

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 308  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 308 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREARMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to expand the ban on pistols with a detachable magazine with over a ten-round capacity to any firearm with a detachable magazine with over a ten-round capacity.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement, Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights, Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, Brady Hawaii, Hawaii Chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, Hawaii Chapter of Students Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, Everytown for Gun Safety, Church of the Crossroads, and numerous individuals.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Libertarian Party of Hawaii, SDM Training Group, Bows N Bullets, Hawaii Rifle Association, Pu'uloa Rifle and Pistol Club, Young Guns, and numerous individuals.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Hawai'i.




Your Committee finds that gun violence is a growing and unacceptable problem in the State. This measure will deter the possession and use of certain types of unreasonably dangerous firearms within the State that lack an essential public use justifying their continued permission under state law.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing legislative findings;
- (2) Removing language that would have exempted certain individuals from the ban on firearms with detachable ammunition magazines with a capacity in excess of ten rounds;
- (3) Changing the effective date to January 1, 2026; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 308, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 308, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Public Safety and  
Military Affairs,

  
BRANDON J.C. ELLANTE, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-Third Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs**  
**PSM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">SB 308</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">PSM, JOC</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">2-12-25</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313         </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (C)	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
RHOADS, Karl	✓			
DECORTE, Samantha			✓	
<b>TOTAL</b>	4	0	1	0
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted         <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted         </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
<b>Distribution:</b> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">Original File with Committee Report</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Yellow Clerk's Office</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Pink Drafting Agency</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Goldenrod Committee File Copy</div> </div>				

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