of our community and protection of individual rights. I believe HB 984 strikes that right balance, but could be strengthened.

This bill creates numerous measures to better protect our community, while complying the unfortunate US Supreme Court's mandate that public carry permits be allowed. I especially support the bill's efforts to:

- require thorough background checks of criminal and mental health history;
- require robust safety training for issuance of permits/licenses; and
- prohibit the carrying of firearms in Sensitive Places, and other restrictions on carrying firearms in public.

I request HB 984, HD2 be amended and strengthened to:

- **Require “the posting of clear and conspicuous signage at all public entrances” to private properties open to the public where the owner consents to the presences of firearms being carried, so the public can know and choose to avoid places where firearms may be present. (The bill currently allows posting as an alternative to express owner consent, but the public has no way to know of that fact if there is not clear and conspicuous posting, and so has no ability to choose safer properties).**
- **Require disclosure of any “health care plans” in addition to “health care providers in sections 134-2(c)(2) and 134-9(g)(2). Health care plans (such as HMSA and Kaiser) keep robust data on health care services and diagnoses from all providers reimbursed.**
- **Close the loophole in HRS 134-4(c) that allows shotguns and rifles (including assault rifles) to be loaned to other persons for 15-75 days, without any license, permit or background check. All these other enhanced protections in our law will have little effect when such uncontrolled transfers of firearms are still permitted. Section 134-2(h) in this bill continues to embrace the dangerous “lending” loophole in 134-4(c).**

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

Ellen Godbey Carson
Honolulu, Hawaii

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Submitted on: 3/16/2023 10:18:09 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jason Klahr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Vehemently Oppose HB984 HD2

What part of "**Shall Not Be Infringed**" have you not understood. The Spirit of the Second Amendment: A well regulated militia necessary to the safety of a free state (This does not refer to the "National Guard") *The right of the people to keep and bear arms*, Shall NOT be INFRING'ED, *participle passive* Broken; violated; transgresses. We as a state have already came down the slippery slope in to a police state. The purpose for the supreme court of the united states of Americas action on constitutional arms possession and carry was to return to the constitution. For you to add or subtract from that fundamental right is a violation fo your oath of office. Government has become to pervasive and persuasive and needs to be reined in. According to the constitution, Election is not our only recourse.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 10:18:39 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nancy Marker	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Sen. Wakai, Sen. Elefante, and Members of the Committee:

I support HB 984 HD2 that addresses our public health and safety by establishing sensitive areas where firearms cannot be carried by individuals. I support the amendments that have been made on the list of sensitive areas; who is disqualified to own, possess, and control a firearm; and, who are health care providers qualified to provide information on firearms applicants.

Thank you for your consideration of this bill.

Sincerely,

Nancy Marker

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 10:21:32 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Melissa S. Chang	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is unconstitutional. It must not be passed!

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 10:22:27 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Adrienne Hew	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I'm no fan of firearms, but this bill is a violation of Constitutional rights. The 2nd Amendment guarantees the right to bear arms and FORM A MILITIA against the kind of government overreach you appear to be angling toward. This bill will create massive violence and a black market for guns as those with bad intent will have guns no matter what.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 10:23:56 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tina Pao	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Josh Green, you're introducing this bill, absolutely appalling, mean while, all of you have security/protection with guns? How is this fair to us as citizens? I oppose this bill 1000% we, as United States citizens should have every right to protect our properties, and our selves, no matter where we go, especially during these times, when crime, auto theft, robberies, are up, and criminals constantly getting released, and not held for their crimes.

Law abiding citizens will always follow the law, and criminals will always find a way to break the law, period.

Thank you!

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 10:24:14 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Maria Owl	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose any legislation that imposes restrictions into our Second Amendment Rights in Hawaii State. Our Second Amendment should be protected by our legislators, not attacked and undermined by them.

I oppose HB984!

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 10:40:17 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Faith Marie Harding	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha. I am testifying today in support of HB 984. We, as people of this nation, the state of Hawaii and the county of Kauai have so much to be concerned about. Whether it's Coco Palms, traffic, housing, food costs, sovereignty issues, or voting rights, for me, there is nothing more important than the mass shootings that have continued to plague this nation. Since the reversal of the ban on assault weapons in 2004, the mass shootings in this country have risen to epic proportions. We've had over 90 mass shootings in 2023 already. In June 2022, the Supreme Court of the United States issued a 6-3 decision in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v Bruen* that expanded the right of Americans to bear arms as guaranteed by the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. This decision is over the oral arguments from November 2021 about the 100-year-old New York state handgun licensing law requiring individuals to show proper cause before they can be licensed to carry a concealed weapon in public. The plaintiffs argued that the law violates the Second Amendment in which the Supreme Court agreed. Hawaii has been the beacon leader in gun sense laws. We have some of the strongest for over 120 yrs and the lowest rate of gun deaths in the nation. Among many of its life-saving laws, the state has a law that requires gun purchasers to obtain a license and complete a firearm safety course. <https://www.everytown.org/state/hawaii/> The Supreme Court has never before held that the second amendment protects an individual's right to carry firearms outside of the home, let alone in crowded city streets. We, as the general public, have now been thrown into a quagmire. This is over the "sensitive areas" question in which conceal carry weapons are not allowed. There is no legislation from the Federal government, nor the state of HI yet. The Supreme Court has left it to the local governments to create this legislation which is causing much confusion. Now is not the time to throw out life-saving gun laws. Both the pandemic and increased gun sales have been linked to more gun deaths. Meanwhile, frequent mass shootings continue to devastate the country., the threats posed by violent extremism and domestic terrorism are growing, and gun violence in cities are spiking! Now is the worse time to deprive communities of their tools to protect all of us from gun violence. I am a survivor of gun violence. Do the right thing. Set clear boundaries where guns can/cannot be carried. Guns don't belong at schools, parks, playgrounds, movies, theatres, public spaces. Guns and alcohol should never mix so not at restaurants or bars. Make it clear with this bill. Also anyone that is a threat to the public or to an individual such as a domestic violence offender should not be allowed this permit to carry. We implore you those of us that have had gun violence in our lives to please do the prudent and reasonable action. Mahalo for your attention to this extremely important matter.

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee members:

My name is Elna Nagasako and I live in Makiki. I am testifying in support of HB984.

Although I was born and raised in Hawaii, I practiced as a physician in Missouri, a state with much looser gun laws and a much higher rate of gun deaths. I want to convey three lessons about what it was like to live in a place where concealed guns are present in many everyday settings.

First, more guns in more places leads to more gun deaths.

If having more access to guns in public places made people safer, Missouri should be much safer than Hawai'i. In reality, this isn't the case. In Missouri, gun deaths are about seven times more common than in Hawaii. Notably, many shootings occur in everyday public settings. So far, just in 2023, there have been shootings in a public park, a grocery store parking lot, a bar, restaurant, and a gas station, among others.

Second, having guns where they don't belong can turn everyday disputes into deadly disputes.

As you deliberate this legislation, please keep in mind that concealed gun laws don't just involve highly-trained people protecting themselves. They also apply to people who are angry, emotional, or intoxicated, for whom a gun will turn a bad situation worse. In Missouri, shootings have occurred during workplace disputes, fights over parking spaces, and conflicts between neighbors.

Third, having guns in places where they shouldn't be imposes burdens on the whole community.

If we do not enact reasonable gun safety protections in Hawai'i, we are asking our moms, dads, kupuna, and keiki to have to wonder whether someone is carrying a gun every time they go to school, go shopping, or go to the beach and to assess others as threats rather than as "aunty" or "cousin".

I believe in honoring the Second Amendment, and I also believe that with rights come responsibilities, including keeping our community safe in places where we work, learn, and play.

Please support HB984.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Elna Nagasako

Makiki (96822)

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 10:48:54 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Monique Perreira	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly oppose this measure.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 10:52:43 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
davin asato	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to encourage the opposition of HB984. The original bill was already highly invasive of privacy, personal and medical information and too broad. Now to include manatatory sentacing, disclosures and to include not just the parking lot of a building, but also the adjacent lots puts law abiding citizens who have already gone through training, background checks, fingerprinting and photographing to now, not being able to go basically anywhere while operating within the law to protect themselves. There are cases going befor Supreme courts now that are shutting down these bills and this will too should it pass. Please spare the citizens of Hawai'i their time, money and energy, be lawful yourselves as representatives, and operate within your bounds. Oppose HB984 in its entirety.

Please oppose HB984.

Thank you,

Davin Asato

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 10:56:26 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lindsey Noelle Magallanes	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Firearm industries SHOULD NOT be liable for crimes committed with their firearms. it is our constitutional rights to bear arms. Didn't you guys swear into office to uphold our Constitution?? What criminals do with their guns is their sin and their sin ONLY!!!

Should the makers of machetes, kitchen shears, kitchen knives, or even automobiles be responsible for crimes committed with their product? No!

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 11:07:01 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Roberta Baker	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please try to keep guns under control as much as possible.

Thnak you

Roberta Baker

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 11:12:08 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Victoria Anderson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support and pass this bill!

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 11:15:57 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
CHESTER LUM	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB984 in its entirety and respectfully request you do the same.

This bill makes it impossible for a law-abiding citizen who is granted a firearm carry permit to exercise their Second Amendment right to defend themselves.

For this reason, I oppose HB984 and its amendments and again respectfully request you do the same.

Thank you.

Chester Lum

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Submitted on: 3/16/2023 11:26:22 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ryan Willis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

OPPOSE HB 984

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Submitted on: 3/16/2023 11:29:32 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kanoë Willis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

OPPOSE HB 984

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Submitted on: 3/16/2023 11:36:54 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Beth Anderson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HB 984. Please continue to keep Hawaii safe and protect us from gun violence. We have one of the lowest rates of gun violence in the nation because of our strict gun control laws. This must continue by passing this Bill which sets clear requirements for:

Who is, and is not, eligible to carry a gun in public

How our County Chiefs of Police can assure that permits for concealed carry are approved only after thorough background and mental health review

Locations where people who get permits to carry guns in public can and cannot carry those guns

I hope at some point a ruling calling for yearly mental health checks for licensed gun owners can be legislated. Mental health is fluid and once a person has a mental health check does not guarantee this person will not become mentally ill sometime in the future. We have seen that people who carry out mass shootings often have mental health issues. We have seen domestic abuse end in gun violence and death. An individual's mental health, anger issues, and their tendency toward acting out in a violent manner can change overnight in some situations.

I feel threatened by the ruling that decreed people must be allowed to carry concealed guns outside of their homes because this ruling is a loosening of gun restrictions and statistically, loosening of gun restrictions translates to increased gun violence. Concealed carry puts the public at greater risk. Please do everything possible to mitigate the impacts of this ruling.

Mahalo for considering my opinions.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 11:40:56 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose HB984.

This would prohibit law abiding citizens from exercising their rights to self defense wherever needed. Also would turn normally law abiding citizens into criminals. I agree a firearm shouldn't be in a vehicle unsecured & unattended. A firearm should always be under the control of the owner. I also agree with not handling a firearm while under the influence.

There are no other rights that needs a permit to exercise there are existing laws that restrict ownership of firearms. No other rights have the restrictions or hoops to jump through just to acquire a firearm.

"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*** ."

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 11:43:24 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Younghee Overly	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB984 HD2.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 11:51:55 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill on the grounds that it is blatantly UNCONSTITUTIONAL. It's a shame as so called lawmakers, you have such a lust for power and so little knowledge of the Law of the Land. All of our constitutional rights are endowed by the CREATOR, and therefore can only be revoked or modified by said CREATOR. Last time I've checked, none of you have created anything except for a borderline third world State that used to be paradise. The US Supreme Court has ruled that we have the God given right to keep and bear arms and it Shall Not Be Infringed. Please save yourselves from the embarrassing backslap that the SCOTUS will deliver should this bill pass, ball up the wasted paper the bill is printed on, and put opala in its place.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 11:54:05 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Randy Cheung	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose. This bill does not respect or protect the lawful exercise of individual rights. On the contrary, it makes changes hawaii's firearms laws which have little to do with mitigating hazards to public health and more to do with restricting the lawful exercise of individual rights. It will be falsely represented to the public as a sensitive places bill when in reality it is 10% sensitive places and 90% anti-2nd amendment rights. Anyone who reads this bill will know the truth. Shame on you and the media for manipulating the wider public into thinking this is good for them and their rights.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 12:06:52 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Benel Piros	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE due to the fact a LAW ABIDING Citizen is restricted to Lawfully carry and protect themselves at all times while in a public setting. Criminals don't follow the LAW and this Bill will do nothing to stop crime.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 12:07:45 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha my name is Jessica Caiazzo and I'm grateful for my voice to be heard and represented by those who took oaths to uphold the Constitution.

I oppose this bill as it's simply unconstitutional as per Bruen and Heller. Bruen specifically states that any law or limitation to keep and bear arms must have historical precedent from when the 2nd amendment was ratified in 1791 or re-ratified 1868. The burden is on the state to prove their laws and limitations are based on those historical precedents. Justice Thomas wrote in Bruen: The right to keep and bear arms in public for self defense is not "a 2nd class right, subject to an entirely different set of rules than the other Bill of Rights guarantees." If you do not stand by the Constitution, you do not belong in your position. We are a Constitutional Republic, not a democracy. The law clearly states "shall not be infringed [...]". the Constitution protects individual liberties from being abused by the government. A significant accomplishment of the Constitution was finding a means to agree on this basis of power. Any where you limit the ability to conceal carry makes the people in those locations, the most vulnerable. Gun owners are by far the most patriotic, responsible, and law abiding citizens. Criminals do not care about the law.

Hawaii ranks fourth on the Giffords list of strictest gun laws, and it's 50th in the rate of gun deaths, with 3.4 per 100,000 population, why must we need to restrict our state even more?

On June 23, 2022, the United States Supreme Court, in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Ass'n, Inc. v. Bruen*,^[1] rendered one of the most significant decisions to be issued on the Second Amendment in over a decade. It struck down as unconstitutional New York State's concealed carry law that required an individual to prove "proper cause" existed before a license would be issued allowing that person to carry a concealed pistol or revolver in public.^[2] The court held that this "proper cause" requirement violated the 14th Amendment because it prevented law-abiding citizens who have ordinary self-defense needs – as opposed to specific articulable reasons that show they may be vulnerable to harm – from exercising their Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms.

Facts matter.

A. Guns save more lives than they take; prevent more injuries than they inflict

* Guns used 2.5 million times a year in self-defense. Law-abiding citizens use guns to defend themselves against criminals as many as 2.5 million times every year — or about 6,850 times a day. [1] This means that each year, firearms are used more than 80 times more often to protect the lives of honest citizens than to take lives. [2]

* Of the 2.5 million times citizens use their guns to defend themselves every year, the overwhelming majority merely brandish their gun or fire a warning shot to scare off their attackers. Less than 8% of the time, a citizen will kill or wound his/her attacker.[3]

* As many as 200,000 women use a gun every year to defend themselves against sexual abuse.[4]

* Armed citizens kill more crooks than do the police. Citizens shoot and kill at least twice as many criminals as police do every year (1,527 to 606).[6] And readers of Newsweek learned that “only 2 percent of civilian shootings involved an innocent person mistakenly identified as a criminal. The ‘error rate’ for the police, however, was 11 percent, more than five times as high.”[7]

B. Concealed carry laws help reduce crime

* Nationwide: one-half million self-defense uses. Every year, as many as one-half million citizens defend themselves with a firearm away from home. [9] * Concealed carry laws are dropping crime rates across the country. A comprehensive national study determined in 1996 that violent crime fell after states made it legal to carry concealed firearms. The results of the study showed:

* States which passed concealed carry laws reduced their murder rate by 8.5%, rapes by 5%, aggravated assaults by 7% and robbery by 3%; [10] and * If those states not having concealed carry laws had adopted such laws in 1992, then approximately 1,570 murders, 4,177 rapes, 60,000 aggravated assaults and over 11,000 robberies would have been avoided yearly.[11]

We ask that you absolutely do not pass bill, stand by the Constitution, and in now way infringe more this you already have.

Mahalo.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 12:14:50 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Russell Takata	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE this bill. The prohibition of concealed carry in a multitude of buildings, places, and events essentially removes the reason why concealed carry licensees can provide armed defense for the community at large. The list is essentially an open door for mentally ill who consider venues for gun violence. The measure does nothing to prevent and improve public safety. Regarding requirements for permit to acquire, training four years before permit issuance, deletion of certified NRA training instructor, for all firearm purchase not just pistols and revolvers, and the inclusion of training in mental health, suicide prevention, and domestic violence all appear to be very subjective and unnecessary/unreasonable for the vetting of a permit applicant. In essence, this measure is overkill and will not make our communities any safer than today. It only satisfies political ambitions and more litigation.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 12:18:34 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lisa Huynh Eller	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, my name is Lisa Eller and I live in Hilo. My husband and I are the parents of a wonderful son. I'm here in support of HB 984. I don't want to wonder whether someone is carrying a gun every time I go into a local business or wonder whether someone will shoot and kill children at my son's elementary school.

Sadly, Hawai'i has no shortage of incidences that point to the need for this law. In 2022, an 11-year-old boy was accidentally shot and killed at a Boy Scout Camp on the Big Island. Twice this year, our son's school and childcare facility were on lockdown due to threats of gun violence. Schoolchildren around Hawai'i were subjected to similar protocols. What kind of community, and what kind of leaders, would allow our children to fear gun violence at school?

After the Supreme Court struck down a New York law that was similar to Hawaii's law, we no longer have that protective measure in place and we can expect to see more guns in more places very soon.

Hawaii urgently needs to address this risk by passing a new Public Carry Bruen Fix law that sets clear requirements on:

- who is, and is not, qualified to carry a gun in public;
- how our county chiefs of police can vet people applying to carry a gun in public; and
- where people who get permits to carry guns in public can and can't bring those guns.
- We need to make sure we don't let people carry guns in public if they've had a recent history of violent or threatening behavior, or have been recently cited for being reckless with firearms.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 12:28:45 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mary Babcock	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have grave concerns about the impact of the Bruen decision on the safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors. Among other important provisions which I strongly support HB426 HD2 addresses two areas of major concern about how our residents and visitors can remain safe. It ensures that the licensing procedure for concealed guns weeds out individuals who would be a threat to others or themselves. It also sets forth a list of sensitive places where firearms cannot be carried that is comprehensive enough to protect the safety of Hawaii's residents and visitors. Please support HB984 HD2.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 12:48:21 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gary Jaster	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

People have a right to bear arms. It is a constitutional Freedom! The bad people who harm others will not abide by these new regulations. Good people don't bring firearms in public places without a good reason.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 12:53:55 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Austin White	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

It is painfully and blatantly obvious that the Legislators, Governor, Lt. Governor, Mayors, Police Chiefs and other “government officials” have zero intent to protect and uphold the rights of the citizens of Hawaii as outlined in both the Federal and State Constitutions regarding firearms. We are all tired of holding our breath waiting for you to uphold your sworn duty. You don’t care, and never will. You spread misinformation, spin half-truths and make up “facts” to suit your own purposes. I would dare to find but few of you who can tell the difference between a clip or magazine, bullet or cartridge, semi-automatic or automatic. It may behoove you to actually learn something about firearms and even use one before you make laws and regulations surrounding them. Take the requisite firearms training class to see what is required of those who wish to own and/or carry firearms in this state. I am confident that most of the local firearms instructors in Hawaii would be happy to give any of you a lesson in the use of them. You may learn something.

The plain verbiage of the 2nd Amendment of the United States and Article 1, Section 17 of the State of Hawaii Constitution is clear. **SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED**. SHALL NOT is a legal term of which it seems none of you have the want, intent or fortitude to uphold. Nowhere does it mention in the respective Constitutions that these can be set aside due to feelings or in matters of sensitivity, inclusion, diversity, etc.. Please go read the NYSRPA v Bruen response for details. The 14th Amendment of the United States also makes clear that States shall not make or enforce any laws violating the citizens rights and privileges.

All of you have abdicated your duty to the people of Hawaii by failing uphold your oath of office. I have included the appropriate text for you. Perhaps you may need to read these sections again to refresh your collective memories. But then again, you have no interest in actually representing your constituents. ALL your constituents, even the ones you disagree with.

HAWAII CONSTITUTION

OATH OF OFFICE

Article XVII, Section 4. All eligible public officers, before entering upon the duties of their respective offices, shall take and subscribe to the following oath or affirmation: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, and that I will faithfully discharge my duties as to the best of my ability." As used in this section, "eligible public officers"

means the governor, the lieutenant governor, the members of both houses of the legislature, the members of the board of education, the members of the national guard, State or county employees who possess police powers, district court judges, and all those whose appointment requires the consent of the senate. [Ren and am Const Con 1978 and election Nov 7, 1978; am SB 1440 (1992) and election Nov 3, 1992]

RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS

Article I, 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]

UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION – BILL OF RIGHTS

RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS

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.*

DUE PROCESS & EQUAL PROTECTION

Amendment XIV. Section 1: All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. *No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States;* nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws. (if any have issues remembering the applicability of the 14th Amendment, please go read the decision in Obergefell v. Hodges and substitute same-sex marriage for ownership and carrying of firearms)

DEFINITIONS

Shall: Shall is an imperative command, usually indicating that certain actions are mandatory, and not permissive. This contrasts with the word “may,” which is generally used to indicate a permissive provision, ordinarily implying some degree of discretion.

May: The word “may” is an expression of possibility, a permissive choice to act or not, and ordinarily implies some degree of discretion. This contrasts with the word “shall,” which is generally used to indicate a mandatory provision.

The meaning of the phrase "well-regulated" in the 2nd amendment

From: Brian T. Halonen <halonen@csd.uwm.edu>

The following are taken from the *Oxford English Dictionary*, and bracket in time the writing of the 2nd amendment:

1709: "If a liberal Education has formed in us **well-regulated** Appetites and worthy Inclinations."

1714: "The practice of all **well-regulated** courts of justice in the world."

1812: "The equation of time ... is the adjustment of the difference of time as shown by a **well-regulated** clock and a true sun dial."

1848: "A remissness for which I am sure every **well-regulated** person will blame the Mayor."

1862: "It appeared to her **well-regulated** mind, like a clandestine proceeding."

1894: "The newspaper, a never wanting adjunct to every **well-regulated** American embryo city."

The phrase "well-regulated" was in common use long before 1789, and remained so for a century thereafter. It referred to the property of something being in proper working order. Something that was well-regulated was calibrated correctly, functioning as expected. Establishing government oversight of the people's arms was not only not the intent in using the phrase in the 2nd amendment, it was precisely to render the government powerless to do so that the founders wrote it.

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Submitted on: 3/16/2023 1:01:15 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Annie U.	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

People have a right to bear arms. It is a constitutional Freedom! The bad people who harm others will not abide by these new regulations. Good people don't bring firearms in public places without a good reason. The Government Cannot tell us what to do!

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 1:15:47 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Valerie Wayne	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill has my strongest support. It is exceptionally important to identify places where firearms may be carried in public and to ensure criminal background checks and mental health reviews are in place for those who purchase guns. It also provides adequate training requirements for those using guns. Please pass this bill, which will make our entire state much safer!

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 1:18:24 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Karri Teshima	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

It is my understanding they want to limit where people can carry firearms this sounds good but it is just a start of taking away our second amendment rights we have the right to bear arms I fully oppose this as it is a constitutional freedom to bear arms the dead people who are mothers will not abide by these new regulations good people don't bring firearms in public places without a good reason the government cannot tell us what to do this is another abusive discretion by our government and governot 🗨️👎!!

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 1:32:40 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
austin gapsis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

If you make concealed carry harder to get you are directly victimizing women. You are violating your oath of office by I'm violating our rights and you are doing irreparable damage to the institution by Pershing this

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 1:47:10 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Martha Nakajima	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this bill and hope it will pass quickly given that concealed carry permits are already being applied for and issued in quite large numbers. Time is of the essence.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 1:53:54 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Arlene Twomey	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB984. Please pass.

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Submitted on: 3/16/2023 2:01:31 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Terri Yoshinaga	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

People have a right to bear arms. It is a constitutional Freedom! The bad people who harm others will not abide by these new regulations. Good people don't bring firearms in public places without a good reason. The Government Cannot tell us what to do!

HB984 Relating to Firearms HD2

I strongly support the Legislature's focused efforts this year to renew and reinforce our state's admirable established commitment to limitations on the use of guns in Hawaii and standards of eligibility for carrying a gun in public. I believe this bill is needed because a recent US Supreme Court decision opened the door to little restriction on carrying guns out into public common space and has put the burden on individual states to enact restrictions.

From all I have heard and seen in reports in the Star Advertiser and letters to the editor, a clear majority of Hawaii's people wants to keep guns out of by sensitive places where firearms should not be carried in public. For the general public in Hawaii, its citizens and visitors, freedom from fear of going out into public common open spaces and buildings is surely more important than an individual citizen's desired unrestricted freedom to carry a firearm wherever he or she may want to go. Just as the number of mass shootings across the nation has alarmingly increased, our Constitutional right to demonstrate and assemble peaceably without reasonable fear of a mass shooter has been compromised by the Supreme Court!

With the depressing stream of news reports about mass shootings on the mainland and the person who did the tragic shooting had mental health issues, strong enforcement of HB984's common sense guardrails against the use of firearms by individual people who should not be carrying a firearm, due to their mental health condition, as well as a criminal background, will be very important.

Furthermore, I hope the requirements for safety training in gun use will help reduce the number of domestic violence cases that end in death or serious injury of adult partners and lifelong effect on their children. In addition, the requirements for safer storage of guns which were purchased for home defense should reduce the tragic number of cases where children, or mentally disturbed adult family members, find a gun and shoot it, either accidentally or on purpose. These cases represent the greatest loss of life or serious injuries. No other developed nation suffers this level of loss.

License and insurance requirements for legally carrying a gun in public should also help reduce the temptation for people to avoid licensing and insurance requirements by buying guns from friends or family members or at a gun "fair".

Mahalo nui loa for considering my views.

Janet Thebaud Gillmar (testifying as an individual citizen)
3035 La-I Road
Palolo Valley
March16, 2023

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Submitted on: 3/16/2023 2:19:10 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
laurie boyle	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing in support of HB984 for the very important reason that Hawai'i should define who can qualify for permitting and where the boundaries are so that anyone can feel certain only those meeting the requirements will be allowed to open carry and feel safe knowing no guns are being carried around in public places.

I shouldn't have to feel safe only if i purchase a gun. I should feel safe knowing certain places will be free of ak47s, etc.

Mahalo for your time

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Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Teresa Lyons	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

U.S. citizens have the right to bear arms. Our constitutional freedom!

I OPPOSE HB984.

I oppose the vast majority of changes written into HB984 as they are unconstitutional, restrict places where licensed people may carry a handgun, and has burdensome requirements and restrictions to Concealed Carry Weapons (CCW) licenses and Permit to Acquire Firearms. There are some good aspects to this bill such as providing a four year statewide license (up from one year by county), an improved mental health definition of a dangerous person, allowing storage of firearms in cars, and bringing the law up to date from prior legal action such as restoring Samoan nationals and permanent residents their right to possess firearms. However I am opposed to the bill as a whole.

The US Supreme Court 2A Standard

The US Supreme Court ruled in *NYSRPA v Bruen* last June that the Government has the burden of showing the text, history and tradition supports the firearm restriction, or in other words that similar laws were generally in place in the states around the time of the US Constitution ratification in 1791. There is no historical analogues provided with this bill and they should be researched and provided prior to voting on this bill.

In the post-Bruen lawsuits, New York's *Antonyuk v Bruen*, which is similar to SB984, the Federal district judge granted an injunction due to the historical laws provided were not relevant, not near the time of ratification, applied to territories and not states, or affected a very small population such as a small town. New Jersey's law was stopped due to not providing any precedent with the judge stating that the historical evidence should have been researched prior to the law passing.

The US Supreme Court did provide references to firearms restrictions in sensitive places: government buildings, courthouses, legislative assemblies, polling places, and school buildings. If you restrict firearms in these places, please ensure exceptions are provided for employees, parents picking up children from school, college students living in dorms, and private schools.

Significant issues I oppose in this bill include:

- Banning firearms possession for minor crimes, examples of such are a push or shove under harassment and registering firearms late. These crimes should not be done, but they are not uncommon does not justify revoking a person's civil rights.
- Setting by default a carry ban on all private property open to the public which is considered a 1st amendment violation as compelled speech.
- The use of essential character and temperament standard to deny firearms possession and carry, which can be vague and subjective compared to using indictments and convictions.
- Requiring firearm training every 4 years for a permit to acquire firearms, removing the Hunter Education course option for handgun training. The current requirement for firearm safety training has worked for the past 30 years, so there is no need to change it.

Suggested amendments:

If you decide to advance this bill, I suggest passing the bare minimum regulations that can be supported by text, history, and tradition.

Mahalo

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References

New Jersey Koons v Reynolds opinion: <https://law.justia.com/cases/federal/district-courts/new-jersey/njdce/1:2022cv07464/506033/34/>

Page 19: “That Defendants dedicate a significant portion of their argument discussing the benefits of the firearms regulations and not evidence of historical analogues is quite telling. And although Defendants represent that the “State will offer ample evidence that Chapter 131 is constitutional,” [State’s Br. at 2], they do not adequately explain why—if such evidence was critical to the passage of the legislation that would pass constitutional muster post-Bruen and available to the Legislature as set forth in Section 1(g) of the statute—they have not introduced such evidence here. Certainly, Defendants anticipated challenges to the legislation and should have been better prepared to defend the legislation’s constitutionality. Plaintiffs implore this Court to consider the only reasonable conclusion from Defendants’ posturing: their dragging of feet is evidence that no such historical tradition and evidence exists. Perhaps. At this juncture, there is no bona fide basis for this Court to withhold its ruling because the State says it needs more time to come forward with historical evidence that the Legislature represented it had at the time of the law’s passage. The Court will therefore proceed to consider the evidence and argument the parties have presented.”

New York Antonyuk (GOA) v Bruen decision: <https://michellawyers.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/2022-08-31-Decision-Order-on-MPI.pdf>

Page 71: “Although Defendant cites some historical analogs for restricting firearms at some of the above-listed locations, he often ignores the fact that vast majority of the other states (of which there were 14 in 1791 and 37 in 1868) did not have statutes restricting firearms at those very locations (suggesting that Defendant’s “historical analogs” might represent exceptions to a tradition more than a tradition), and that some of the states even had contrary statutes (for example, statutes regarding carrying in places of worship and educational institutions). In any event, and more importantly, he does not cite any historical analogs for restricting firearms at all of the above-listed locations. IN short, the CCIA’s list of “sensitive locations” is not deeply rooted in the Nation’s historical tradition of firearm regulation.

US Supreme Court statement: https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/22pdf/22a557_0pm1.pdf

“I understand the Court’s denial today to reflect respect for the Second Circuit’s procedures in managing its own docket, rather than expressing any view on the merits of the case. Applicants should not be deterred by today’s order from again seeking relief if the Second Circuit does not, within a reasonable time, provide an explanation for its stay order or expedite consideration of the appeal”

Aloha,

I am providing written testimony in opposition to HB984 HD2.

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.

In regards to sensitive places, the SCOTUS ruling specifically mentioned polling places, schools, and government buildings as examples of sensitive places that historically prohibited the bearing of arms. Additional proposed locations noted in HB984 HD2 fail to provide historical context or justification for inclusion on a list of sensitive areas.

New York included all of the sensitive areas defined in HB984 HD2 in the Concealed Carry Improvement Act (CCIA), which was a response to the SCOTUS decision. U.S. District Court Judge Glenn Suddaby, among other judges, have already ruled large parts of the (CCIA), particularly many of the sensitive locations, are unconstitutional and do not adhere to text, history, and tradition.

Further, U.S. District Court Judge Renee Marie Bumb ruled New Jersey’s list of sensitive locations, which are very similar to New York’s, unconstitutional. Bumb also blocked the enforcement of carrying firearms on private property without the “express consent” of an owner or signage indicating firearms are allowed. New Jersey’s default ban for firearms on private property essentially made a decision for an entire population. HB984 HD2 aims to replicate the same directive for private property.

HB984 HD2 provides no validation for the list of sensitive places in accordance with the text, history, and tradition method set forth by SCOTUS. Banning the bearing of arms in various proposed sites, which mimic New York’s CCIA and New Jersey’s sensitive places list, has already been ruled unconstitutional. Numerous testimony alluded to these facts under review of the first version of HB984 HD2, but despite no substantiation to conformance with SCOTUS’s *Bruen* decision, the State appears poised to pass a law that does not pass constitutional muster.

Thank you.

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Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nikki Anzai	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Our safety is not guaranteed anywhere, anymore. Placing a ban in "sensitive" places will embolden shooters who intend to cause harm to target these very locations. Please allow law abiding citizens to bear arms to protect themselves without limiting the most vulnerable areas. Thank you.

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Submitted on: 3/16/2023 2:55:22 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Carolyn Pearl	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Carolyn Pearl and I'm proud to have lived in Hawaii, one of the safest places from gun violence in the US, for over 30 years. Because I want to keep us safe, I strongly support the passage of HB 984 HD2.

Hawaii has been relatively safe from gun violence - so far - because of our common sense gun laws and our geographic separation from other states that have lax (or no) firearms regulation. The Bruen decision has dramatically emboldened a group of gun owners who want Hawaii to mimic those unregulated jurisdictions. Not all gun owners agree. Most residents, in fact, prefer that this remains a safe place to live and raise our families by limiting the presence of firearms in public spaces here. A "Big Q" survey in the 3/14/23 edition of the Star Advertiser found that 76% of those responding support limiting gun carrying "as much as possible" and only 19% said that the proposed restrictions were too harsh.

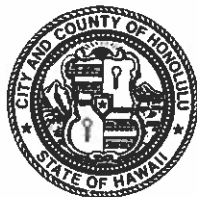
We should be able to continue to go to the store, to worship, to work or school, to parks and beaches without worrying that our lives are in the hands of some random person with a gun who's having a bad day.

Hawaii needs clear boundaries on where people can and can't bring firearms. We also need strong, common sense standards to assure that these armed citizens are trained and competent in the safe handling and storage of their weapons. There's nothing wrong with being well regulated.

All I ask is that common sense prevail. Please pass HB 984 HD2.

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March 17, 2023

LATE

The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair
and Members
Committee on Public Safety and
Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
State Senate
415 South Beretania Street, Room 225
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Wakai and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 984, H.D. 2, Relating to Firearms

I am Eric Yosemite, Major of the Records and Identification Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports the intent of House Bill No. 984, H.D. 2, Relating to Firearms, and shares the following comments and concerns.

In the area of sensitive places, it is too broad and will be difficult to enforce. This bill proposes that several public and all private properties be classified as sensitive places. This is a concern with places such as a shopping center that consists of multiple businesses. An individual business may allow firearms on their premises. The opposite situation may also cause confusion in which the land owner or manager allows firearms on their premises with the required signage, but individual businesses within that property may not allow firearms in their business. The HPD also recommends that citizens who are authorized to carry a firearm via the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act be excluded from this section or prohibition as they are current, former, or retired law enforcement officers who have passed a firearms program with strict minimum regulations.

The second concern is regarding the confusing language in which persons and situations are excluded from sensitive places. As it reads, all firearms are prohibited from a list of sensitive places and subsequently lists the exceptions. It is confusing

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when the exclusion lists persons licensed under Section 134-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), with the exception of the immediate area surrounding the person's vehicle within a parking area for the limited purpose of storing or retrieving the firearm. Senate Bill No. 1230 also addresses sensitive places and has it clearly stated that firearms are prohibited from sensitive places for those licensed under Section 134-9, HRS. The importance of clearly stated language is so that persons arrested for violating the section of Place to Keep are not able to plead from a felony to a misdemeanor.

The next concern is that this bill does not allow for persons traversing through or near a sensitive place without the intent to stop or linger.

Although there are historical locations listed as sensitive places for this bill, places of worship should also be included as a historically sensitive location.

The list of sensitive places in this bill includes government buildings and another section on page 8 lawfully allows firearms to be in a person's own home. This would conflict in state of Hawaii public housing complexes. Clarification and/or exceptions should be provided.

The list of sensitive places also names public transportation. The HPD suggests that rideshare programs be clarified or addressed, such as Uber, Lyft, and taxis, for both the drivers and passengers.

This bill proposes that licenses to carry a firearm should be valid for four years. The HPD is concerned that there are current applicants who are barely passing with the minimum requirements for a one-year license. Shooting accurately is a perishable skill, and an annual shooting proficiency test should be required to maintain a license for more than one year.

The requirements for a concealed license to carry includes the applicant to be a state of Hawaii resident. The requirement should be consistent and apply to those persons applying for an unconcealed license to carry.

On page 47, regarding certification from a verified instructor, the HPD strongly recommends the language repeat itself from page 29 to not allow for self-certifications.

The HPD repeats its concerns with the section of the bill regarding "Unlawful conduct while carrying a firearm; penalty," as it would be difficult to enforce and prosecute. The HPD appreciates the intent of this section; however, enforcement and prosecution of this section would require either the observation of the consumption of

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alcohol, intoxicating liquor, or controlled substance or proof of intoxication. Proof of intoxication would require a legal threshold limit and administrative procedures to legally allow law enforcement to draw blood or take a breath sample.

Additionally, we are concerned with the section of this bill that outlines the required information on the license to carry card. Each county in the state of Hawaii has different equipment and capabilities. The HPD currently does not have the equipment to capture the licensee's signature and would require additional funding to purchase the necessary equipment. An additional safety concern is that the licensee's address would be exposed if his/her card were lost. Lastly, we strongly suggest that it be noted on all license to carry cards that it is not a form of government identification.

The HPD respectfully requests the addition for a section of this bill to address persons with a firearm that is not properly concealed while authorized with a concealed carry license under Section 134-9, HRS.

We thank you for the consideration of our concerns regarding House Bill No. 984, H.D. 2, Relating to Firearms, and the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,


Eric Yosemite, Major
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Testimony to the House Committee on Finance
Friday, March 17, 2023
Conference Room 225

In Support of HB 984 HD2 Relating to Firearms

To: The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair
The Honorable Brandon Elefante, Vice-Chair
Members of the Committee

My name is Stefanie Sakamoto, and I am testifying on behalf of the Hawaii Credit Union League, the local trade association for 47 Hawaii credit unions, representing over 864,000 credit union members across the state.

HCUL offers the following comments in support of HB 984 HD2, Relating to Firearms. This bill, among other things, would establish the crime of carrying a firearm in a sensitive location, and defines "sensitive location".

Hawaii's credit unions are in strong support of the provision of the bill which defines sensitive locations; including financial institutions in this definition. Credit unions and banks already have a high risk of being robbed, and allowing concealed firearms into these establishments would definitely raise this risk, along with putting their staff and members in danger. We appreciate the legislature recognizing and taking action on this important matter.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this issue.

Dear Members of the Committee:

LATE

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People should not be eligible to carry a gun if they've had a recent history of violence or threatening behavior, and we need to require that anyone with a permit gets training on how to safely use their gun.

If more people will be allowed to carry guns in Hawai'i, we need to have clear rules about where guns are off-limits. Guns don't belong at playgrounds, parks, or schools, but without this bill, anyone who gets a concealed carry permit can bring hidden guns into those places. I don't want to wonder whether someone is carrying a gun every time I go to a restaurant, store, or even my doctor's office. When I take my family to the beach, a park, or playground, I want to feel as safe as I used to, and the idea that concealed guns could be in these places makes me feel less safe.

Please vote yes on HB 984.

Thank you,

Ami Stepanian, Kailua, 96734

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Ramsey Wilson, Laie, 96762

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Lora Lee Moriyama, Aiea, 96701

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Thank you,

Rhiannon Taylor, Honolulu, 96818

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Lauren Yee, Honolulu, 96818

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Thank you,

Elizabeth O'Connor, Honolulu, 96815

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Thank you,

Leah McRae, Honolulu, 96819

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Thank you,

Joannah Thomas, Makawao, 96768

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 5:48:24 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
nanci kreidman	Testifying for domestic violence action center	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

Firearms pose a tremendous risk for domestic violence survivors and the programs that assist them. These programs reach far beyond shelters. Domestic Violence Action Center, for example, is not a shelter and assists thousands of survivors each year. Please amend the Bill to protect facilities that **provide services to survivors and their children. Language can be inserted like that below:**

Any facility providing programmatic services to victims of domestic violence and their children, including adjacent parking areas.

thank you.

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

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March 17, 2023

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 House Bill 984HD2 (HB 984). This legislation is deeply flawed, and in our opinion, blatantly unconstitutional. This bill runs directly counter to the United States Supreme Court decision in *NYSRPA v. Bruen*.

HB 984 is similar to legislation that has been passed in New York and New Jersey. Litigation has already ensued, challenging these misguided laws with injunctions being issued by Federal Courts in regards to “sensitive places” and abusive permitting conditions. If passed this legislation will be met with a legal challenge and will likely face a similar fate.

For the foregoing reasons and many more we request your opposition to HB 984.

Sincerely,

Daniel Reid
Western Regional Director
NRA-ILA

Aloha Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, and Committee Members:

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I am writing in strong support of SB 1543, SD 2.

I had the privilege of serving on the Commission to Improve Standards of Conduct (CISC) last year, which was convened by Speaker Saiki in the wake of the federal indictment of two veteran lawmakers. Your committee and the House have rightfully forwarded most of the CISC's recommendations. HB 95, HD 2, which is now under consideration in the other chamber, raises the maximum amount of public funds available to those candidates who seeking financing from the Hawai'i Election Campaign Fund (HECF). The HECF is currently under utilized, with [a recent policy brief from the Economic Research Organization at the University of Hawai'i \(UHERO\)](#) observing that partial funding programs are generally "ineffective."

The [CISC Final Report](#) states that, should additional resources become available, the Legislature should "be bold [and] seek additional permanent funding sources for future elections." This could include an increase in the amount that that can be "checked off" on state income tax forms under HRS Section 235-102.5(a).

The UHERO report also finds that "most scholarship shows that generous public financing programs increase electoral competition, contribute to greater diversity among candidates and donors, and encourage more contact between office-seekers and voters."

Recent experiences with Hawai'i County Council elections in 2010 and 2012 indicate that implementation of a fully financed program can be successful with adequate funding.

Moving toward a full public financing of electoral contests in Hawai'i will not eliminate the influence of money so long as *Citizens United* remains in force. However, public financing can give those candidates with community support the opportunity to be competitive.

Former Gov. George Ariyoshi put it very well in his most recent volume, *Hawai'i's Future* (2020):

I hope that we do not give up on campaign reform.... Most people are sick of the campaign finance system. That includes business people. While the average voter may look at large campaign contributions as a means of achieving undue advantage, many a businessperson resents the inherent pressure exerted by political campaigns. [We] have a regulatory Campaign Spending Commission with all the right elements, and its role is widely accepted. We now need an enlightened discussion and a purposeful movement for more far-reaching reforms. This is a leadership challenge waiting for a group of emerging legislators to take action.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.



Nikos A. Leverenz
Aliamanu



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Chair Glenn Wakai
Vice Chair Brandon J.C. Elefante
Sen. Carol Fukunaga
Sen. Angus L.K. McKelvey
Sen. Brenton Awa

Re: HB984 HD2 Relating to Firearms

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

I am concerned about the safety of our children and families in the child welfare system. As you know, when there is abuse and neglect, and when custody of children is at stake, children and survivors of domestic violence are at the most vulnerable moments of crisis. We respectfully submit testimony in **strong support of HB984 HD2 and suggest an amendment that would protect facilities that provide services to survivors, their children, and children in the juvenile justice system and of the child welfare system.** This measure would have a profound impact on public safety, survivors of domestic violence, their children, and the organizations that serve them.

We respectfully suggest amending line 2 on page 7 to strike “.” and replace it with “;

- (16) Any facility providing programmatic services to victims of domestic violence and their children, including adjacent parking areas; or
- (17) Any shelter or residential facility serving children involved in the juvenile justice system or the child welfare system, any facility providing programmatic services to children involved in the juvenile justice system or the child welfare system, and any adjacent parking areas to such shelter or facility.”

For instance, agencies like Child and Family Services, PACT, and Catholic Charities provide visitation supervision when it is not safe for parents to visit with their children unsupervised. These visitation areas must be safe. EPIC 'Ohana gathers families and professionals together to talk through the crisis situation and create safety plans. These



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conversations are difficult and emotional. We much make sure that these conversations take place in safe spaces so that the families can be strengthened, and the children protected.

Thank you for your help to keep our children and families safe.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laurie Arial Tochiki". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Laurie Arial Tochiki, JD, Ph.D
Executive Director



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HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 3:02:00 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Leslie J.	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The intent of this measure may be commendable, but it's language is flawed. Please defer this measure. Thank you.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 3:13:22 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Paula Blum	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 3:34:26 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
M. Leilani DeMello	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

Though there are merits to small portions of this bill, especially regarding safety and criminal background/history, overall it is extremely restrictive and burdensome for the law abiding gun owner. It is critical that citizen rights are protected, and that includes the right to bear arms.

Having "gun free" zones or restricted areas seems good in theory but criminals who already have no regard for the letter of the law are not going to elect to follow rules regarding firearms just because there is a rule or sign posted.

Responsible gun owners, those who have gone through the proper channels, procedures, and training are not the ones to fear or in this case, further obstruct.

As our government representatives you **MUST OPPOSE** this bill as it is written.

Mahalo,

M. Leilani DeMello

‘Ōla‘a, Puna, Hawai‘i

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 3:45:16 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Allegra Giacchino	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a long-time Honolulu resident that cares deeply about keeping Hawaii a safe place to live. Gun violence is a public health and safety disaster in this country. Citizens of most other countries do not live in fear of gun violence, and we don't have to either.

HB984 would set up clear permitting requirements before someone is allowed to carry a gun in public and clear boundaries on where someone can and can't bring those guns.

Please support this common sense community safety bill. Thank you very much for your thoughtful consideration.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 5:01:53 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ramiro Noguero	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

oppose

March 16, 2023

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HB984 HD2 Testimony

Aloha Chairs Wakai and McKelvey, Vice Chairs Elefante and Gabbard, PSM and GVO Committee Members. Thank You for the opportunity to testify in **support of HB984 HD2, PSM/GVO Joint Committee Hearing, 03/17/23.**

- Due to SCOTUS' New York State Rifle and Pistol Association vs Bruen decision, I applaud the City and County of Honolulu's efforts to limit potential reach and harm of the said decision.
- As a registered firearm owner in the City and County of Honolulu, I believe HB984 HD2 will help bolster the CCW vetting process and prohibit firearms in a variety of places within the State of Hawaii.
- SCOTUS' decision did not hold that a state cannot require a license to carry a firearm in public, as mentioned in an article released by the San Diego Sherriff's Dept on 06/23/22.
- Per an article entitled Cal Matters that covers the California Legislature- the said SCOTUS decision bans enforcement agencies from awarding CCW permits on their own subjective discretion, though SCOTUS' ruling still left it open for states to add their own "objective" standards.
- The ruling also enables Counties and States to specify "sensitive" gun-free zones.
- As of 2021, concealed handgun permits have increased to 21.52 million in the USA including states that require no permits.
- Certain gun advocates continually argue that school shootings like those at Sandy Hook, Ulvalde, St. Louis Central Visual Performing Arts High, and the recent Half Moon Bay workplace shootings could be averted if more guns were available.
- Per an Associated Press article dated 6/18/22- From 2000 to 2021 fewer than 3% of 433 mass shootings ended with a civilian shooting back as cited by the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training Center at Texas State University.
- The New York Times further reported it is far more common for police and/or bystanders to subdue alleged mass shooting suspects.
- Per the Gun Violence Archive (GVA) there have been a reported 109 shootings in the USA by March 12, 2023.
- The GVA further reports 149 people have been killed in mass shootings as of March 6th.
- I concur that CCW permit holders should not be allowed to bring firearms into State public schools, agencies that serve children, government buildings, banking/financial institutions, County polling places, transit complexes, and private property. The onus should not be upon private property owners- the State of Hawaii House/Senate needs to legislate this.
- I urge the Hawaii State House/Senate to ensure that charitable establishments include non-profits serving persons with disabilities/children/vulnerable clients, victims of domestic violence in safe houses and emergency shelters.

- Further, regarding Sensitive Places Within the State to ensure that CCW permittees will be disallowed entirely within the State Capitol i.e., Governor/Lieutenant Governor's offices, House/Senate Members offices, HMSO, LRB, House/Senate SSA, PAR, and all adjoining departments.
- Per a Giffords Law Center study, I urge the Hawaii State House/Senate to legislate HB984 HD2 to safeguard its gun sensitive zones guidelines from pre-emption by either Federal or pro-gun lobby interests.
- Further per the Giffords Law Center study, to amend HB984 HD2 to disallow honoring Out-of-State CCW permits brought to Hawaii e.g., from counties in Florida, Louisiana, Vermont, South Carolina, Arizona, Texas, and Ohio which reportedly have weak permitting laws. Forcing counties with strong CCW laws to comply with those having lax laws poses a threat to public safety.
- Per the United States Concealed Carry Association (USCCA) merely carrying a concealed gun creates a false sense of security.
- USCCA urges developing Situational Awareness- including self-defense education and training. CCW is more than just carrying a gun in one's pants. No amount of study or preparedness can predict real life criminal encounters. There are no textbook scenarios or the "perfect" right to defend oneself.
- USCCA also cites that CCW novices must constantly think through their dress code- carrying two pounds of extra/chambered weight is less comfortable, requires **constant training**, vigilance, safe storage, liability insurance, and careful removal when entering gun-free/gun-sensitive zones.
- The X Insurance.Com (XIC) 03/14/22 study cited the National Safety Council's report that 1% of all gun deaths are due to unintentional discharges resulting in 535-gun deaths per year.
- This statistic means one person dies from unintentional gun discharges daily, especially amongst adults younger than 24.
- Inadequate experience/training are contributing factors for this age group who are around children and other young adults.
- Another factor is unholstering a gun in public places which could fall, discharge, and hurt someone. Inexperience leads to unintended discharges in public bathrooms, restaurants, and gatherings during removal of belts, careless removal from pockets.
- The USCCA warns that CCW holders could still face criminal action if forced to use a gun in self-defense situations where aggressors are harmed or killed. Income, assets, and livelihoods could be lost via a civil liability lawsuit(s).
- As a retired social worker of 35 years, I know only too well the effects of gun violence in domestic/child abuse, custody cases, and incarceration cases.
- I also worked as a Legislative Aid at the City Council and Committee Clerk at the State of Hawaii Legislature for a combined total of 11 years.

- On February 14, 2023, JHA Chair David Tarnas publicly reported that a CCW permittee attended the hearing of HB984 with a handgun.
- The permittee reportedly informed the House Sergeant at Arms (HSAA) he was armed and was asked to leave.
- As a legislative aid/committee clerk I observed the HSAA is consistently vigilant at public hearings. What was the purpose of bringing a handgun to the State Capitol JHA hearing on 2/14/23?
- Lastly, I urge there be an addendum page documenting legal/constitutional checks for HB984 HD2.

Again, Thank You for the opportunity to testify in **support of HB984 HD2, PSM/GVO Joint Committee Hearing, 03/17/23.**

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Leong

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 5:35:27 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Doris Segal Matsunaga	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB 984

Doris Segal Matsunaga

Waimea, Hawaii Island

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 6:07:36 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
L Miles	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose. This does nothing to stop people with bad intentions from committing crimes. It gives people a false sense of security and actually makes them targets. I work in a "no guns allowed" building that would be a "sensitive place" and there is no one checking if anyone has firearms. We have mentally unstable people forcibly trying to enter our offices and threaten employees with knives, yet, they are let out of custody just to commit another crime.

Stop trying to target law-abiding, back-ground checked, trained, permitted individuals and violating their 2nd Amendment rights.

You need to target the actual criminals that commit crimes and not take a lenient approach on crime, while you're trying to disarm law-abiding citizens.

LATE

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 6:10:00 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sean Tiwanak	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing to voice my support of HB 984, “Prohibiting firearms in certain locations...”. As a part-Hawai’ian raised in Hawai’i, and a resident of Kapolei, I urge your vote in support of this measure for the following reasons:

1. Although after the Supreme Court ruling last year requiring States to allow Concealed Carry without having just cause, even States with lenient gun laws, such as Texas where there is open carry, they have established gun free zones. Texas regulations are as follows.

Guns Not Allowed: (Texas)

- Secured areas of the Airport
- Courthouse
- Polling places on any voting days
- Schools
- Places of business with visible signage prohibiting handguns
- Business permitted by TABC that derives 51% or more of its income from the sale of alcohol
- High school, college, interscholastic, or professional sporting event unless the person is a participant and the event involves use of the weapon
- Correctional facility; civil commitment facility, hospital, nursing facility, or mental hospital
- Amusement park
- A room(s) where an open governmental meeting is occurring

2. Hawai’i has a history of some of the lowest gun violence in the Nation and we should continue this cultural value. Our history and culture leans on traditions such as Kamehameha I “Law of the Splintered Paddle”, where people are able to live safely and unharmed. Hawai’i is world renown as a “Safe Haven” and we should perpetuate the values of Aloha in our State for visitors and for our people.

3. People should not have to feel that they have to carry firearms in public in order to feel safe. If I have to walk around my neighborhood carrying a gun to feel save, then we have a major problem to address. **Our people deserve a land where we can live, work and play securely and in safety.**

I've lived in several States on the Mainland, and there are natural predators and wild animals that necessitate being armed. My friends would jog with a pistol in Southern Oregon due to the potential of Cougars, Rattle Snakes and Bears. We don't have any such threat in our State.

4. I spoke with Rep Diamond Garcia about this, and he told me "people should be able to carry guns where ever they want." I replied, "You really think people should be able to carry guns here (in the Capitol)? I then said that I don't want Hawaii to become like the Mainland. Hawai'i should do what is right for Hawai'i. He told me that we're just going to have to accept more "Mainland style" crime here.

I totally disagree with this mindset. First, we live on an Island, and travel is much more restrictive coming and leaving than it is in most states. Second, because we are on an Island, it is much more difficult to evade law enforcement or leave the Island.

Lastly, and most important, I believe we should be **focused on crime prevention, prosecution, education and public services to instill values and opportunities for our people**; Not give in and give up and let crime overrun us. That is a defeatist attitude and I for one support championing a safe and secure home on our 'Aina.

5. Concealed carry laws result in increased "Total Homicides". According to the Rand Analysis, **"There is supportive evidence that shall-issue concealed-carry laws may increase total and firearm homicides."**

It doesn't take much for a supposed "Good guy with a gun" (aka ordinary citizen) to become a bad actor and take hazardous action. I myself was shot in the neck with a pellet type gun this year and had I been armed, my emotions at the moment would have taken over and I would have fired back, putting a 15 year old boy, his sister and her boyfriend, as well as other motorists in immediate danger.

Even a well meaning person puts many innocent people at risk even when they believe they are doing the right thing.

I do believe that there are people who due to the nature of the work for example (real estate agents, delivery people, merchants with valuables...) may feel more secure while conducting business. There should be provisions especially for people operating in the line of their work. However, the **average citizen should not feel it necessary to be armed to enjoy living in Hawai'i**. We are better than that and we can do better.

If people feel unsafe in certain areas at certain times, it is best not to go there if possible. People should not be carrying firearms in public **just because it makes them feel good** about themselves or to make them feel powerful. We don't need vigilantes. We need more Aloha in our State, more opportunities and more prevention of crime.

The average citizen is afraid if they see a person with a gun, or know that someone is carrying. Public safety is a primary concern for all. More guns will lead to more total homicide.

Please vote for common-sense gun safety and public safety. Keep Hawai'i, Pono. Let's do what is right for us!

Ref

[Rand analysis at https://www.rand.org/research/gun-policy/analysis/concealed-carry/violent-crime.html](https://www.rand.org/research/gun-policy/analysis/concealed-carry/violent-crime.html)

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Submitted on: 3/16/2023 6:17:54 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Aloha McGuffie	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Welina mai,

LATE

Aloha is a deep cultural value that people of Hawaii use to express their lives in tenderness, harmony, pleasantness, modesty and perseverance, as articulated by our respected kupuna, Auntie Pilahi Pahi. The carrying of guns in public places where keiki, mākuā and kūpuna frequent will surely cause feelings counter to aloha.

The fear of brutality, conflict, rudeness, disrespect and hopelessness will result from the appearance of guns in areas we once held as safe. We must protect our traditions and preserve the peaceful culture of Hawai'i.

Mahalo nō for passing HB984.

Me ke aloha,

Aloha McGuffie

LATE

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Submitted on: 3/16/2023 6:39:03 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
ellen benton	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill as it is unconstitutional!

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 6:59:53 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kevin Kacatin	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The amount of time and effort and tax payer funds used to craft this monstrosity of pure spite is astounding. Everyone that had a hand in HB 984 and it's amendments are reprehensible rotten individuals with no morals or decency.

However at least the criminals in this State will continue to be forever in debt to you for ensuring they remain in power over the citizens you continue to handcuff from defending themselves.

Every single one of you are just horrendous individuals.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 7:06:09 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Xavier Baker	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly opposed to this bill, 95% of this bill is meant for leaving the law abiding citizens vulnerable. We're all living in the past if we think Hawaii is the same safe innocent place it used to be. No amount of laws will keep the law abiding citizens safe. Only thing I agree with is having to retake the class every 4 years, I feel as if it is unconstitutional but has a little bit of validation in requalifying every 4 years, and the fee of 150 isn't an issue anymore as long as we aren't having to pay that 150 every single year. We already pay enough with vehicle registration. Crime doesn't happen in "gun free zones" those are the exact zones criminals will target. And the law abiding citizen will pay the price.

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Submitted on: 3/16/2023 7:08:59 PM
Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marlies Lee	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose!

We have a second amendment!

Bad people don't follow the law anyways

Marlies Lee

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 7:21:39 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ted Baldonado	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

HB 984

I OPPOSE HB984. I disagree with a number of items in this measure. I believe that the majority of the items in this measure do nothing to protect the citizens and is merely to prevent law abiding citizens from exercising their rights under the second amendment.

The number of places designated as restricted places impedes everyday situations. The areas presently designated as restricted places should remain the same: Schools, voting places, government buildings only and airports. I oppose to the OPT IN method of business to display concealed carry. If a business chooses to not allow concealed carry, then they should OPT OUT and have signs stating so. Criminals do not use signs to determine what businesses to perform criminal acts.

I Oppose the idea of carry insurance. This form of harassment to concealed carry holders places unnecessary financial burden to simply defend oneself. This addition does nothing to deter criminals from carrying a firearm but only law-abiding citizens.

I disagree with the section referring to unattended firearm. The safe container should not include fireproof. Fire proofing scarifies concealability of the storage device. Due to the nature of the location, no safe container would be hidden from plane view as fire proofing only limits the amount of time that heat will eventually penetrate or compromise the container. You would need 5 inches around the container to have 2 hours of fireproofing which make no sense for just securing the firearm/pistol. If the previous mentions about places to carry we not in this measure, the safest place it to have the firearm/pistol on your persons.

I disagree to firearms class for type of firearm and the requirement for class every 4 years to keep the firearms I already own. Advanced training should not be a requirement as we are only using firearms for sport and self-preservation. I Oppose the face the bill has a duty to inform as this is seen as invasion of my privacy. Firearm ownership should not include infringement to my rights. There are simply too many items in this bill to fit into my testimony. I hope to have a better measure as this measure has not taken in account the law abiding citizen. I again OPPOSE HB984.

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Submitted on: 3/16/2023 8:46:23 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
steven a kumasaka	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

STRONGLY OPPOSE
Unconstitutional over-reach

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 8:52:24 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Raymond Ishii	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha I strongly oppose HB 984 as written as a violation of my rights as protected by the 2nd Amendment of the United States Constitution.

of particular concern is the sensitive places clause, many states that have had concealed carry licenses for many years do allow private businesses to restrict firearms, and they do so by placing signs at every entrance stating so. This is a cleaner and simpler way and is more inline with the rest of the country. The restrictions on public property I find to be a violation of my god given right to keep and bear arms.

The requirement for the police to become the thought police and predict future behavior is something that can be easily abused. In addition by having the police be the only ones that can approve the concealed carry instructors, instead of nationally recognized National Rifle Association's firearms instructors opens the door for lawsuits against the police because they are the ones who approved the permits and instructors. If someone who the police after the background check which includes predictive future behavior and police approved training commits a crime, I'd sue the police because they enabled it to happen.

Again I strongly oppose this bill as written.

Thank You

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 8:58:35 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lekeli Watanabe	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To Whom It May Concern,

I strongly oppose HB984 HD1. Crimes WILL happen anywhere. Prohibiting certain locations and prohibiting carrying a firearm on my person limits my ability to protect myself and my loved ones. It's no doubt that there has been an increase in violent crime. This bill denies my ability to arm myself for self-protection. We have a human right to self-defense because no one can know when and where a violent crime WILL occur. Crimes happen quickly and more often than not, does not allow law enforcement to arrive in time before tragedy strikes. Also naming certain locations as safe to carry and other locations as prohibited is confusing. If business are opposed to this bill, then it should be their responsibility to post signage that states their rules. In addition, you shouldn't take away the rights of people to protect and defend themselves, In addition, why does this bill include locations prohibiting conceal to carry where they serve alcohol when not everyone consumes alcohol? Criminals often commit crime at ANY location including locations that serve alcohol where violent attacks DO happen, so why would you prevent me from protecting my self in these situations? Again, banning conceal to carry at establishments that serve alcohol makes the INCORRECT assumption that everyone drinks, which is completely FALSE. All of the banned locations you list that prohibit conceal to carry are ALL locations where violent attacks have happened. Again, we should have the RIGHT to self defense in ALL locations, in ALL establishments, at ANY place and at ANY time.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 9:03:16 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
kamakani de dely	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 9:22:48 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Eric Kaneshiro	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is overly restrictive. CCW should be allowed in establishments serving food, private property unless specifically prohibited.

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

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

I do not support any effort or legislation that infringes upon the right of law-abiding citizens and will vote accordingly.

Mahalo

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 9:49:52 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jonagustine Lim	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose HB984 which is the "everywhere bill" that prohibits CCW practically everywhere. This is a serious overreach of lawmaking in violation of constitutional rights. Please kill this bill.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 10:18:10 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mary Meheula	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We the people have a right to bear arms. It's written in the constitution. This shouldn't even be up for discussion. Criminals who break the law anyway will not even be affected by this ridiculous bill. the law abiding citizens will be.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 10:27:17 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM



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

Comments:

Dear LawMakers,

This law is unfair. Lawful gun owners do not break laws. Hawaii gun owners are ranked 4th least in the nation with 14.9% of adults having guns at home. (cbsnews) That is about 208,000 residents based on a total population of 1,400,000. These 208,000 residents are voters, lawyers, doctors, teachers, professionals and lawful citizens.

Gun laws in Hawaii are very strict as they are. The proof is in the low numbers. No new laws are needed. More laws to restrict lawful citizens doesn't make sense. It would make it more difficult for lawful buyers and sellers of firearms. HPD would be further taxed by enforcing more laws. It would not make it harder for the bad guys. Criminals do not follow the law.

Sincerely,

Willy Colt

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2023 10:56:59 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Timothy Miyao	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Honorable House Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs Committee,

I write in regard to HB984 Relating to Firearms. HB984 is far overreaching and prohibits a citizen from exercising his/her Constitutional right. What is the National historical tradition that would support each sensitive location identified in this legislation? HB984 also sets a precedent that a right should only be exercised by those wealthy enough. I urge you to please oppose HB984.

In the Supreme Court decision *New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. Bruen*, it was determined that regulations, put in place by the government, must adhere to our national historical tradition that is widespread. A state's history is insufficient to be used to justify violations of a Constitutional right. The Supreme Court's opinion included, and I quote, "To justify its regulation, the government may not simply posit that the regulation promotes an important interest. Rather, the government must demonstrate that the regulation is consistent with this Nation's historical tradition of firearms 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 of the Second Amendment's "unqualified command"". For your convenience, I attach a link to the US Supreme Court Ruling for *New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. Bruen*: https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/21pdf/20-843_7j80.pdf

In our national history voting service centers and government buildings were places that limited a citizen's constitutional right. These would pass the litmus test of our Nation's historical tradition of firearms regulation.

Many other places in this bill would not adhere to our National historical tradition.

Artistic venues, parks, and theaters do not meet the criteria of National historical tradition. Restaurants that serve alcohol do not meet the criteria of National historical tradition.

Modes of public transportation, such as buses also fail to meet the National historical tradition criteria. Washington DC is being taken to court for prohibiting carry on their Metro system. HB984 would prohibit a citizen's right to self-defense on buses. What of the people who rely on the city bus? How would they protect themselves walking between the bus stop and their home at night?

While Government buildings and judiciary buildings are no carry zones, adjoining parking lots should not be prohibited areas. According to HB984 if a law-abiding citizen leaves their firearm in a vehicle that is parked in a parking lot (in order to do business in a building where carry is prohibited) then he/she would be guilty of a crime. If a citizen is not permitted to carry a firearm on his/her person in a prohibited building and is unable to secure their firearm in their vehicle, where would the firearm go? HB984 is unclear about this. Would the citizen leave the firearm in a locked container on the sidewalk beyond the perimeter of the parking lot? Alternatively, will all prohibited locations have firearm check-in points where citizens can leave their firearms until completing their business/leaving? States who have long histories of conceal/open permit citizens to leave their firearms in their vehicle (when needing to access a government building/prohibited location).

Prohibition on the carry of firearms on private property, if determined and advertised by the property owner, meets the criteria of National historical tradition. However, HB984 inappropriately adds that it is the responsibility of the businesses to post signs saying that “carry is permitted”. In other states, businesses are responsible for posting a sign indicating that NO carry is allowed. This would also align with the widespread concept of establishments posting “No smoking” and “No food or drinks allowed”. Firearm business owners in Hawaii have often been harassed by unsavory members of the public. This harassment would no doubt escalate and include any business that posts a sign that carry is welcome.

HB984 also contains language on additional fees and training courses. By imposing additional costs on citizens who wish to exercise their Constitutional Right, HB984 would only permit them to do so if they are wealthy enough to afford it. A Constitutional Right is guaranteed to a citizen regardless of class and financial status. Is it Constitutional for HB984 to make exercising a right cost prohibitive? Further per *Murdock v. Pennsylvania* is it Constitutional for the government to charge citizens in order to exercise a right?

While education and training should be available to the public--having training requirements, in order to exercise a right, is questionable. When tasers were legalized in the State of Hawaii, a training requirement became law. Training courses for tasers are not available in many places around the state. As a result, people living in these areas cannot purchase a taser. As firearm training programs are not readily available throughout the state (as mentioned in HB984), it would be a de facto ban on exercising a Constitutional right (much as it was in the case of procuring tasers). Is this the intent of the training language in HB984? If not: who will offer these training courses? How long would it take for these training courses to become available? Will the State shoulder the costs for these training courses?

When reviewing HB984 I humbly ask that you carefully consider the United States Constitution and Supreme Court ruling in *New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. Bruen*. Many components of HB984 infringe on Constitutional rights without meeting the requirement of National historical tradition. I also please ask that you consider *Murdock v. Pennsylvania* when considering fees on citizens in order for them to exercise a Constitutional right. As many components of this bill are arguably unconstitutional, I ask that you please oppose HB984.

I appreciate your time and all that you do for the people of Hawaii!

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Submitted on: 3/16/2023 11:01:31 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mr. & Mrs. O'Neill	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

HB 984

People have a right to bear arms. It is a constitutional Freedom given to us by the Second Ammendment to the Constitution of The United States of America! The bad people who harm others will not abide by these new regulations. Good people don't bring firearms in public places without a good reason. The Government Cannot tell us what to do! This has already been determined by the U. S. Supreme Court.

Please stop this disgusting legislation , that is actually illegal.

Representative Glenn Wakai, Chair
Representative J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair
Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Hearing: Friday, March 16, 2023, at 3:02 PM
Regarding: **HB984 H.D. 2 (Relating to Firearms)**
Voter Position: OPPOSITION

LATE

Representatives of the PSM Committee,

I express my **opposition** to **HB984 H.D.2 (Relating to Firearms)**.

Overreach with Enhanced “Certain Locations” and “Premises Prohibited”

HB984 H.D. 2 continues to leave out the fact that the added “variety” of gun regulations that supposedly justify the prohibition of lawful concealed firearms carry must be germane to the text, history, and tradition of firearm regulations as set forth within *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U. S. 570, and *McDonald v. Chicago*, 561 U. S. 742. Nothing changed in the second House Draft.

“To determine whether a firearm regulation is consistent with the Second Amendment, *Heller* and *McDonald* point toward at least two relevant metrics: first, whether modern and historical regulations impose a comparable burden on the right of armed self-defense, and second, whether that regulatory burden is comparably justified.”

Source: https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/21pdf/20-843_7j80.pdf (Page 3)

Lacking such important context, **HB984** in its revised **H.D. 2** continues to list firearm prohibitions that supersede historic analogy. The only locations where prohibitions have an established historic analogy would still include a short list of locations such as state/federal government buildings, schools, voting centers, and courts.

A Charge for the Exercise of a Right is Still Not Justifiable

Continuing to cite inflation and cost increases, **HB984 H.D. 2** attempts to justify the added cost of background checks and stipulates that such increased costs must be compensated by the constituent via CCW license fee increases. This is an artificial problem self-generated by the state. Any associated cost-absorption must not be placed upon the constituent seeking to exercise a basic human right. If additional cost-bearing associated with continued background investigations is not desired by the state, then background checks should be discontinued for all firearm sales, just like how such checks have been abandoned by 29 other states throughout the rest of the nation¹. The states that don’t impose artificial background check requirements aren’t complaining about increased background check costs.

Added Cost of Storage

HB984 H.D. 2’s modified §134-C, subsection (b) perpetuates a bizarre situation by forcing CCW license holders to purchase an expensive vehicle safe and thereby, attempts to absolve the state with its responsibility to produce sites of firearm deposit at government-owned premises where firearms are prohibited. Such cost associated with storage is imposed upon the CCW license holder and would add, at the least, a \$40 or \$130 added cost to carrying a firearm, even if the safe is not fire resistant². Such act of negligence forces constituents to pay for their own disarmament and curtails exercise of their own human rights.

¹ https://maps.everytownresearch.org/navigator/trends.html?dataset=background_checks

² <https://www.forbes.com/wheels/accessories/best-vehicle-gun-safes/>

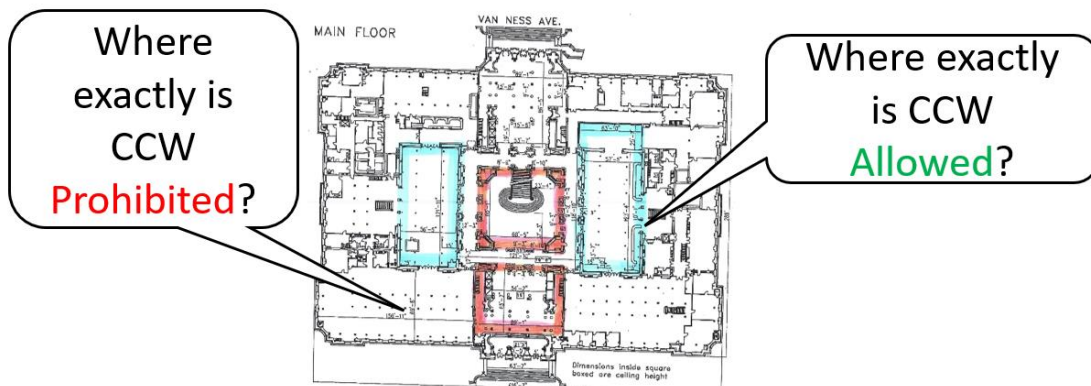


Source: <https://www.forbes.com/wheels/accessories/best-vehicle-gun-safes/>

Continued Problem with “Opt-In” by Default

HB984 H.D. 2 continues its ban of CCW island-wide by default and simultaneously coerces speech by forcing private proprietors to advocate their personal political views by advertising admission of concealed carry weapons (CCW) license holders under **§134-E Carrying or possessing a firearm on private property open to the public without authorization; penalty**. Even though the City and County of Honolulu passed a measure through Bill 57 that allows businesses to permit CCW carry on their properties, some business owners may not want to advertise their permissiveness of CCW license holders and likewise would not wish to absorb the added financial burden of creating signage or investing extra time by advertising the admittance of CCW license holders onto their property.

Continued Problem with Continued “Prima Facie” Evidentiary Basis

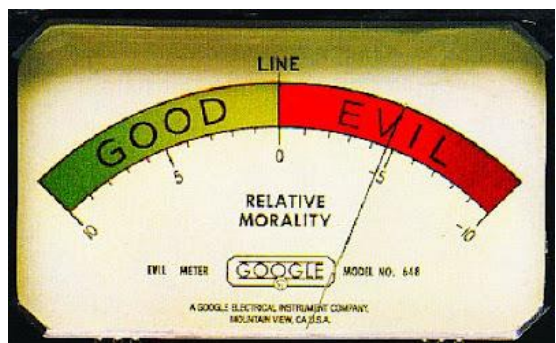


The continued inclusion of a presence-based prima facie evidence foundation for determining what constitutes a violation of CCW carry is still outright egregious. Even if signage is utilized by certain properties, the state’s proposed **H.B. 984 H.D. 2** would duplicate the default CCW carry ban enabled by **Bill 57**.

Prosecution based upon a prima facie basis constitutes criminalization using conflicting bodies of law between state statute and City and County statute.

³ Image Source: <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/349591989798757704/>

Essential Character and Temperament Requirements Constitutes Continued Moral Relativism



HB984 H.D. 2, like its original draft and first revision, repeatedly refers to so-called “essential character” and “temperament” requirements that CCW license holders must uphold without explicitly defining either in an objective, scientifically sound, measurable, or replicable manner. **HB984 H.D. 2**, thereby, continues to impose de facto moral relativism since “essential” character and “temperament” are inherently subjective matters that are both subjected to another person’s views concerning what constitutes “essential” character or “proper” temperament. This provision can be construed to mean whatever a government official desires and therefore, must be eliminated due to its easy potential for abuse.

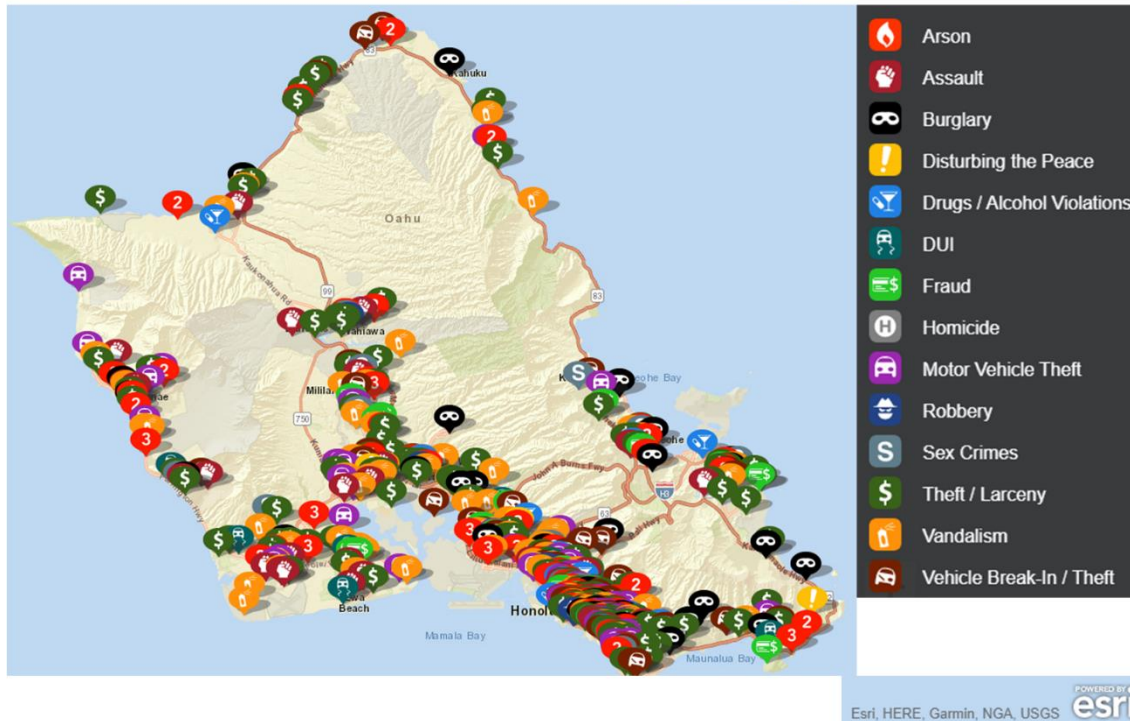
Continued Abuse via Hearsay

HB984 H.D. 2 still permits hearsay by not explicitly identifying what constitutes the supposed “other information” under the proposed **HRS §134-2 Permits to acquire, Subsection (e)(3)**. “Other information” can mean almost anything, including personal opinion not based upon objective, substantive, or evidence-based reality. Moreover, “intention” or “likelihood” cannot determine the potential unlawful use of a firearm since they are concepts that are not clearly defined or measurable. Both “intention” and “likelihood” can be construed to mean whatever a government official personally believes and can result in the deprivation of an individual’s rights due to such ambiguity of “intention” and “likelihood.” Lacking objectivity, this provision permits hearsay without any reasonable limits whatsoever.

Do Not Place Constituents at Risk

Passage of **HB984 H.D. 2** still does not substantively enhance public safety and neither articulates how criminals will cease from their ongoing criminal activities once the measure is enacted. The only result enactment of **HB984 H.D. 2** will achieve is the continued encroachment of a human right with no measurable criminal activity mitigation. Criminals will continue to defy all of **HB984 H.D. 2**’s provisions while additionally breaking other laws that have nothing to do with firearm prohibitions.

⁴ Image Source: <http://advocatusatheist.blogspot.com/2011/03/do-you-practice-moral-relativism.html>



Source: <https://www.crimemapping.com/map/agency/165>

Even when removing datapoints reflecting firearms-related crimes, a recent Crime Map reveals that Oahu’s residents will continue to suffer at the hands of criminals that can commit homicides, assaults, and arson. Turns out that criminals can still commit crimes other acts of violent in lieu of a firearm—a gun-free society doesn’t automatically guarantee a massive increase in public safety. It was disheartening to witness how your City Councilmember counterparts who voted yes on their Bill 57 didn’t even appear to react at all when presented with evidence that firearms are not the only threat to the safety of their constituents’ lives. It’s also interesting to note that **HB984 H.D. 2’s** focus on “serious hazards associated with firearms and gun violence” continues to be misguided.

The people of still Hawaii deserve better legislation. Instead, we are presented with a violation of basic human rights yet again. Constituents deserve the assurance of public safety that is always promised year after year, but have yet to be delivered in reality.

Thank you for your time and consideration of your constituents’ safety by voting **NO** on **HB984 H.D.2**.

Respectfully,

Ryan C. Tinajero

Constituent of **House District 48**

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HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2023 12:56:48 AM
Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rik Rutt	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am submitting testimony in strong opposition to the proposed bill HB984. First off, we have already seen similar restrictions in the mainland that this is modeled after already beginning to be overturned in the courts. By prohibiting carry by licensed individuals in public areas goes completely against the ruling of the supreme court. Also, only law-abiding individuals will obey (the responsible people that will not be the source of problems) resulting in the rules providing no safety. Another issue with the proposed rules is that on prohibitions on private property. The ruling the courts issues determined that carrying a firearm outside of the home is a constitutionally protected right. The proposed rules are unconstitutional and go against not only the recent supreme court ruling but also other court rulings. Add to that the fact that it will provide absolutely no benefits to public safety (and will actually be detrimental to the it). An added issue is that these rules will be challenged in the courts and as we have seen have precedence to be overturned which will only end up costing the residence and taxpayers of the State of Hawaii through the waste of public funds to fight the challenges to the preposed rules. I hope that the Committee use logic and facts and do not allow this bill to move further.

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Submitted on: 3/17/2023 1:08:56 AM
Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Klayton Kubo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose

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Submitted on: 3/17/2023 1:38:07 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Barry Aoki	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE this bill in its entirety. Criminals will not follow laws and this bill will ensure criminals who intend harm will be able to carry out their crimes because the law abiding citizens will not be armed. Gun free zones don't work and that has been proven many times since criminals target these areas repeatedly. A law abiding gun owner is not the one who should be feared, they are potential protectors of the innocent. This bill treats lawfully armed citizens as second class citizens who are being viewed as potential criminals. OPPOSE this bill please.

Barry Aoki of Lahaina, Maui, HI

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Submitted on: 3/17/2023 1:53:41 AM
Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Miho Aoki	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am opposing this Bill.

It is your right to have what you own as long as you have legitimate attitude towards this,

People are not stupid. It sounds like this bill is oppressing and controlling the people. Like cumminist approch. I do not agree.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2023 2:37:22 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sam schaus	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB 984

This is a violation of our second Amendment

the right to bare arms shall not be infringed

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2023 2:42:56 AM
Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Greg schaus	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB 984

this is illegal and unconstitutional.

we have the right to bare arms wherever we feel the need to protect ourselves and the lives of others

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2023 2:48:42 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
julie schaus	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB984

this is against our constitution and illegal

everyone, everywhere has the right to bare arms and shall not be infringed .

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Submitted on: 3/17/2023 7:18:05 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lei Tata	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE this bill as it is the start to taking away our 2nd Amendment Right!!

PEOPLE have a right to bear arms. It is a constitutional FREEDOM!! The bad people who harm others will not abide by these regulations. Good people don't bring firearms to public places without a good reason. The government cannot tell us what to do!!

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2023 7:19:54 AM
Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mallory De Dely	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

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Submitted on: 3/17/2023 7:34:22 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tony Sylva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill . Restrictions of my rights as a tax payer

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2023 9:30:06 AM
Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
kari Larson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

People have the right to bear arms.

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Submitted on: 3/17/2023 9:39:44 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mabelle Bastien	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

People have a right to bear arms. It is a constitutional Freedom! The bad people who harm others will not abide by these new regulations. Good people don't bring firearms in public places without a good reason. The Government Cannot tell us what to do!

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2023 11:10:08 AM
Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Stephen T Hazam	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please OPPOSE HB984. This bill ignores and distorts the latest SCOTUS ruling in the Breun case. It includes subjective criteria to deny permits. Gun free zones provide targets, not safety. The government should not set as a default a condition that takes away a right guaranteed, not granted, by the US Constitution. The default on private property should be to allow firearms unless the owner denies permission. This will be overturned in the courts and we, the taxpayers, will expend dollars and time defending this indefensible bill. Please OPPOSE HB984.

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2023 11:37:12 AM
Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael A. Wee	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE this measure, It does nothing to reduce crime. All it does is create gun-free zones that criminals will exploit. If you were a criminal, you would love to see this measure become law!

HB-984-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2023 11:45:46 AM
Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gregory FRIEL	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose HB984 HD2

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Submitted on: 3/17/2023 12:25:46 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Stanley Cadinha Jr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The Supreme Court affirmed our right to conceal carry. The bill you're proposing makes it illegal to carry almost everywhere. While there are some places I agree with, such as courthouses, the list is too restrictive. I will not be applying for a permit, but if an individual is approved to carry, it then becomes their responsibility to know the law and use common sense. Criminals don't care about the law but I would feel safer knowing that wherever I go a law abiding citizen may be carrying. Media and politicians only use shootings where a criminal or a mentally disturbed individual kill people but no one talks about how many law abiding citizens have taken action and prevented shootings by eliminating the threats.

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Testimony for PSM on 3/17/2023 3:02:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am writing this testimony, AGAINST House Bill 984 . Lets stick the the constitution. We as citizens have the right to protect ourselves and loved ones. This right should not be infringed upon. We have the right to bear arms. This right should not be infringed upon. If the banks use armed guards to transport their money, Then law-abiding citizens should be able to bear arms in transporting themselves and their family. We can all agree life is worth more than money. If it is legal to purchase a bodyguard, it should be legal to be your own bodyguard.