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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FIREARMS.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 134-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:  
3           "(a) The manufacture, possession, sale, barter, trade,  
4 gift, transfer, or acquisition of any of the following is  
5 prohibited: assault pistols, except as provided by section  
6 134-4(e); automatic firearms; rifles with barrel lengths less  
7 than sixteen inches; shotguns with barrel lengths less than  
8 eighteen inches; any firearm that is not a shotgun with the  
9 capacity to fire ammunition of fifty caliber or higher; cannons;  
10 mufflers, silencers, or devices for deadening or muffling the  
11 sound of discharged firearms; hand grenades; dynamite, blasting  
12 caps, bombs, or bombshells, or other explosives; or any type of  
13 ammunition or any projectile component thereof coated with  
14 [~~teflon~~] Teflon or any other similar coating designed primarily  
15 to enhance its capability to penetrate metal or pierce  
16 protective armor; and any type of ammunition or any projectile



1 component thereof designed or intended to explode or segment  
2 upon impact with its target.

3 For the purposes of this subsection:

4 "Firearm with the capacity to fire ammunition of fifty  
5 caliber of higher" does not include antique pistols, antique  
6 revolvers, or muzzleloaders.

7 "Muzzleloaders" means any rifle, pistol, or shotgun that  
8 loads from the muzzle, or the open end of a weapon, from which  
9 the ammunition is discharged."

10 SECTION 2. This Act shall not prohibit possession of a  
11 firearm that is not a shotgun with the capacity to fire  
12 ammunition of fifty caliber or higher that was legally obtained  
13 prior to the effective date of this Act.

14 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2026.



**Report Title:**

Firearms; Gun Safety; High Caliber Guns

**Description:**

Includes any firearm with the capacity to fire ammunition of fifty caliber or higher, excluding antique pistols and revolvers, muzzleloaders, and shotguns, in the list of prohibited weapons. Exempts firearms with the capacity to fire ammunition of fifty caliber or higher legally obtained before 1/1/2026. Effective 1/1/2026. (SD2)

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