

To: Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs
Fr: Jessie Ojeda, State & Local Policy Attorney, GIFFORDS Law Center to Prevent Violence
Re: SB 1030
Date: February 11, 2025

Dear Chair Elefante and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of GIFFORDS, I submit this testimony in strong support of SB 1030, which builds upon Hawai'i's already robust protections against firearms at polling places and drop boxes by taking a more comprehensive approach to preventing armed intimidation in elections.

The Growing Threat of Armed Intimidation in Elections

Hawai'i has been a leader in ensuring that polling places and drop boxes remain free from firearms, recognizing that guns have no place in the democratic process. However, threats to democracy have evolved. Increasingly, bad actors seek to weaken the electoral process not necessarily through direct violence, but through intimidation—using the mere presence of firearms to discourage participation and sow fear among voters and election workers.

This bill acknowledges the reality that armed intimidation is a tactic explicitly designed to erode trust in our elections. In recent elections across the country, we have seen armed individuals¹ gathering near polling sites and drop boxes, engaging in surveillance² and, increasingly, escalating to direct confrontations and threats.³ While no shots have yet been fired, the chilling effect on democracy is undeniable.

Emerging research confirms that the presence of firearms can deter civic engagement, particularly among historically disenfranchised groups. For instance, a 2022 Global Project Against Hate and Extremism study⁴ found that 41% of voters feel unsafe at polling places, with nearly one-third fearing Election Day violence—concerns even higher among minority voters.

Additionally, the Brennan Center for Justice⁵ has found that over a third of election workers have faced threats and harassment, fueling a historic exodus⁶. This climate of intimidation has worsened amid surging gun sales, with nearly 1 in 4 Americans now believing political violence may be necessary to "save the country."⁷

¹ Tim Sullivan & Adam Geller, *Increasingly Normal: Guns Seen Outside Vote-Counting Centers*, AP News, Nov. 7, 2020.

² Jerod Macdonald-Evoy, *Leaked Chats Reveal Right-Wing Militia's Coordinated Efforts to Watch AZ Ballot Boxes*, AZ Mirror, Oct. 17, 2024.

³ Glenn Thrush et al, *Election Officials Face Torrent of Threats as Nov. 5 Looms*, N.Y. Times, Oct. 25, 2024.

⁴ *Americans' Fears Suppressing Participation in Democracy*, Glob. Project Against Hate and Extremism, Aug. 4, 2022.

⁵ *Local Election Officials Survey—May 2024*, Brennan Ctr. for Justice, May 1, 2024.

⁶ Fredreka Schouten, *A Tide of Election Worker Resignations Raises Alarms Ahead of 2024*, CNN, Nov. 5, 2023.

⁷ David Smith, *Nearly One in Four Americans Believe Political Violence Justified to 'Save' US*, The Guardian, Oct. 25, 2023.

Recent reports, including GIFFORDS' *Guns & Voting*⁸ report (written in partnership with the Brennan Center for Justice) and *Engines of Extremism: How the Gun Industry Profits from Fear*⁹, further detail how firearms are increasingly being used as tools of voter suppression and intimidation. The latter report also highlights how gun industry marketing strategies have exacerbated fears of political violence, contributing to an environment where armed intimidation at election sites has become normalized.

The Need for a Comprehensive Approach

SB 1030 strengthens existing protections by clarifying that armed intimidation includes carrying firearms near voter service centers, places of deposit, and polling places. To provide the strongest safeguards, we recommend a 100-foot prohibition around these locations—a standard already adopted by several states including: Colorado (Colo. Rev. Stat. § 1-13-724), Michigan (Mich. Comp. Laws Serv. § 750.234d(3)), and New Mexico (N.M. Stat. Ann. § 1-20-24) have all enacted similar measures, while Virginia passed a comparable law that was later vetoed by the governor (VA HB 939 (2024)). Adopting this standard will align Hawai'i with other states committed to protecting elections from armed intimidation.

Conclusion

Safe and accessible elections are fundamental to our democracy. No voter or election worker should feel unsafe due to the presence of firearms when participating in or administering our elections. SB 1030 takes a proactive and necessary step to ensure that intimidation does not become a tool for suppressing voter participation in Hawai'i. We thank the committee for addressing this critical issue and urge swift passage of SB 1030.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jessie Ojeda
State & Local Policy Attorney
GIFFORDS Law Center to Prevent Violence

ABOUT GIFFORDS

Giffords is a nonprofit organization dedicated to saving lives from gun violence. Led by former Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, Giffords shifts culture, changes policies, and challenges injustice, inspiring Americans across the country to fight gun violence.

⁸ Allison Anderman, Jessie Ojeda, Robyn Sanders & Sean Morales-Doyle, *Guns and Voting*, GIFFORDS & The Brennan Center for Justice, September 18, 2023.

⁹ Jessie Ojeda, *Engines of Extremism: How the Gun Industry Profits from Fear*, GIFFORDS, Oct. 24, 2024.



Testimony of Deb Nehmad, Chapter Lead, Brady Hawaii
Before the Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs
SUPPORT FOR SB 1030

February 12, 2025

Dear Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Wakai, and members,

In furtherance of Brady's goal to reduce firearm violence across Hawaii, the Hawaii Chapter of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence is proud to offer its strong endorsement of SB 1030.

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 data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as of 2024 is disturbing:

- Every year, 34 people in Hawaii die by firearm suicide.
- Every year, 15 people in Hawaii are victims of firearm homicide.
- On average, 55 people in Hawaii are killed by gun violence each year and an average of 30 of those deaths occur in Honolulu County.
- Every 7 days, someone in Hawaii is shot and killed.

Since the US Supreme Court has eased the way for more firearms to be permitted in our public places, there has been an increase of gun-related violence in Hawaii. This bill is needed more than ever.

Assuring our citizens are not intimidated while exercising their constitutional right to vote should be a priority.

Brady Hawaii strongly supports passage of **SB1030**.
Mahalo for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Nehmad
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The Thirty-Third Legislature
The Senate
Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs

Testimony by
Hawaii State AFL-CIO

February 11, 2025

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB1030 – RELATING TO ELECTIONS

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

The Hawaii State AFL-CIO is a state federation of 76 affiliate labor organizations representing over 69,000 union members across Hawaii in industries including healthcare, construction, hospitality, entertainment, transportation, and government. The AFL-CIO serves its affiliates by advocating for the rights of working families, promoting fair wages, ensuring safe working conditions, and supporting policies that strengthen Hawaii's workforce.

We are in support of SB1030 because it promotes safe and accessible elections, ensuring that every voter can exercise their constitutional rights free from intimidation or coercion. Clear restrictions on carrying firearms or weapons near voter service centers and polling places are essential to preserving the integrity of Hawaii's elections and fostering a secure environment for voters.

Protecting the electoral process is fundamental to our democracy. This measure will reduce the risk of voter suppression and ensure elections remain a place where every voice is heard without fear or undue influence.

We respectfully urge the committee to pass this measure to uphold the principles of free and fair elections for the people of Hawaii.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randy Perreira".

Randy Perreira
President

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 9:13:39 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Golojuch, Jr. (he/him)	Testifying for Pride at Work – Hawai‘i	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

Pride at Work – Hawai‘i is an official chapter of [Pride at Work](#) which is a national nonprofit organization that represents LGBTQIA+ union members and their allies. We are an officially recognized constituency group of the AFL-CIO that organizes mutual support between the organized Labor Movement and the LGBTQIA+ Community to further social and economic justice.

Pride at Work – Hawai‘i fully supports SB 1030.

We ask that you support this needed piece of legislation.

Mahalo,

Michael Golojuch, Jr. (he/him)

President

[Pride at Work – Hawai‘i](#)

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Washington, DC 20002



Testimony of Ramya Swami, State Policy Manager, Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence
Support for SB 1030 Before the Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs
February 13th, 2025

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

Founded in 1974, Brady works to change the law, change the industry, and change culture to free America from gun violence. Our organization today carries the name of Jim Brady, who was shot and severely injured in the assassination attempt on President Ronald Reagan. Jim and his wife, Sarah, led the fight to pass federal legislation requiring background checks for gun sales. Brady continues to uphold Jim and Sarah's legacy by uniting Americans across the country in the fight to prevent gun violence.

There are evidence-based policy solutions that we know will help to prevent gun violence in Hawaii. The bill before you today, **SB 1030**, will help protect our democratic spaces by specifying that the practice of election fraud intimidation includes carrying any firearm or weapon at or near a voter service center, place of deposit, or polling place.

Voter intimidation is not only dangerous, it is unlawful. It is against the law to engage in any efforts to intimidate, threaten, or coerce a person to vote, not to vote, or support or oppose a particular candidate.¹ Voter intimidation or suppression has many forms but one of the most frightening forms is *armed* intimidation, which further contributes to the growing gun violence epidemic in our nation.² Armed intimidation threatens one of our most fundamental rights in democracy's most sensitive location - the voting booth. Allowing firearms at polling locations is voter intimidation, plain and simple. The presence of guns at or around these spaces poses a danger to the process of fair and free elections simply because of the inherent threat to voters' emotional and physical well-being.

Threats of armed intimidation have grown in size and scale in the past decade. This issue is one that has plagued a variety of states, and is of chief concern for law enforcement officers and election officials alike. Just five days prior to the 2024 presidential election, an 18-year-old man was arrested and charged with aggravated assault for threatening two supporters of Vice President Kamala Harris outside of a polling place in Florida.³³ Two months prior to the 2020 election, the United States Department of

¹ 52 U.S.C. §§ 10101(b), 10307(b).

² Allison Anderman, Protecting Democracy from Armed Intimidation: A Guide for States, Giffords Law Center, Sep. 16, 2022, <https://giffords.org/lawcenter/report/protecting-democracy-from-armed-intimidation-a-guide-for-states/>.

³ Maggie Astor, Trump Supporter Arrested After Brandishing Machete at Early-Voting Site, The New York Times, <https://www.nytimes.com/2024/10/30/us/politics/florida-trump-supporter-arrested-machete.html>; See also Crowley,

Homeland Security released a draft threat assessment that asserted “open-air, publicly accessible parts of physical election infrastructure,” including polling places and voter registration events, could be “flash points for potential violence.”⁴

This bill poses no threat to the Second Amendment rights of Hawai’ians, as the Supreme Court has recognized that the prohibition of guns in sensitive places - in this case, polling places - is one of several “presumptively lawful regulatory measures.”⁵ There are common sense solutions that we know are necessary to protect the electoral rights of the people of Hawai’i at such a fragile time in our republic, and this bill is one of them.

The rate of firearm ownership has grown exponentially alongside deepening ideological divides; this potent combination has led to the proliferation and increased threat of extremist militia organizations nationwide that continue to use firearms in threatening and intimidating ways, including near or at polling locations or outside recount locations. Clear instances of armed voter intimidation plagued the 2020 election⁶ and public officials must assume that this behavior will continue in order to best protect their constituents. Proactive steps like **SB 1030** must be taken to ensure the safety and security of our electorate.

Brady strongly encourages a favorable report for SB 1030, which will help protect our democratic spaces by specifying that the practice of election fraud intimidation includes carrying any firearm or weapon at or near a voter service center, place of deposit, or polling place.

Sincerely,

Ramya Swami
State Policy Manager
Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence

K., Santucci, J., & Shannon, J. (2024b, November 5). Interference and voting issues in the 2024 election: Tracking incidents state-by-state. USA TODAY.

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/elections/2024/11/04/2024-election-integrity-security-interference-issues/76044660007/>

⁴ Danny Hakim, et al., Trump Renews Fears of Voter Intimidation as G.O.P. Poll Watchers Mobilize, The New York Times, Sep. 30, 2020, <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/09/30/us/trump-election-poll-watchers.html>.

⁵ See *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 544 U.S. 570, 627 n.26 (2008).

⁶ Tom Porter, *Trump supporters staged a rally at a Virginia polling center during early voting, intimidating voters, election officials say*, BUSINESS INSIDER (Sep. 20, 2020),

<https://www.businessinsider.com/virginia-trump-supporters-intimidated-voters-disrupt-early-voting-2020-9>



TESTIMONY
SENATE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY
SENATED COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY & MILITARY AFFAIRS
SB1030 RELATING TO ELECTIONS
Monday, February 10, 2025, at 3:02 PM, State Capitol CR 229

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Wakai and Members of the Committees,

The Hawaiian Islands Republican Women support free and fair elections that are within the rule of law.

The Hawaiian Islands Republican Women **STRONGLY OPPOSE** SB1030 for the following reasons:

1. There are currently sufficient laws protecting voters as well as laws defining election procedures.
2. What constitutes “intimidation” in SB1030? This is subjectively stated in SB1030.
3. If someone is perceived to be intimidating, does that equate to election fraud? NO

The US Elections Assistance Commission (EAC) defines election fraud as, “The misrepresentation or alteration of the true results of an election.” Source: www.eac.gov

The use of the word “intimidation” to the term “election fraud” has no literal relationship. It creates a term that technically has nothing to do with the definition of election fraud.

SB1030 duplicates already existing Sensitive Places law, and at the same time unlawfully reextends it to certain public places that have been successfully challenged in court.

The August 8, 2023, ruling on Hawai’i’s Sensitive Places law in the United States District Court, District of Hawaii Woford vs. Lopez case struck down the section of the law pertaining to firearms at public parks.

All of Oahu’s ballot places of deposit are in public parks, except the ones at Kapolei Hale and Honolulu Hale. The other counties also have ballot places of deposit in parks. This bill is in direct contradiction to the Woford vs. Lopez case.

It is our 1st Amendment right to photograph in public places. The ACLU and state of Hawaii Attorney General agreed that it is a 1st Amendment right to take photographs in public, as affirmed in the 2016 case brought by the ACLU. If our lawmakers want to change the laws regarding photography in government buildings open to the public, it needs to be addressed in a separate bill.

Please vote NO on SB1030. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Detwiler, President
Hawaiian Islands Republican Women

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 6:31:54 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mery Ann Luna	Testifying for SDM Training Group/Bows N Bullets	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, my name is Mery Ann Luna, I am the President and Founder for SDM Training Group and Bows N Bullets. I strongly oppose bill SB1030.

No mentally stable, law-abiding citizen would interfere, cause harm, nor attempt to intimidate anyone during the election year by using firearms. The firearms community is fighting to keep their firearms, not lose them.

I oppose bill SB1030. There is no reason to add this portion to election fraud. If you don't want firearms in the polling/voting area, put up that sign you all expect business to put near their entrance way.

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:27:59 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Peggy Regentine	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB1030 states it is election fraud near a voting service center. I thought Police always have guns at these centers. I want protection to be able to vote safely and knowing Police are there to stop terrorists.

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 3:31:00 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mary Kawasaki	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

There should be no guns anywhere near an election site. Guns are intimidating. No one needs a gun for personal protection at a polling place. NO GUNS.

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 5:30:48 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jacob Wiencek	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Committee Members,

It is a public tragedy that violence against our system of free, open, and fair elections has become a leading threat. Even worse is the potential of gun violence to significantly disrupt our elections. This must not be allowed to happen.

I applaud this Committee's dedication to protecting our elections to ensure our system of republican self-government endures. I urge this Committee to SUPPORT this bill!

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 9:45:39 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mike Golojuch, Sr.	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB1030.

Mike Golojuch, Sr.

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 3:48:03 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly support this common sense measure. Please vote to pass it.

Thank you

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 3:49:12 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lory Ono	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB 1030. This is a common sense provision to help assure our election processes are free of any intimidation. Guns have absolutely no place in elections.

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 3:49:52 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am a resident in the State of Hawaii and support SB 1030

This is a common sense provision to help assure our elections are held free of any intimidation.

Please approve and implement this Bill

Mahalo

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 4:19:02 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support SB 1030 as a vehicle to support elections in Hawaii that are free of intimidation by any party.

Thank you for your consideration of my support of SB1030.

Nancy Taylor

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 5:13:55 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly support HB 1030.

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 6:22:25 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Linda Hoaglund	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB 1030 - We need this provision to help ensure our election processes are free of any intimidation. Guns and weapons must be banned from anywhere near a voter service center, place of deposit, or polling place.

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:20:41 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Karen M Kimbrell	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Election fraud intimidation is essential for a democracy. This measure will help with this goal.

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:45:10 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Doris Segal Matsunaga	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My family and I in Waimea on Hawaii Island support SB 1030. This is a common sense provision to help assure our election processes are free of any intimidation.

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:51:08 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

SB 1030 - This is a common sense provision to help assure our election processes are free of any intimidation.

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 6:54:48 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Beth Anderson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly support SB 1030 because attempts to intimidate voters and disrupt our free and fair elections seems to be an evolving problem in our country. Carrying any firearm or weapon at or near a voter service center, place of deposit, or polling place would be disruptive, upsetting and intimidating to voters accessing these facilities and would interfere with their freedom to vote.

SB 1030 is a common sense provision and very important legislation to help assure our election processes are free of any intimidation.

Mahalo for considering by views about bill which I strongly support.

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 8:12:14 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Unfortunately it has come to this. Having seen news reports with Felon Trump's supporters, some carrying guns, intimidating both voters and elections officials on the mainland we must be ever vigilant and prepared here in Hawaii nei. Please move this common sense bill forward.

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 8:22:48 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

Please support SB1030. Firearms have no place in places of voting. Please protect our right to vote from intimidation.

Thank you,

Lynn Otaguro

Honolulu, Hawaii

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 8:33:36 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nadine Ferraro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I fully support SB1030

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 11:18:21 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Paul Weissman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is a common sense provision to help assure our election processes are free of any intimidation.

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 1:03:48 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Senators Elefante, Wakai and Members of the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs,

I write today in support of this measure which would specify that the carrying of a weapon at or near a polling stations, voter service center or sites of voting deposits would be a considered a form of election fraud intimidation. As we have seen the level of violence related to elections and their outcomes increase, adding this to our law will send a strong message that we will not allow for voter intimidation at or near the above sites. We are so privileged to live in a state which has not seen intimidation of violence threatened against voters, but in the current atmosphere I feel this is a necessary measure.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 1030

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 8:01:43 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I stand in **Strong Opposition** to this bill. It attempts to criminalize one right while exercising another and is poorly worded and thought out. Simply walking within a certain distance of a mailbox with a self defense tool would now be a crime without any intent to intimidate or harass other voters. And given that Hawaii engages in early voting, it would mean weeks of people being forbidden to go near these places or face arrest.

Current laws should be enough to prevent this, or at least allow for add on charges for those who would break this law as it currently is. Openly carrying a firearm is not available to the average citizen and is a crime. If someone is concealing a firearm, how can they be acting in a manner meant to threaten someone? They can't, as they would need to make a verbal or visual threat which is already covered under this law. Brandishing a firearm on its own is a crime, and doing the same with any other dangerous implement can catch you a terroristic threatening charge.

And again this bill is so poorly worded that now law enforcement would be breaking the law if they simply go near a polling place and are simply doing their jobs and would leave such places vulnerable. Yet if you were to attempt to fix this by amending an exemption for police officers or security guards, it could easily be abused by those officers who would wish to intimidate others during an election.

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 7:57:58 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alice Abellanida	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

I oppose this bill. It is more government overreach and violates the Constitution. Kill this bill.

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:43:26 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
james wallace	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments: I oppose SB1030. We should be able to carry firearms wherever because we won in court of that communist bill sensitive place.

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 12:06:32 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jennifer Cabjuan	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. Do not limit citizens with the right to conceal carry from casting voter at election drop boxes located in dark, unlit, unsecured public parks with tons of homeless surrounding the area. This law will not make my life safer and could potentially be a target area where criminals know that I will be unarmed.

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 10:15:38 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Noela von Wiegandt	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose SB1030. Once again an attempt to Violate the 2nd Amendment. Majority of the citizens don't go to the voter service center, place of deposit, or polling place carrying a firearm. This bill is wrong on so many levels. Once again, I remind that You took an Oath to Protect the Constitution. Now HONOR your Oath. Thank You.

Noela von Wiegandt

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 11:45:37 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mary Healy	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 11:16:47 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bronson Teixeira	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill, mahalo

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 10:28:39 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Charles Reddoor	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB 1030

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Submitted on: 2/8/2025 6:48:26 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Larry Duclayan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Testimony in Opposition to Senate Bill SB1030

Aloha,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill SB1030, which seeks to prohibit the carrying of firearms or weapons at or near voter service centers, places of deposit, or polling places. As a staunch supporter of the 2nd Amendment, I believe this bill infringes upon the fundamental rights of law-abiding citizens to bear arms and protect themselves.

The 2nd Amendment of the United States Constitution guarantees the right of the people to keep and bear arms. This right is essential for self-defense, the protection of property, and the preservation of individual liberties. By restricting the presence of firearms in certain public spaces, SB1030 undermines the very principles upon which our nation was founded.

Furthermore, there is no substantial evidence to suggest that the presence of legally carried firearms at polling places poses a significant threat to public safety. Law-abiding citizens who choose to carry firearms do so responsibly and with the intention of protecting themselves and others. Criminals, on the other hand, are unlikely to be deterred by such restrictions and may even be emboldened by the knowledge that law-abiding citizens are disarmed.

It is also important to consider the potential unintended consequences of this bill. By creating gun-free zones, SB1030 may inadvertently make these areas more attractive targets for those with malicious intent. The presence of armed, responsible citizens can serve as a deterrent to criminal activity and enhance the overall safety of our communities.

In conclusion, I urge you to reconsider the implications of Senate Bill SB1030 and to uphold the constitutional rights of Hawaii's citizens. The 2nd Amendment is a cornerstone of our democracy, and any legislation that seeks to undermine it must be carefully scrutinized. I respectfully request that you vote against SB1030 and protect the rights of law-abiding citizens to bear arms.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Larry Duclayan

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 3:15:07 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chester Barayuga	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Infringement on our 2A rights

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 10:40:35 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jeffrey Duquez	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly oppose! Unless you assign police at Every Voting station, you should be allowed to protect yourself from all evils when express your right to vote.

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 8:03:34 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB1030, which seeks to classify the carrying of firearms or weapons near polling places, voter service centers, and places of deposit as election fraud intimidation. While I support efforts to ensure fair and secure elections, I believe this bill unnecessarily infringes on the constitutional rights of law-abiding citizens.

The Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and similar provisions in state law protect the right to bear arms, including in public spaces. Restricting this right based on the location of polling places—many of which are in public areas such as schools, churches, or community centers—sets a dangerous precedent for further erosion of individual liberties. Law-abiding citizens who carry firearms for self-defense should not be arbitrarily restricted simply because of an election-related event nearby.

Additionally, there are already laws in place to prevent voter intimidation and threats of violence. If the concern is genuine voter suppression through intimidation, then those specific incidents should be prosecuted under existing laws rather than implementing broad and unnecessary restrictions on firearm owners.

Rather than imposing additional restrictions on law-abiding citizens, I urge lawmakers to focus on enforcing existing laws and ensuring a fair electoral process without infringing on fundamental constitutional rights.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to oppose SB1030. Please consider the unintended consequences this bill may have on responsible gun owners and the potential legal challenges it may invite.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Wayne Asam

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 9:10:05 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
KELVIN AWAYA	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB1030.

This is another bogus proposed bill by politicians, as are many others. It seems that politicians are going against what they're supposed to do. Which is serve the people, not themselves.

Remember, you are public servants. The people talk, you listen. Not you tell the people what you think or feel is best based off of your ideologies or personal opinions.

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 11:19:16 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

IAW the Second Amendment Rights to Bear Arms. It's my Rights to Protect Myself even outside of the Home. Law Abiding Gun Owers and Citizens understand this Rights. Only Criminals will do that kind of actions of intimidation at a polling booth site. So why are you putting on more restrictions while at a polling booth location. Look at Voter Fraud. Tampering with voting process and handling of ballots. You are Infringment of my Rights

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 1:22:44 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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

My name is Robert Lau, and I am submitting testimony in strong opposition to **SB 1030**, which seeks to expand the definition of election fraud intimidation to include the presence of firearms or weapons at or near voter service centers, places of deposit, or polling places.

While I fully support the goal of ensuring a safe and secure voting process, this bill unfairly targets law-abiding citizens by broadly categorizing firearm possession as a form of voter intimidation. Hawaii already has some of the strictest gun laws in the country, and responsible firearm owners should not be criminalized simply for exercising their Second Amendment rights.

Additionally, this bill does not account for legally permitted individuals who carry firearms for personal protection. By imposing this restriction, **SB 1030 forces citizens to choose between their right to vote and their right to self-defense**—a choice that should never have to be made. If the concern is truly about voter intimidation, there are already existing laws that address harassment and threats without infringing on constitutional rights.

The vague language in this bill also raises concerns about **unequal enforcement and legal ambiguity**, creating potential for confusion and selective prosecution. Without clear evidence demonstrating a problem that necessitates this legislation, SB 1030 is an unnecessary overreach.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to reject this bill. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Mahalo,
Robert Lau

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 7:37:03 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ryan Willis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Strongly Oppose

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 8:50:09 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kanoe Willis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Strongly Oppose

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 10:17:36 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
tony lee	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

oppose

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 7:23:26 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE this Bill. I urge all members of the Committee to **VOTE NO** on this Bill.

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 7:31:31 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Stop putting forward unnecessary bills like this and instead improve our judicial system to keep real criminals off the streets and out of the legislature.

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 7:32:12 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joelle Seashell	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is absurd. The constitution is the highest law of the land. You took an oath to uphold it. Now you are trying to erode it. This is unacceptable

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 7:39:01 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Deven English	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in strong opposition of this bill

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 7:43:36 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Zac Nosugref	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:23:26 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robin D. Ganitano	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB1030. Unconstitutional against our 2nd Amendment rights.

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:06:19 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cassie Price	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill!

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:14:05 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bradle Lindsey	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Hawaii Senate Bill 1030 of 2025, which expands the definition of election fraud to include carrying a firearm near a voter service center, place of deposit, or polling station. This legislation unfairly targets law-abiding citizens and infringes upon their constitutional rights.

Expanding the definition of election fraud to include the mere presence of a firearm near voting locations is an overreach that criminalizes innocent behavior. Responsible gun owners who are simply exercising their Second Amendment rights should not be subjected to imprisonment for carrying firearms in lawful manners.

This legislation does not address the root causes of election fraud and instead focuses on penalizing individuals who pose no threat to the integrity of the voting process. Instead, we should be focusing on measures that enhance election security and ensure the safety of voters without infringing on constitutional rights.

I urge you to reconsider this legislation and focus on measures that truly enhance election security without infringing on the rights of law-abiding citizens.

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:17:55 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
James K. Rzonca	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:23:46 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments: SB1030 does not make the people of Hawaii safer, it only strips away our rights! It clearly violates our Constitutional rights. Furthermore, it criminalizes responsible gun owners, expands government overreach into legal firearm ownership, fails to address violent crime, and makes criminals out of law-abiding citizens. Stop wasting time and energy on unconstitutional bills, and focus on better education and training of the people.

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:47:36 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Paul Littleton	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB1030

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 10:12:11 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Reid Oya	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I stongly oppose this bill. How does carrying a firearm near voter service center, place of deposit, or polling place become election fruad? It does NOT make us safer. it just strps away our rights.

It criminalizes resposible gun owners, expands government overreach into legal firearm ownership, FAILS to address violent crimes & makes crimnals out os law abiding citizens.

Thank you for your time.

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 10:38:28 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bart Burford	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The 2nd ammendment clearly states that the RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED - What part does this Legislature not understand?

LESS RESTRICTIONS - MORE FOCUS on Government FOR THE PEOPLE

I OPPOSE

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 10:46:08 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Yvonne Alvarado	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, Yvonne Alvarado Oppose to Bill SB1030

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 10:45:31 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shani Hough	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose Bill SB1030, which expands definition of election fraud to include carrying a firearm near a voter service center, place of deposit or polling place!

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 11:31:52 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

What has carrying a firearm for self defense have to do with election fraud?

No!

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 12:15:12 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Laurie Langton	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this Bill!

With all the election fraud and problems with our Office of Elections, THIS is what you want to focus on.

The mile long list of locations where guns are not allowed in this state, is already an infringement of our rights to carry. it limits and infringes on our right to protect ourselves, our families and our property. Here you are adding yet more locations to that list.

This is, once again, unconstitutional and SHALL NOT BE PASSED.

You all need to think very hard about all these bills and decide if your job is worth it. Are the incentives you are receiving worth losing your seat?

Laurie Langton

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 12:51:03 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sharee Orr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Make politicians not suck and come up with the stupid bills they do.
this bill is ridiculous. No, no, no. Stop being stupid with dumb bills

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 12:43:04 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dawn O'Brien	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Committe Representing We the Citizens of Hawai'i~

TY for representing we the people of Hawai'i!

I stand in strong opposition to this proposed bill as it infringes upon my privacy rights as an individual who is legally acquiring a concealed carry/protective device. How does that make sense to have both a licensed self-defense mechanism AND not be allowed near a polling booth which is an area of high-contention. I will not be able to defend myself and our recent history of voting booths on Oahu has not been reassuring as you have seen HOURS long waits & very little government help for we the people. How will you respond quickly to any unfortunate incident? Is the Governor or other officials who are under protection detail allowed to be protected with self-defense weapons in the area? My point: legal protection for all people is a Constitutional right.

Therefore, I strongly oppose this proposed bill and encourage you as a tax-paid Representative of the People of Hawai'i (me) to do the same.

Mahalo, Aloha & Godspeed,

Dawn O'Brien

Lifelong tax-paying resident of Hawai'i

President, HOPE HI, Inc.

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 12:54:55 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Scott Shedko	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have the right to defend myself **wherever I am**, as a free citizen, in the United States of America.

I oppose this bill!

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 1:06:56 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Clardean Lehano	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I do not support this ridiculously insane bill

Clartdean Lehano

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 1:12:40 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gene A. Castagnetti	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha all,

Simply carrying or pocessing a firearm in, at, or near a polling place is not itimidation...it is legal and a right under our U.S. Constitution. Please focus on criminal that should not have firearms and stop infringing on our rights.

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 1:31:57 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chase Cavitt	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing my testimony in opposition of SB1030. This bill has far too many opportunities to be abused and misused to take legal action against someone who is not even close to attempting to break a law or intimidate someone. It is illegal for a citizen to use a firearm to intimidate someone for any reason. From my understanding, the simple possession of a concealed carry licensed firearm holder possessing a legally carried firearm in the vicinity of a place listed, would then be a criminal act. This bill doesn't even clarify the distance a person cannot be in possession of a firearm. What if someone is legally carrying and a anti firearm group surrounds them? What if they are assaulted with a deadly weapon and are forced to use this legally licensed concealed carry firearm to protect the life of themselves or another and are within the determined distance of a voting station? They could be doing nothing to do with voting and be charged for criminal acts as the result. I have never heard of a single voter intimidated with firearm in Hawaii and I do not believe this is a genuinely needed Bill to pass into law. This is another form of intimidation against firearm owners to be told to keep in line and don't mess with the political party that threatens to destroy the second amendment. This state already is working to pass more unconditional laws and I feel this is a bill being pushed forward in order to remove more law abiding firearm owners from being able to own firearms in Hawaii. This bill is not going to stop anything from happening if someone has bad intentions. Current laws already in place make it illegal to brandish or intimidate someone with a firearm in Hawaii. This bill is unnecessary. Please vote No on SB1030.

Mahalo,

Chase Cavitt

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 2:12:38 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Stop trying to take our freedoms and 2nd amendment.

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 2:33:37 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Strongly oppose

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 4:53:24 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joy Wright	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose SB1030 because it is overbearing and unnecessary. Vote NO on SB1030!

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 2:41:45 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Richard Domingo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE SB1030.

If you think this is needed, you're telling LEOs tasked to jobs like elections are not doing their jobs. i personally thing LEO presence definitely discourage such behaviors. I also think they do a good job even though resources may be low.

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 4:59:19 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jacob Rathje	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I'm completely opposed to violence, it's completely redundant you do not need a law to make something illegal that's already illegal

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 7:06:28 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mallory De Dely	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 7:07:30 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
kamakani de dely	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 7:09:11 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Susan Dedely	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill

To the Representatives of the State Legislature,

I oppose the passing of this bill as it only criminalizes law-abiding citizens infringing on their Second Amendment right to bear arms. This bill is an overreach by the State government against the 2nd amendment of the U.S. constitution and it is absurd to even be presented in the first place.

This bill does nothing to effectively reduce gun violence or violent crime activity here in Hawaii but will embolden malicious individuals who aren't going to follow the provisions of this bill in the first place. Hawaii already has some of if not the strictest gun laws in the country, but we still have gun violence.

I sincerely hope there is some reconsideration to the progression of the passing of this bill. This legislative body could better serve its constituents by focusing its efforts and resources on improving the local economy, reduce the cost of living, or possibly enhance mental health resources in Hawaii. Those would be more effective solutions towards reducing the amount of gun violence here, but it's obvious that isn't the intent behind this bill. This bill is an overt attack against Hawaii's responsible citizens who are law-abiding firearms owners.

I'm appalled at the attempt of this legislation to supersede the amendment of the U.S. Constitution that myself among others have put years, blood, sweat, and tears to defend. As a Hawaii Resident, U.S. Citizen, Combat Veteran, and Taxpayer, once again, I strongly oppose the passing of this bill.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Aguigui', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sincerely,

Brian Aguigui

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:07:03 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jarrod Goode	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I don't support this bill. Please stop infringing on my 2nd ammendment right.

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:33:37 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lionel Delos Santos	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha legislature, i opposed bill sb1030 because crimmals can carry anywere and does not stop crime just put them in jail

thank you

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:52:34 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Danielle E. Sagun-Apilado	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is unconstitutional. I oppose this bill.

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:55:59 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bunnie Harrington	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My self protection is backed up by the Constitution of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
Shall not be infringed.

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:57:38 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mike Harrington	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:02:11 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Again, stop wasting my time and my tax payers dollars. The Bruen decision was clear. Text history and tradition of the ratification of the 2nd ammendment. Or provide armed security!

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:11:14 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tenessa Cavitt	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing my testimony in opposition of SB1030. This bill has far too ambiguous and could be misused to take legal action against someone who is not attempting to break a law or intimidate someone. It is illegal for a citizen to use a firearm to intimidate someone for any reason under current Hawaii laws. From my understanding, the simple possession of a concealed carry licensed firearm holder possessing a legally carried firearm in the vicinity of a place listed, would then be a criminal act if this bill became law. This bill doesn't even clarify the distance a person cannot be in possession of a firearm from a voting location. What if someone is legally carrying and a anti firearm group surrounds them? What if they are assaulted with a deadly weapon and are forced to use this legally licensed concealed carry firearm to protect the life of themselves or another and are within the determined distance of a voting station? What if they are in a car accident nearby a voting station and police come and see a firearm case in the back. They could be doing nothing to do with voting and be charged for criminal acts involving voting fraud as the result.

I have never heard of a single voter intimidated with firearm in Hawaii and I do not believe this is necessary. This is redundant based on laws already on the books and could be missused.

This bill is not going to stop anything from happening if someone has bad intentions. Current laws already in place make it illegal to brandish or intimidate someone with a firearm in Hawaii. This bill is unnecessary. Please vote No on SB1030.

mahalo,

Tenessa Cavitt

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:33:12 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Whom It May Concern,

I oppose SB1030 as it violates my constitutional rights for the 2nd Amendment: the right to keep and bear arms. As an Army Veteran, I swore to defend and protect the constitution of the United States and the American way of life. I rely on the 2nd Amendment to not only protect myself but my loved ones and property. Something that our forefathers have fought bravely and sacrificed themselves to protect these rights.

Mahalo for taking the time to hear my testimony.

Aloha,

Josh

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:41:16 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Calvin Howell	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Kakou,

I am a resident of the Puna area and I oppose this bill. The language is too broad. Carrying a firearm near an election site is not election fraud, it is intellectually dishonest to promulgate the notion it is.

Mahalo,

Calvin Howell

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:42:35 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tiare Smith	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

****Testimony Opposing Hawaii SB1030****

To the Honorable Members of the Hawaii State Senate:

I am writing to express my firm opposition to Senate Bill 1030, which seeks to expand the definition of election fraud to include the act of carrying any firearm near a voter service center, place of deposit, or polling place. Here are my key points of contention:

1. **Infringement on Constitutional Rights:**

- This bill directly infringes upon the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens by criminalizing the mere act of carrying a firearm in proximity to voting locations. The right to bear arms is a fundamental aspect of personal freedom and security, and should not be curtailed without clear evidence that such measures directly enhance public safety at polls.

2. **Lack of Evidence Linking Firearms to Voter Intimidation:**

- There is no substantial, data-driven evidence to suggest that law-abiding citizens carrying firearms near voting locations pose a significant threat or have historically led to voter intimidation. Expanding the definition of election fraud in this manner seems more speculative than based on actual occurrences or proven risks.

3. **Vague and Overreaching Legislation:**

- The term "at or within feet of" is not specified in the draft, leading to ambiguity. How close is "too close"? This vagueness could lead to arbitrary enforcement, potentially deterring legal gun owners from exercising their rights due to fear of inadvertently breaking the law.

4. **Potential for Discriminatory Enforcement:**

- Such laws might disproportionately affect certain demographics more likely to carry firearms for self-defense, potentially leading to biased enforcement practices. This could inadvertently suppress the voting rights of these groups under the guise of security.

5. **Existing Laws on Voter Intimidation:**

- Current laws already address voter intimidation comprehensively. If there are specific incidents involving firearms, these would likely be covered under existing statutes concerning intimidation or threats. Adding another layer specifically targeting firearms does not address the root of voter intimidation but rather stigmatizes legal gun ownership.

6. ****Impact on Voter Access and Trust:****

- Criminalizing the presence of firearms near polling places could deter voters, particularly in areas where personal security is a concern, from participating in elections. Additionally, it might foster a sense of distrust towards electoral processes, suggesting that elections are inherently dangerous or confrontational when they should be seen as safe and civic.

7. ****Resource Allocation:****

- Enforcing this expanded definition would require additional resources, both in terms of law enforcement presence and judicial processing, which could be better allocated to actual security threats or to improve election integrity in more direct ways.

In conclusion, while the intent to ensure fair and safe elections is commendable, Senate Bill 1030 takes an approach that is overly broad, potentially unconstitutional, and not supported by evidence of a widespread problem. I urge you to reject this bill and instead focus on proven, balanced approaches to secure our elections without infringing on individual rights.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tiare Smith

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:45:24 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dayna Matsumura	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 10:30:39 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jason Matsumura	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 10:54:12 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Johnny Alvaro	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB1030 as it is a direct violation of our second ammendment rights.

John Alvaro

johnnyalvaro@gmail.com

Kamuela, HI 96743

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 10:02:25 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Norberto Dumo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Aloha

I strongly oppose SB1030 as it is a direct violation of our second amendment rights.

Mahalo

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Submitted on: 2/11/2025 6:26:32 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kirk Powles	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Shall not be infringed.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2025 8:19:24 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jason Nakasato	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Infringement on Second Amendment rights. This is a retaliatory bill that has no basis in fact nor does it accomplish anything to reduce crime.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2025 8:26:58 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Miles Chong	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly **oppose** SB1030!

This arbitrary bill clearly violates a fundamental and constitutionally protected right, and unfairly targets lawful and responsible gun owners!

Miles Chong

Hilo, Hawaii 96720

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Submitted on: 2/11/2025 8:34:10 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ragasa Jonathan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB1030 as it is a direct violation of my second amendment rights.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2025 8:29:31 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Paul Giles	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Oppose SB1030

Paul Giles

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Submitted on: 2/11/2025 9:05:38 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I Oppose the bill as written without amandments. Because you carry a firearm does not make you a criminal just because you exercise you right to carry a fire arm to drop off your mail in ballot at a drop box or polling location. Or that you are in the vacinity of any location there of practicing your rights and you happen to be by a voting location.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2025 9:32:26 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jeanine Acopan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

WTH!!!

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 9:34:03 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joseph P Vesperas Jr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB1030 because it prohibits the rights of people to defend themselves with firearms if necessary at certain places. It is therefore unconstitutional.

Joseph Vesperas

Hilo Hawaii 96720

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Submitted on: 2/11/2025 10:11:12 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Megan Iobst	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB1030. It goes against my 2nd amendment rights and sets to criminalize law abiding citizens! DO NOT PASS SB 1030!

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 10:32:25 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mary Smart	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB1030. There is plenty of election fraud that occurs in our state but carrying a firearm near a voter service center, place of deposit, or polling place does not constitute election fraud.

Gun free zones are the most dangerous areas for the honest citizens because criminals know their targeted victim will be unarmed.

The US Constitution gives citizens the right to carry. The state cannot infringe on that right.

This bill is more government overreach.

Vote NO on SB1030.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2025 10:36:01 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ethan Fergerstrom	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB1030 as it is a direct infringement on the right of the people to exercise their constitutional rights to protect themselves at all times.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2025 10:43:06 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dubin Whitaker	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB1030 as it directly infringes on our second amendment rights.

Dubin Whitaker

Kailua Kona, Hi. 96740

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Submitted on: 2/11/2025 11:08:11 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sharan Sadowski	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill; it is not directly related to election fraud and interferes with Constitutional rights.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2025 11:26:54 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I do not consent to the further criminalization of citizens of the state who are legal, law abiding gun owners exercising their first amendment rights. What does being a legal and lawful gun owner have to do with voting? It is already illegal to take a firearm anywhere in the state other than a shooting range or legal hunting grounds. Why do you need a specific law to cover such a specific area? Seems excessive and unnecessary. I do not consent.

SB-1030

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 11:34:33 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mark W Iobst II	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB1030. It's an unnecessary additional law that will be misused against those carrying firearms legally in public. Odds are it will be used against people who are unknowingly near a voting area to further strip their 2nd amendment rights. How is this related to voter fraud, its already illegal to intimidates voters by force.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2025 11:44:54 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This is an attempt to expand the areas/places law abiding citizens are disarmed.

Unless the government can guarantee, and be held liable, that no disarmed citizen will be a victim to violence near a service center, place of deposit or polling place, I oppose this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2025 11:45:00 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Creighton Phillips	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Interfering or intimidation during an election is already illegal. This bill is unnecessary.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2025 12:21:37 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lesha Mathes	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is so ludicrous I hardly know where to start. Carrying a gun has absolutely nothing to do with voter fraud. So if you're coming from a hunt or gun range and want to drop your ballot off, that's voter fraud? Please stop with these ridiculous, time wasting bills!

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Submitted on: 2/11/2025 1:08:06 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Justin Muneoka-Nagy	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it is unconstitutional to make someone a criminal just for carrying a tool to protect themselves and loved ones.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2025 1:23:22 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sam Cavitt	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Hawaii State Lawmakers,

I am writing in opposition of SB1030 and urge you to oppose this bill as well. I am a law-abiding citizen of The United States of America and Hawaii, a taxpayer, registered voter, a husband, father, grandfather and also an owner of legal firearms. I own them because I admire the technology and enjoy using them at firing ranges and hunting. I also own them to exercise my right as a US Citizen and Hawaii Citizen per the Constitutions of The USA and the State of Hawaii. I am a constituent of yours and by denying me these rights you are misrepresenting me. interestingly enough, as I have spoken to many who share my opinion of these basic rights, many are in the dark about what our state legislation is doing in denying our rights. As such, I would expect a groundswell of outcry against this law, if it passes. That will result in legal action, likely to the Supreme Court, and much cost and greater division in our country. It may also result in law abiding citizens breaking the law unintentionally. People who do no harm to others, being harmed by this law. These things would be detrimental to us all.

Specific arguments against this legislation –

- The bill is unnecessary and overly broad, potentially criminalizing law-abiding firearm owners who are legally carrying their weapons.
- The lack of clear distance guidelines creates ambiguity, which could lead to wrongful charges.
- No evidence supports the need for this bill, as there have been no reported incidents of voter intimidation with firearms in Hawaii.
- It is an effort to restrict Second Amendment rights rather than address an actual issue.

General arguments against all current proposed gun legislation in Hawaii are –

- The bills are unnecessary, ineffective, and infringing on Second Amendment rights.
- The legislation targets law-abiding gun owners rather than criminals.
- The laws will create legal traps for gun owners through vague wording and overreach.
- The bills are politically motivated rather than factually justified.
- Crime prevention should focus on criminals, not restricting legal gun ownership.

It poses the question of why this bill is being considered. Some will say to make us safer. I disagree. The problem is not an inanimate object. It is our society that has fostered desperate individuals or enemies of our country who enter illegally with mal intent. This bill will make it illegal for law abiding citizens to own safe and effective firearms for hobby, hunting or defensive use but will do nothing to stop the proliferation of illegal firearm possession. Indeed, this bill will render those of us who desire to follow the law, defenseless against those who would possess them illegally!

This bill is not founded on fact and reason but rather fear and myth. Please step back from the brink and let's work together as Americans and Hawaiians to heal our society and maintain the basic rights that our respective constitutions guarantee. Vote no on SB1030!

Thank You!

Aloha,

Sam Cavitt

Kihei, HI

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Submitted on: 2/11/2025 1:28:32 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Stop taking away our constitutional right.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2025 2:53:58 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Reina Loughlin	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose. Gun carry should not be included in definition of election fraud. It is associatiated with terroristic threatening and other crimes not to be specifically a way to define election fraud.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2025 3:21:51 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lolita Keni	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill...what is the significance of this bill? This is a waste of time and our money.

LATE

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Submitted on: 2/11/2025 8:35:50 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Erik Eck	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Legislator's,

I oppose SB1030. I am for not adding the gun language to this bill. I believe it does not have relevance, and I believe this bill is submited with an alterior motive.

Sincerely,

Erik Eck

LATE

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Submitted on: 2/11/2025 9:45:37 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
steven a kumasaka	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

STRONGLY OPPOSE

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Submitted on: 2/12/2025 6:45:58 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Clinton Lewe-Song	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Legislators,

I am writing this as a retired police officer and a person profoundly affected by gun violence. I understand the natural tendency to reach for additional firearm legislation to cure some of our problems with criminal behavior. The issue is multifaceted and I appreciate the attempts to find a solution, but recent years have seen action that is more akin to a drowning victim trying to do anything, including worsening the circumstances and drowning potential rescuers, for the sake of doing something. My experience as a child losing his grandfather to an armed robbery in Los Angeles, to being a tactical officer in Hawai'i has taught me that appropriately addressing the criminal will have more of the desired effect than addressing any chosen device or tool. Please blaze a trail to a safer Hawai'i. Following the footsteps of Los Angeles, Chicago, or New York is not the way. This piece of legislation is another gun control failure disguised as an election fraud measure. Please oppose.

Mahalo,
Clinton Lewe-Song