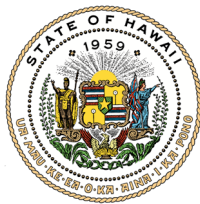


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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 363
RELATING TO FIREARMS

Before the Senate Committee on
PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Wednesday, February 12, 2025, 3:00 PM

State Capitol Conference Room 225 & Videoconference

Testifiers: Mike Lambert

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

The Department of Law Enforcement (DLE) strongly supports Senate Bill 363. This bill establishes comprehensive regulations for the transportation and possession of firearm parts, requiring them to be carried only between specified locations and in enclosed containers. The bill also provides clear definitions of firearm parts and prohibited persons, while establishing enhanced penalties for violations of these provisions.

The DLE has observed a concerning increase in ghost gun cases and illegal firearm parts trafficking. Data from our law enforcement partners, including the Honolulu Police Department, demonstrates the growing challenges in addressing firearm-related offenses, particularly those involving unmarked and untraceable firearm parts. This legislation provides crucial tools for law enforcement to combat the proliferation of ghost guns and illegal firearm components.

The proposed requirements for enclosed containers and specific authorized transport locations will significantly enhance public safety by ensuring proper control over firearm

parts movement. These measures will assist law enforcement in preventing prohibited persons from acquiring firearm parts and will facilitate more effective enforcement of existing firearm regulations.

The enhanced penalties established by this bill serve as a strong deterrent against illegal possession and transportation of firearm parts, particularly targeting those who might otherwise exploit current regulatory gaps to circumvent firearm laws.

DLE would like to recommend the following amendments:

1. On page 5, amending lines 13-21 to read:

(b) Any person violating this section by carrying or possessing three or more firearm parts shall be guilty of a misdemeanor; provided that any felon or prohibited person violating this section shall be guilty of a class B felony; provided further that any felon or prohibited person convicted under this section shall be sentenced to a term of probation of four years, with conditions to include a term of imprisonment of not less than one year without possibility of suspension of sentence."

2. On page 6, amending lines 8-12 to read:

"Firearm parts" means any item that is specifically designed for or adapted for use in creating a firearm, including the barrel, bolt, slide, frame, receiver, trigger, hammer, firing pin, or cylinder, magazine, or any other part necessary for a firearm to operate.

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

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Testimony of the Office of the Public Defender to Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs re:

SB 363 Relating to Firearms

Chair: Senator Brandon Elefante, Vice Chair: Senator Glenn Wakai and Members of the Committee:

The Office of the Public Defender respectfully **opposes SB 363** for the following reasons:

SB 363 seeks to amend HRS section 134 dealing with the crimes of Place to Keep Firearms in two ways. First, SB 363 would make it a crime to possess at least three parts of a firearm under certain conditions, by adding language that will prohibit the improper possession of "firearm parts". Second, SB 363 institutes mandatory jail terms from between six months and one year respectively for violations of said offenses.

The proposed language used to prohibit the illegal possession of firearm parts does not serve the purpose for which it is allegedly required. Furthermore, the OPD believes that adding mandatory jail sentences as conditions of probation for violations of HRS section 134 is unnecessary and serves no deterrent effect.

In the preamble to SB 363, it is noted that the possession of firearm parts that can be quickly put together to form a complete firearm does not currently violate the Place to Keep Firearms statutes. This conclusion is correct, as separated parts of a firearm were never perceived to be as dangerous as a functioning firearm. However, the preamble further states that there is a need to prohibit the possession of firearm parts that can be quickly transformed into a functioning firearm. However, SB 363

prohibits the possession of merely three parts of a firearm, and not all the parts necessary to build a functioning firearm. Thus, on this issue, the proposed bill is too broad in its potential application for the stated purpose.

Under current law, a trial judge has the authority to sentence any person convicted under Place to Keep violations to probation with a jail term as a condition thereof. SB 363 would make a jail term a mandatory condition of probation. The trial judge is in the best position to know when it is necessary to use jail as part of a sentence to deter future behavior of a convicted person. However, mandatory jail terms do not deter individuals from committing offenses such as Place to Keep, because the perceived necessity to possess a firearm usually outweighs any other consideration. It is the perceived need to possess a firearm that needs to be addressed, and not the mere possession of a firearm, and this is especially important in relation to our youth.

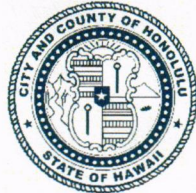
It should also be noted that the proposed language in SB 363 will invite litigation, as it creates a hinderance to the free exercise of the second Amendment to the United States Constitution as stated in *New York State Rifle and Pistol Assoc. Inc. v. Bruen* (2022).

Thank you for the opportunity to comment upon this measure.

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February 12, 2025

The Honorable Brandon J.C. Elefante, Chair
and Members
Committee on Public Safety and
Military Affairs
State Senate
415 South Beretania Street, Room 225
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Elefante and Members:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 363, Relating to Firearms

I am Raynor Ikehara, Major of the Narcotics/Vice Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports Senate Bill No. 363, Relating to Firearms.

Due to the increase in illegal firearm cases, the HPD supports all legislation that aims to strengthen current firearm laws. The number of ghost gun-related cases has risen sharply in one year with a 220 percent increase. From January 1 through October 14, 2023, the HPD initiated 31 ghost gun-related cases; from January 1 through October 14, 2024, the HPD also initiated 68 ghost gun-related cases.

The HPD urges you to support Senate Bill No. 363, Relating to Firearms.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

Sincerely,


Arthur J. Logan
Chief of Police


for Raynor Ikehara, Major
Narcotics/Vice Division

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 9:07:49 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jerry Yuen	Testifying for Pu'uuloa Rifle and Pistol Club	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB363 due to it being unconstitutional and an infringement of the Second Amendment. It also uses ambiguous language and definitions. A single gun part may consist of several subparts. A typical pistol magazine usually consists of the magazine body, magazine spring, magazine follower, and baseplate. Under this bill an assembled magazine would be legal, but a disassembled magazine would be illegal due to there being four gun parts. This bill focuses on the object rather than the criminal. A felon or otherwise prohibited person in possession of a gun whether registered or not should be charged. The serialized portion or the fire control unit is what is defined as the firearm.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 6:28:14 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 SB363.

I truly feel that you, our legislature, are trying to make law-abiding citizens become felonies. Individuals who illegally obtain parts or firearms will always find a way to do so. Let's say I have a firing pin which is a very small part, and it's not assembled to a firearm. I have it in my possession after purchasing it from a gun shop. I'm a female so I like to go shopping and I go to three other stores. Somehow in between shopping, it was found that I had a firearm part in my possession and since I did not go straight home from the gun shop, you will put me in jail for a tiny, small part that is not attached to a firearm just yet, and that it can't do any harm to myself nor others?

Look, I get what you are trying to say. That's parts can be made into a firearm. News flash, everything in life has parts that can be put together to become something. Are you going to put people in jail for that too? For instance, take a knife. It has a blade and a handle. Or how about a car, a motorcycle, a pen, etc... I'm certain all of those can harm when parts are put together.

I strongly oppose bill SB363



As the Libertarian Party of Hawaii, we firmly oppose HB125.

This bill violates the Second Amendment rights enshrined in the United States Constitution, which unequivocally guarantees the right to bear arms. Any regulations infringing upon firearm ownership and storage represent a direct assault on our fundamental freedoms.

The imposition of strict liability on individuals for damages resulting from the use of an "improperly stored" firearm blatantly tramples on these clearly defined rights, criminalizing constitutionally protected activities. Violent crimes caused by firearms are already illegal, and easily prosecuted.

Mandating that retail firearm sellers furnish purchasers with storage regulation notices needlessly encumbers businesses and severely impacts businesses.

The right to bear arms is the cornerstone of a free society, a sentinel against government intrusion, assuring personal autonomy, liberty, and individual accountability. These rights are essential for safeguarding oneself, one's kin, and one's property, while inherently upholding the bedrock principle of self-determination.

Overemphasizing "collective safety" at the expense of individual rights not only undermines liberty and personal sovereignty but also attacks the very foundation of our democratic values.

Our representatives must uphold individual rights, rather than chip away at them. Their goals should be to cultivate self-responsibility and self-reliance within Hawaii, not dictating what rights we get to keep.

In Freedom,
The Libertarian Party of Hawaii

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 11:32:22 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Craig Kashiwai	Testifying for Red Letter Industries	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill as it would cause damage to small businesses and would not deter crime or safety.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 11:33:50 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dale Hayama	Testifying for Young Guns	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We strongly oppose SB363. This Bill creates an entrapment for many honest law-abiding citizens that have extra and spare parts for their firearms. There is no need for SB363. Ghost guns and illegal gun laws already exist. The key is enforcement! Please stop going after law-abiding citizens and their rights and go after the criminals! All of these crimes committed with illegal firearms are committed by criminals with long rap sheets and records! Please go after THEM, WITH the existing laws on the books! Then you'll solve our crime problems! Thank you!

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SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 9:58:26 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Glennon T. Gingo	Testifying for Hawaii Rifle Association	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The Hawaii Rifle Association opposes SB 363.

The carrying or transporting parts of a firearm should not be impeded or disallowed. Many firearm owners have parts of firearms in possession and in transit to gunsmiths or from place to place for professional service or to add to an existing firearm when participating in shooting events, recreational shooting and hunting. Most of these parts by themselves would not even be specific to a firearm i.e. screws, springs and set screws.

Criminalizing these law abiding gun owners based on gun parts commonly used and transported is the wrong approach to curbing gun crime.

Aloha,

Glennon T. Gingo

Hawaii Rifle Association

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 7:18:25 AM

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

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

Comments:

I support this measure. Access to guns in the home increases the risk of suicide.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 7:59:34 AM

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

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

Comments:

Hawaii has not yet had mass shootings like are common on the mainland. SB363 will help maintain that record.

Access to guns in the home increases the risk of suicide by 300%.

Improperly storing guns can contribute to guns entering the illegal market or being used for a mass shooting.

Unlocked and loaded firearms in the home drastically jeopardize the safety of our keiki.

Please pass SB363 to keep Hawaii safe from gun violence.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 8:29:28 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Younghee Overly	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you for hearing SB363. Safely locked away firearms prevent accidents and suicide.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 8:50:39 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nathan Leo Braulick	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure because access to guns in the home increases the risk of suicide by 300%. Improperly storing guns can contribute to guns entering the illegal market. Unlocked and loaded firearms in the home drastically jeopardize the safety of our keiki.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 9:09:11 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michelle Ma	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure because access to guns in the home increases the risk of suicide

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 9:42:43 AM

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

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

Comments:

I support this measure because access to guns in the home increases the risk of suicide.

Thank you for your consideration,

Leah Morse

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 10:07:30 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kayla Marie	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this measure. Gun control keeps communities safe.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 10:15:46 AM

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

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

Comments:

I support this measure because access to guns in the home increases the risk of suicide

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 3:21:50 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
JANE TOLLEFSRUD	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure because access to guns in the home increases the risk of suicide. I absolutley want stricter gun regulations!

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 3:31:43 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gail Morrison	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure because access to guns in the home increases the risk of suicide.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 3:55:41 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
DeWaine Tollefsrud	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this measure! Access to guns in the home increases the risk of suicide by 300%.

Improperly storing guns can contribute to guns entering the illegal market.

Unlocked and loaded firearms in the home drastically jeopardize the safety of our keiki.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 4:14:19 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
glenn oshiro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha. As a person who's had seven firearms stolen (they were stored in a quality gun safe) a lifelong hunter, former NRA member and one who's been shot at, I ask that you please, please support this bill. Mahalo for your time.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 4:32:59 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kanani Kai	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill.

Kanani Kai

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 4:57:06 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jennifer Lum	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure because access to guns in the home increases the risk of suicide

Access to guns in the home increases the risk of suicide by 300%.

Improperly storing guns can contribute to guns entering the illegal market.

Unlocked and loaded firearms in the home drastically jeopardize the safety of our keiki.

Mahalo for your support of SB363,

Jennifer Lum, 'Ewa Beach

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 6:54:43 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marlene Thom	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure because gun violence has become increasingly common in Hawaii, just as it is on the mainland. Especaially with the appearance of so-called "ghost guns", gun violence has reached near-epidemic levels in the state. There is no justification for not allowing law enforcement to arrest and charge individuals who possess "gun parts" that can be assembled in seconds into usable guns that maim and kill our citizens. Similarly, there is no plausible reason for individuals to carry guns (or gun parts) in public spaces. This practice only serves to perpetuate the false belief that possessing a gun will keep one safe. Anyone who insists that the Second Amendment gives them the right to own these lethal weapons (it doesn't) must be required to store the gun(s) in a secure location, inaccessible to minors and anyone not legally allowed to access such weapons.

Thank you for your support and consideration.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 10:09:44 PM

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

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

Comments:

I strongly support this measure because access to guns in the home increases the risk of suicide

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 11:32:04 PM

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:

I support this measure to provide for safeguards to keep our communities safer.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 9:38:24 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Eve Furchgott	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Gun violence is out of control in the nation. Increasing control of reckless and dangerous firearm use & access is necessary and vital.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 11:00:04 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
martha chantiny	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

i support this bill because improperly storing guns can contribute to guns entering the illegal market. Unlocked and loaded firearms in the home drastically jeopardize the safety of our keikI. Stronger gun safety measures are important to a civil society.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 1:24:45 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cheryl Bellamy	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Improperly storing guns can contribute to guns entering the illegal market.

Unlocked and loaded firearms in the home drastically jeopardize the safety of our keiki.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 1:43:59 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
MANDY CHUN	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure because access to guns in the home increases the risk of suicide.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 2:08:21 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
teri skillman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Access to guns in the home increases the risk of suicide by 300%. Improperly storing guns can contribute to guns entering the illegal market. Unlocked and loaded firearms in the home drastically jeopardize the safety of our keiki.

Mahalo,

Teri Skillman

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 3:16:14 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alice Smith	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We already have enough gun violence in the islands - violence that did not occur 20 years ago. Allowing greater access to guns results in more injuries, death and violence. Aloha and guns don't mix!

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 4:06:51 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alyson M Miles	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: I support this measure because access to guns in the home increases the risk of suicide. Access to guns increases the risk of suicide by 300%

Unlocked and loaded firearms in the home drastically jeopardize the safety of our keiki. Since Columbine over 383,000 students have experienced gun violence at school, and many times those unlocked and loaded guns are used in these instances to harm our keiki. The illegal market is often flooded with improperly stored guns as well, making us all less safe.

Ensure that guns are handled responsibly and appropriately to keep our citizens safe.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Alyson M. Miles

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 6:23:11 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Hilary Smith	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Research shows that having firearms in the home triples the likelihood of death by suicide, while unsecured weapons can be stolen and sold illegally on the black market. Most critically, when guns are kept loaded and unsecured in homes, they pose a severe and potentially deadly risk to our children's safety and wellbeing. I am opposed to any guns in Hawaii at all, but if there must be guns, we should at least give real penalties to people who don't store them in the safest possible manner.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 7:28:11 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sheryl Summers	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure because access to guns in the home increases the risk of suicide.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 8:15:55 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jada Rufo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure because many of Hawaii's students currently don't qualify for free school meals, yet their families struggle to put food on the table. Providing free meals to all keiki also eliminates the risk of social stigma.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 9:36:55 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tanya Dean	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing to support SB363. To close this loophole in the existing laws, it is crucial that the State also prohibit individuals from carrying or possessing unsecured firearm parts in public spaces, even when they are not in immediate possession of all the parts necessary to create a firearm. Please help roll back the increase in gun violence in our precious state. Protect Hawaii from gun violence!

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 2:45:11 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jessica Kuzmier	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I support this law because I believe this loophole in the ghost guns law must be closed and gun crimes are becoming more and more prevalent in our state. I do not believe that the Second Amendment is intended to protect loopholes such as this one. Mahalo.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 6:19:45 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sarah Josef	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure because access to guns in the home increases the risk of suicide

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 7:45:06 AM

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 strongly support SB 363 RELATING TO FIREARMS. We are gun owners, hunters, with 3 generations living together, and we believe in keeping our communities safe!

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 12:55:43 PM

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

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

Comments:

Dear House Committee Members:

I strongly support SB 363 and urge you to pass this law. SB 363 is an essential tool to reduce the risks of gun violence in Hawaii.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Karen Worthington, Kula, Hawaii

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:46:22 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Renee Rabb	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please pass SB 363 by Senator Moriwaki. Anything we can do to reduce the number of guns and deaths by guns should be done.

Mahalo,

Renee Rabb

Keaau, HI 96749

Big Island

Hawai'i Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs
Hearing
Wed. Feb 12, 2025 at 3:00 pm
Conference Room 225 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

RE: SB363 - RELATING TO FIREARMS.

Testimony IN SUPPORT

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

My name is Christine Andrews of Wailuku, Maui. In the 1990's I lived in Honolulu, and I was a member of the Hawai'i Firearms Control Coalition where we focused on the public health issues related to firearms, particularly accidental firearms related injury and death to Hawai'i keiki and firearms related violent crime, particularly crimes against women. I am proud of what we were able to accomplish at the legislature during that tenure. Hawai'i has one of the lowest rates of firearms related injury and death in the country as a result of legislative action. Thank you.

I support SB363 because it is common-sense legislation supported by local law enforcement and federal agencies. It does not unconstitutionally restrict firearms, as many individuals with limited understanding of the legislation purport. It is intended to address rising crime associated with ghost guns, guns made from parts as a way of circumventing the law. According to a Sept. 14, 2022, Hawaii News Now article entitled, Federal Agencies Report Alarming Spike in Illegal Ghost Guns. Attachments on Hawaii Streets, federal agents are finding illegally obtained ghost guns and other gun parts in Hawaii homes, and these weapons are increasingly being used in violent crimes. The article quotes John Tobon, special agent in charge of Homeland Security Investigations, "We are seeing a significant increase. Whenever we execute a search warrant or an arrest warrant, it's now almost a normal thing for us to find one or more ghost guns as part of these enforcement actions."

The article further notes that most of the ghost guns they are finding are assembled in homes — from parts purchased online — giving access to people who normally wouldn't qualify to own a firearm. For example, the article cites two teen boys on Oahu who ordered a pair of ghost guns and were able to assemble them at home using YouTube videos. Because of their age, they would have been prohibited from properly purchasing a firearm. The article continues:

"You don't have to be a gunsmith or take any particular course," Tobon said, adding that ordering the parts and kits is often much cheaper than buying the firearms legally. In theory, the government is supposed to know about every gun manufactured because each one is serialized but ghost guns don't have serial numbers. 'If that firearm is used in a crime, then it's difficult for law enforcement to trace that firearm,' said Jonathan McPherson, special agent in charge at the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives." The 2019 killing of Alan Jennings at Ala Moana Center was the result of the use of a ghost gun.

Just more than a week after the Hawaii News Now article cited above, on Sept 22, 2022, there was another article on the topic, Task Force Recovers Large Cache of Ghost Guns. Ammunition at Oahu Home. This article reports that a Waipahu man faced federal firearms charges after he was allegedly

caught with two dozen ghost guns and illegal parts. Agents with Homeland Security Investigations and Honolulu Police Officers served a warrant on the man's car and home and recovered long guns, pistols, silencers and hundreds of rounds of illegal ammunition.

I hope that these news article help clarify for the members of the Committee that SB363 is a common sense measure introduced by law enforcement to try to stem the tide of firearms violence and trafficking by those seeking to unlawfully evade firearms regulations by purchasing firearms parts online and putting together illegal firearms at home after watching YouTube videos. It is actually cheaper and easier for criminals and young people to acquire guns this way, which is why this legislation is so important. Please help keep Hawai'i communities safe and protect families like mine by voting YES and SUPPORTING SB373.

Thank you,

Christine L. Andrews, J.D.
Wailuku, Maui

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 2:14:32 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Erica Yamauchi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: Chair, Vice Chair and Members of the Committee: I support this bill to prevent further gun violence in our state. Mahalo nui loa, Erica Yamauchi, Kaimukī/Wilhelmina Rise

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 8:03:20 AM

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

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Denise Boisvert	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I STRONGLY SUPPORT this bill.

LATE

Representative Brandon Elefante, Chair
Representative Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

Testimony in Support of S.B. No. 363, Relating to Firearms
Saskia Leonard
Tuesday, February 11th, 2025

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

I am writing to express my strong support for S.B. No. 363, Relating to Firearms. As a fourth-year medical student at the John A. Burns School of Medicine, I have had the privilege of caring for patients from all walks of life. My experiences in the emergency department have reinforced the devastating impact of firearm-related injuries on victims, families, and our broader community. Ensuring the safety of our community through evidence-based firearm policies is not just a legislative priority- it is a public health imperative.

Research consistently demonstrates that states with more restrictive gun laws experience lower rates of firearm-related homicides, suicides, and mass shootings (Lee et al., 2017). By prohibiting the public carrying of unsecured firearm parts, S.B. No. 363 addresses a critical loophole that allows individuals to evade enforcement until after a tragic event occurs. This legislation is a proactive step toward preventing firearm-related injuries and deaths before they happen.

Gun deaths among U.S. children and teens increased by 50% between 2019 and 2021 (Pew Research Center, 2023), and in Hawai‘i specifically, the firearm death rate rose by 71% in 2022 compared to 2013 (Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Violence Solutions, 2024). These alarming statistics underscore the need for stronger gun safety regulations to protect our residents.

The consequences of lenient firearm policies are not hypothetical; they are evident in the increasing prevalence of gun violence nationwide. Time and time again, studies have shown that more permissive firearm carry laws correlate with higher rates of violence rather than enhanced protection for constituents (Beaulieu-Jones et al., 2024). We have witnessed the horrific regularity of school shootings across the country, and Hawai‘i has an opportunity to lead by example in enacting meaningful reforms that prioritize public safety.

As healthcare professionals, we are acutely aware that gun violence is a public health crisis. S.B. No. 363 is a necessary step toward preventing further harm and ensuring that our communities remain safe for future generations. I urge the committee to pass this critical legislation and appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony in its support.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Citations:

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Pew Research Center. *Gun deaths among U.S. kids rose 50% in two years.* April 6, 2023.

Available at: <https://www.pewresearch.org/short-reads/2023/04/06/gun-deaths-among-us-kids-rose-50-percent-in-two-years/>

Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Violence Solutions. *Hawai'i Gun Violence Data.* Available at: <https://publichealth.jhu.edu/center-for-gun-violence-solutions/hawaii>

Sincerely,

Saskia Leonard

Fourth-Year Medical Student

John A. Burns School of Medicine

LATE

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 3:36:55 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dennis Barger	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this legislation (SB363) because access to firearms in the home increases the chance of accidents and suicides.

LATE

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 3:19:25 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chris Marvin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Safe storage laws will not only keep our keiki safe, but make it easier for law enforcement to do their jobs.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 8:12:58 AM

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

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kim Jorgensen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please pass this bill.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 4:03:03 PM

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 is downright moronic to think that the police cannot enforce current laws that prevent criminals from carrying guns just because the bad guy takes his gun apart before the cops get there. Simply taking a gun apart does not make it suddenly legal to carry around.

Federal Law already considers the receiver (the frame that contains most if not all of the parts of a firearm) of a gun to be the legal firearm. As long as the receiver is intact it is considered a firearm regardless of whether it can be fired or not. There are even laws regarding what must be done for a receiver to be considered 'inoperable', even if you were to just cut a receiver in half it would still be legally considered a functional firearm. This means if I were to take my gun completely apart and walk around with just the receiver (without a valid CCW permit) I would be breaking the law already.

If a convicted felon is walking around with gun parts, it's a reasonable suspicion to think that they are in illegal possession of a firearm and a proper investigation can be done. If prosecutors or police think they cannot charge violators under current laws, then they need either be retrained or terminated from their duties since they cannot carry them out in a competent manner. Not having laws passed that makes it even easier for them to do their jobs when it should already be cut and dry.

At this point it is hard to tell the difference between incompetence and malice when it comes to enforcing the laws of this state. The proposed head of the Department of Law Enforcement had shown twice that they do not understand the current laws when testifying on the House version of this bill, even after being corrected. Unless the Official stance by DLE is that a gun can be legally and openly carried as long as it's in two pieces because they deem it 'inoperable', in which case it would be legal to walk down the streets of Waikiki with an AR15 rifle with no permit simply because it's been separated into two pieces.

The House version of this bill has already been deferred, and will be unlikely to survive the crossover.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 10:34:32 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jon Abbott	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

I PROFUSELY OPPOSE SB363. Seriously, the only aim of this bill is to criminally entrap lawful gun owners in a legal activity with parts for firearms that are commonly carried by most gun owning citizens.

This bill would make any offender guilty of a misdemeanor. This sounds minor but under Hawai'i State Law, a misdemeanor gun offense will result in LOSS OF ALL SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS.

I urge this committee, Especially my Senator Carol Fukunaga to vote NO on this appalling bill - SB363.

I am available for questions.

Jon Abbott

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 10:06:08 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David P. Alvarado Jr.	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

In strong oppsition to SB363. Current laws already prohibit the possession of "Ghost Guns" and furthermore the verbage in this bill allows the layman to believe that simply becuae a ghost gun is disassembled, they cannot be charged/prosecuted, which is not true. Anyone with an unserialized reciever, is in violation of the law. The reciever is what matters, without it by definition you do not have a firearm. So the thought of just havings parts such as springs, pins, screws, all of which are basic parts, will now make me a criminal for simply being a responsible gun owner by maintaining my firearm in good working order.

I Jason T Wolford am writing to express my strong opposition to SB363, a bill that severely restricts the possession and transport of firearm parts and unfairly criminalizes law-abiding gun owners like myself. As a responsible gun owner who repairs and maintains my own firearms, this legislation places undue burdens on my ability to legally possess and transport necessary components.

Under SB363, possession of **three or more firearm parts** outside of my home or business—regardless of intent—could result in a **misdemeanor charge**, or worse, a **felony** if I were considered a "prohibited person." This law is vague and overly broad, making no distinction between a responsible gun owner conducting lawful repairs and someone illegally assembling an unregistered firearm.

How This Bill Could Unjustly Criminalize Me

- If I purchase replacement parts (such as a trigger assembly, firing pin, and magazine) and transport them home, I could unknowingly be violating the law if they are not **enclosed in a specific type of container**.
- If I need to bring parts to a gunsmith or repair shop, I am **at risk of criminal charges** unless I rigidly comply with transportation rules that are not clearly defined.
- The **"three-part rule"** is arbitrary—why should carrying three small, unrelated parts be criminalized when two parts are not?
- If I am stopped by law enforcement while transporting parts for a lawful purpose, I could be presumed guilty under a law designed to target criminals rather than responsible firearm owners.

Severe Penalties for Innocent Actions

This bill unfairly imposes **harsh penalties on responsible citizens**, even when no criminal intent exists. If convicted:

- **Possessing 3 or more firearm parts outside of approved locations – Misdemeanor charge**, punishable by **up to 1 year in jail and fines up to \$2,000**.
- **If classified as a "prohibited person" (even by mistake) – Class B felony**, resulting in a **mandatory minimum of 1 year in prison (without suspension), plus 4 years of probation**.
- **Possessing a loaded firearm unlawfully – Class B felony**, with **at least 1 year in prison and 4 years probation**.
- **Possessing an unloaded firearm unlawfully – Class C felony**, with **at least 6 months in prison and 4 years probation**.

These penalties are **disproportionate and unjust**, especially for responsible gun owners who are simply trying to **repair, maintain, or transport** legal firearms in accordance with existing laws.

While I fully support efforts to reduce gun violence, **SB363 unfairly penalizes responsible citizens while doing little to prevent crime**. This bill **targets legal gun owners rather than those who actually commit violent offenses**. Criminals who illegally obtain or manufacture firearms will not

be deterred by this law, while individuals like myself—who follow all regulations—will be at risk of prosecution simply for maintaining our lawfully owned firearms.

I strongly urge you to vote **NO on SB363** and instead focus on legislation that targets violent offenders rather than restricting the rights of responsible citizens. Thank you for your time and consideration

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:32:44 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 SB363.We are not criminals and you guys know that.You guys cannot pass a law to turn us law abiding citizens to criminal.If anything those who accept money and bribes from lobbyist to infringe on the constitution are the criminals.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:24:58 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Todd Yukutake	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

I oppose SB363

I carry firearm parts for many reasons - to teach classes, for work, purchasing parts from stores, selling parts to others etc. It would be a major inconvenience to follow this proposal as I travel between many places and it doesn't make sense. For example, if I purchase a replacement firing pin, or even a bag of screws, from the gun store on the way to a doctors appointment. It doesn't make sense to be restricted and carry it in a secure case. The parts don't do anything by itself, are really of no value to criminals as they can be purchased anywhere even online, and don't warrant getting a felony just for a bag of screws.

Please oppose this bill

Todd Yukutake

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SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 11:41:12 PM

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:

Strongly oppose this bill because it bans standard equipment sold my manufacturer. This limits my ability to purchase many types of competition type firearms. This infringes on my God given and constitutional right, not privilege, to own and carry firearms.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 12:08:42 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tasman	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

It's based on a false premise, and unconstitutional.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 8:27:31 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andrew Namiki Roberts	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I am submitting this testimony in **strong opposition** to SB363, which proposes sweeping changes to Hawaii's firearm laws, specifically targeting the possession and transportation of firearm parts.

Key Concerns with the Proposed Bill:

- 1. Overreach and Criminalization of Law-Abiding Citizens:**
The bill unfairly targets responsible, law-abiding gun owners by imposing strict regulations on the possession and transportation of firearm parts. Many individuals involved in lawful activities such as hunting, sport shooting, and firearm repair could unintentionally violate these complex rules, leading to harsh penalties for actions that pose no public safety threat.
- 2. Misrepresentation of Current Law:**
The bill asserts that "state and county law enforcement are unable to bring charges against an individual in possession of a deconstructed firearm," labeling this as a loophole. This statement is **false**. Hawaii law **already covers firearm receivers and ghost guns** (firearms without serial numbers), making it **illegal to possess these items in public**. The real issue lies not in the law itself but in the **unwillingness of certain prosecutors to bring charges**, often under the mistaken belief that convictions are unattainable. This bill seeks to fix a problem that does not exist within the legal framework but rather within prosecutorial discretion.
- 3. Mandatory Minimum Sentences Are Excessive:**
Mandatory sentencing removes judicial discretion, failing to account for individual circumstances. The proposed penalties, including mandatory prison time for technical violations, are disproportionate and could result in the incarceration of individuals with no criminal intent.
- 4. Vague Definitions and Ambiguities:**
The bill's language around "firearm parts" and "enclosed containers" is vague, leaving too much room for subjective interpretation. This could lead to inconsistent enforcement and confusion among responsible gun owners trying to comply with the law.
- 5. Ineffectiveness Against Criminals:**
Criminals who intend to commit violence will not be deterred by these laws. Instead, the bill places an undue burden on legal gun owners while doing little to address the root causes of gun violence. It is unrealistic to believe that individuals engaged in criminal activity will comply with regulations on firearm parts.

6. Potential Constitutional Conflicts:

The bill may infringe upon Second Amendment rights by severely restricting the lawful possession and transportation of firearm components. In *District of Columbia v. Heller* (2008), the U.S. Supreme Court affirmed that the right to keep and bear arms includes the ability to have firearms in operable condition for lawful purposes, such as self-defense.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 9:50:09 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 SB363. This bill is so bad on many levels. Most law abiding citizens take gun ownership very seriously. This is another attempt to Violate The 2nd Amendment. Stop it! Vote NO on SB363, this is a waste of taxpayer's money. You took an Oath to Protect the Constitution, now HONOR YOUR OATH. Thank you.

Noela von Wiegandt

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SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 3:48:37 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jacob Wruck	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

SB 363

This bill violates constitutional rights of Hawaii residents and visiting US citizens from other states.

The term “arms” was clarified by the Justice Scalia in the Supreme Court during this case as "weapons of offence, or armour of defence," "any thing that a man wears for his defence, or takes into his hands, or useth in wrath to cast at or strike another,” and that "arms" refers to "weapons that were not specifically designed for military use and were not employed in a military capacity." The Supreme court also clarified that the Second Amendment extends to "all instruments that constitute bearable arms, even those that were not in existence at the time of the founding."

Once a firearm is disassembled, it cannot be used for defense is the capacity it was designed for. Forcing law-abiding firearm owners to dismantle their arms is therefore takes their arms away, infringing upon their rights. If an armed felon (who isn't going to follow the law anyway) decides to hold-up a gun store owner (despite them being concealed firearm holder), they won't be able to defend themselves, and will probably be shot and killed. Furthermore, this bill now criminalized hawaii citizens who already own firearms, despite legal firearm owners here paying much more than other states for registration with a much lengthier process.

SB 363 states “Individuals who illegally carry firearms or firearm parts in public must be held accountable to reduce gun violence,” is discriminatory towards individuals who LEGALLY carry firearms & their parts, implying that anyone carrying a firearm or the parts does so illegally.

Furthermore, The cited HPD targeted enforcement operation in October 2024, states that four of the seven individuals arrested "place to keep" offenses, were previously convicted of felonies. There is already a law stating that it is ALREADY illegal for convicted felons to own firearms in Hawaii. Obviously, even if this proposed bill is passed, it isn't going to magically get them to follow the rules. Although, turning Hawaii's legal gun owners into criminals is entrapment. Taking law-abiding citizens constitutional right in a feeble attempt to target known felons is the wrong answer.

While the term “ghost gun” is a relatively new term, those of us who grew up in the 70s and 80s knew them as “zip guns,” which are also illegal, and can be made from components found in any hardware store for under five dollars. “The teens and young adults are not of age to legally possess a firearm” mentioned in SB 363 obviously can purchase substitute components over the counter, but if I stop for gas on my way home after purchasing a \$2000 barrel, and it is seen on my back seat by someone who calls the cops, I am now considered a criminal.

According to congress’s official website, in 2008 District of Columbia v. Heller upheld that the Second Amendment protects an individual right to possess firearms for historically lawful purposes, including self-defense in the home.

2010’s McDonald v. City of Chicago Supreme court case, clearly reiterated that the right to keep and bear arms is a fundamental right that is incorporated through the Fourteenth Amendment against the states.

Caetano v. Massachusetts reiterated that the Second Amendment applies to the states and extends to bearable arms that were not in existence at the time of the founding

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 2:31:43 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brian Isaacson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Gun parts are not criminals. Criminal behaviour is the problem, not honest gun owners who may be buying or transporting firearms parts for repair or maintenance. Go after criminals and what they do, not honest people engaged in exercising their rights.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 2:31:51 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marcus Tanaka	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

For the house version, the DLE Lambert guy was wrong. He stated that if 1 guy has the slide, which is the top of the gun and the other guy has the bottom, which is the registered part that has a serial number, then the state cannot prosecute them. He is wrong. This bill isn't needed. But if you do, then just have it say a felon in possession of parts is illegal. Beacuse a felon cannot own a gun anyways.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 3:17:09 PM

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

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

Comments:

I oppose this.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 3:28:59 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bryan Griffin	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill because the language covers screws, springs, pins, and many other small parts that are not firearm specific. Also if small parts are dropped and later found in that container, in a vehicle, or a pocket because they were misplaced and lost the person is violation for possessing a spring or screw or other small part that could be part of a firearm or for another purpose not related to a firearm. Roll pins, springs, and screws of the same size are used in many mechanical parts and assemblies with no relation to firearms.

Aloha,

I am providing written testimony in **opposition** to SB363.

The entirety of Section I in this proposed bill demonstrates why it is not needed and will only target law-abiding citizens. Excerpts from Section I below:

“Individuals who illegally carry firearms...”

“...individuals who illegally carry firearms throughout the State... are also committing a significant number of other crimes...”

“...those seventy-two individuals arrested for "place to keep" accounted for an additional two hundred nineteen felony arrests and one hundred ninety-five misdemeanor arrests.”

“These teens and young adults are not of age to legally possess a firearm...”

Every single example provided in Section I highlights individuals disregarding existing law. Not just firearms laws, laws in general as demonstrated by criminal record, other arrests, or commission of additional crimes. Seems the prudent and blatantly obvious solution is to enforce existing law and hold criminals accountable for ALL existing laws.

If a criminal is stopped with firearms parts that could be assembled into a complete firearm that means they have either a frame, receiver, or fire control group on them. Any of those parts, by law, requires a serial number, be registered to the individual (which would have required a background check and multiple trips to the police station), and require a CCW license to be carried in public (where allowed). Multiple existing laws broken and one more would not stop a criminal.

All SB363 does is encumber law-abiding citizens with additional restrictions for even a single miniscule part. A simple firing pin, which is close in size to a toothpick, must now be secured in an enclosed container and only transported to and from places a complete firearm is allowed. Utter nonsense.

Mahalo.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 9:40:48 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Clifford Chee	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Sir/Ma'am,

Please respect my 2nd Amendment rights. I have served my Country/Community and have enjoyed target shooting for over thirty years and have always been a responsible firearms owner. Elements of this Bill would label me a criminal.

Please focus on the real criminals committing crimes in our neighborhoods, not the law-abiding citizens that enjoy the shooting sports. I work hard to be a good citizen...please treat me as such.

Thank you for your service to the state of Hawaii.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 10:08:59 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Pearson Ahuna	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill, only hurts law abiding citizens!

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 10:26:08 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jerry Ilo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly oppose. Why turn law abiding gun enthusiasts in to criminals?

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 10:26:46 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael A. Cobb Jr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB 363

Dear Senators,

Please do not infringe on our second amendment rights by placing restrictions on firearm parts. Unserialized parts are not the problem it is the criminal element which uses these parts to build a gun that is the problem. At the founding of our country most firearms were homemade, so parts should not be restricted. This should include all accessories like magazines over 10 rounds, these restrictions only put the law-abiding citizen at a disadvantage over the crook. The cost of firearms is also a problem created by these restrictive bills, people who can't afford to buy a firearm at a store, will resort to any means to get the most effective tool for self-defense. You need to stop infringing on the rights of the young adults from 18 years old, they can join the army, why are they lesser citizens than those over 21?

This bill is not needed. What is needed is incentivizing the individual law-abiding citizen to exercise their second amendment rights in the same way we exercise all of our other rights. Stop blaming the tools and deal with the criminals.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 10:34:24 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:

This bill goes against both the state and federal constitutions. It will get taken to court and the state will lose wasting taxpayer money. Stop wasting taxpayer money. It's all politicians know how to do though so I'm not surprised. Maybe everyone needs to reread the constitutions and abide by them. Look up what infringe means. It seems those in the state don't know the meaning.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 10:50:22 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joseph Santiago	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Strongly oppose this bill

My reason is simply put. Any law abiding legal gun owner should be allowed to maintain and purchase their components and parts without the fear of breaking a law. We are safe and respect the rules.

These are parts and components like building a classic car or motorcycle We aren't buying and building or transporting stolen items or drugs please don't put us with the criminal element. We deserve fairness and good faith Mahalo.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 10:54:34 PM

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:

Stop infringing on our Second Amendment Rights!

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 11:14:49 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:

Aloha, I strongly oppose this bill and this bill infringes on our right. Mahalo.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/7/2025 11:56:09 PM

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

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 12:01:28 AM

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

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

Comments:

Not suprised democrats at it again, violating the 2nd Amendment.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 1:14:05 AM

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

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

Comments:

To whom it may concern, I am in opposition of this bill as it infringes on our second amendment rights. Hawaii is already one of the strictest gun law states in the country, Hawaii also has one of the lowest gun crime rates in the country. Creating more laws won't affect criminals as criminals don't care about laws. It will only affect law abiding citizens. I implore all you senators and legislators to oppose these types of bills and uphold our constitution like you all are supposed to do.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 3:02:48 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alvin Rodrigues	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

i oppse bill SB363 this bill doesn't make any sense. just buying a bolt from the stor and bringing it home would break this law becaue if you break down the bolt int parts there is more than three parts to it. same as a pistol slide of you break down the slide into parts there are more than three parts to make a compleate slide. ther are several parts peple buy as a singe unit that if totaly decostructed make up mor than three parts. whom erver wrote this bill dosnt know anything about guns or gun parts and should speak to a profeshinal gun smith. the only way this bill would make sence is if the police foud you carrying with all the parts that it would take to make an actual working gun then you shoul be arrested. a tire, sparkplug and oilfilter isnt a car. hamberger,cheese and noodels aint spaghetti. and three gun parts is not a gun and no one shuld be arrestid for it.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 8:25:20 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kenny Wusstig	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

How would I be able to transport firearms and it's parts safely across the state if I'm to be harassed by law enforcement should this bill pass ? Civil rights lawyers will have a field day with this bill if it passes.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 9:00:44 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cheryl Rzonca	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments: This bill is against our constitutional rights

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 9:14:13 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Cho	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 10:17:00 AM

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

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

Comments:

I am strongly opposed to this bill. More government overreach and violation of the 2nd amendment. Why do you wish to punish law abiding people? Kill this bill.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 10:29:41 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 363

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 10:38:18 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
M. Leilani DeMello	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB363 as it is a direct violation of our second amendment rights.

Mahalo,

M. Leilani DeMello

‘Ōla‘a, Puna, Hawai‘i

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SB-363

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 11:02:16 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
kai nalu kelly-poznansky	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB363

SB363's ban on when and where firearms can be carried or transported is a clear violation of the Second Amendment, which guarantees the right of citizens to keep and bear arms. By prohibiting a the freedom to transport a firearm, the bill infringes on the fundamental rights of law-abiding gun owners. The Second Amendment was intended to protect the individual's right to possess firearms for self-defense, hunting, and other lawful purposes. Banning the transport of firearms and parts other than between specific places undermines this constitutional right and sets a dangerous precedent for further restrictions on gun ownership. As an armed ccw holder this would directly infringe upon my right to defend myself by not allowing me to keep my firearm where I need it, when I need it.

this bill is a direct violation of the presidents executive order made on 02/07/2025

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 12:03:27 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Anthony Loui	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha this testimony is in relation to SB363

I generally support the idea that individuals committing crimes should be held accountable. It is a travesty that individuals that law enforcement suspect of committing crimes can get away with things due to the firearm simply being “deconstructed”.

The issue I have with the wording of this bill is that it is not targeted at those individuals committing crimes or suspected of them. They are concerning every citizen in Hawaii. The bill assumes there is not reason for a person to have a firearm part on them but clearly the people writing this bill have never gotten into the deeper aspects of owning a firearm.

Here are some reasons why you would have gun parts in public. Firearm parts break with use. Once the parts near the end their life span, they can cause malfunctions in the firearm. If you want to maintain a firearm you can rely you, you purchase the firearm part that is breaking/has broken. Currently you can pick up a firearm part running your daily errands and then get home and repair your firearm. Or pre-emptively you can purchase a firearm part to have for the most common parts to wear out in your firearm first.

Modifications of your firearm to better suit your body type and for sport/competition use is very common. Do you have smaller or bigger hands than is what the firearm is originally built for? You can purchase firearm parts to make the firearm fit your hand better thus making it safer for you to use. Do you want to put a match barrel or match parts into your firearm to help you keep up with other competitors? You can buy those parts as apart of your regular day and then install them when you get home. These competition parts can get expensive so I’d want to keep them with me during my errands so I don’t lose the thing I just spent a lot of money on.

These are a couple of the most common reasons a lawful citizens would have firearm part(s) on them.

Ghost guns are mentioned as in unregistered or intentionally non-serialized firearms. As I understanding it, they have been illegal for a couple of years now. I do not see much news or statistics stating that lawful citizens/citizens with no real criminal record are making up any significant portion of those committing crimes with ghost guns. Citizens are not supposed to be in possession of a receiver/firearm with out a serial number or an unregistered receiver/firearm.

Again, the wording doesn't target individuals committing or suspected of committing a crime, it seems to include any citizen.

To help make this bill better next time, I recall reading an article out of South Africa where police in the process of trying poachers will collect whatever firearms/firearm parts they have and if the firearm will actually shoot then they can charge the poacher with a more serious charge. And please have wording that applies more specifically to suspects/criminals rather than any person.

Thank you for your time.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 1:08:24 PM

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 SB363, which seeks to impose severe restrictions on the possession and transport of firearm parts while increasing penalties for violations. This bill will do little to deter crime and will only serve to punish law-abiding citizens who comply with existing laws.

One of the primary concerns with SB363 is its difficulty in enforcement. Restricting firearm parts and requiring them to be transported only in an enclosed container will create unnecessary complications for responsible gun owners while doing nothing to prevent criminals from obtaining and using firearms illegally. Criminals, by definition, do not follow the law, and this measure only serves to burden lawful citizens while providing no meaningful deterrence to criminal activity.

Furthermore, this bill unfairly targets those who legally own and transport firearm parts, yet does little to address the larger issue: why is more not being done to prosecute and incarcerate violent criminals? Instead of creating additional laws that only impact law-abiding gun owners, the focus should be on enforcing existing laws and ensuring that repeat offenders and those committing gun-related crimes face appropriate legal consequences.

Law-abiding citizens should not be subjected to increased restrictions and penalties while criminals continue to evade justice. Rather than passing redundant and ineffective laws, I urge you to focus on measures that truly enhance public safety by ensuring that those who commit violent crimes are prosecuted and incarcerated accordingly.

For these reasons, I strongly urge you to oppose SB363. Thank you for your time and consideration of my concerns.

Sincerely,
Wayne Asam

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 1:35:13 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
James E Raymond	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is not the kind of gun safety legis. we need - responsible owners will secure their weapons - irresponsible owners will ignore the law. What is really needed is better background check laws and red flag laws that are actually enforced. Ghost guns will make all these checks much less effective -- so penalties must be harsh and ENFORCED!

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 2:29:12 PM

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

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

Comments:

i am opposing this bill because firearm parts are not firearms and is unconstitutional.

thank you.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 2:42:05 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
ANDREA DEMELLO	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am opposing this bill because this is unconstitutional!

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 3:13:45 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-363

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 4:46:03 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jovito Coloma	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Rediculous bill! Gun parts are not weapon

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 4:52:57 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Charles-Michael victorino	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose Hawaii SB363, which seeks to restrict gun parts as if they were complete firearms. Gun parts, by definition, do not constitute a firearm and cannot be treated as such. The proposed legislation misrepresents the nature of these components and overreaches by attempting to regulate objects that, in isolation, are not capable of functioning as firearms. This creates unnecessary barriers to law-abiding individuals who are responsibly engaged in activities like building firearms for legal purposes.

Additionally, this bill does nothing to address the core problem it purports to fix. Teens involved in shootings and the use of "ghost guns" are already committing a crime by illegally possessing firearms. Enacting another law will not stop criminals from engaging in illegal activities, as they have shown time and time again that they are unwilling to follow the law. This bill only serves to further criminalize responsible gun owners and those legally engaged in the manufacturing or assembly of firearms.

Furthermore, gunsmithing requires a significant amount of technical knowledge and skill. It is not something a teen can casually put together like a child assembling Legos. The process involves careful assembly, often with specialized tools and knowledge of firearm mechanics, which is not something an individual can easily do without prior experience. Also guns break. Just like any other tool. Parts need to be replaced or reconditioned and many of these acts are done by a responsible gun owner and are a fact of life. Just like changing your oil in your car. It's is often times more cost effective to do it yourself than pay a gunsmith or mechanic. But it's not illegal to buy motor oil then stop at the grocery store.

Rather than addressing the root causes of gun violence, this bill targets the wrong individuals and overcomplicates an issue that requires targeted solutions rather than blanket restrictions. Therefore, I urge lawmakers to reject SB363

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 2:36:03 PM

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

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

Comments:

I am opposing this bill because this is unconstitutional!

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 4:54:55 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bryson Hori	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 5:28:12 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cliff mello	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 363, which seeks to impose stringent restrictions on the possession and transportation of firearm parts. This proposed legislation raises significant constitutional concerns, unfairly targets law-abiding citizens, and diverts attention from more pressing issues facing our state.

Infringement on Second Amendment Rights

The Second Amendment of the United States Constitution guarantees the right of individuals to keep and bear arms. The U.S. Supreme Court, in *District of Columbia v. Heller* (2008), affirmed that this right extends to firearms "in common use" for lawful purposes such as self-defense. Firearm parts, including components necessary for maintenance and repair, are integral to the functionality of these commonly used firearms. By imposing severe restrictions on the possession and transportation of firearm parts, SB363 effectively infringes upon the constitutional rights of Hawaii's citizens.

Punishing Law-Abiding Citizens Instead of Criminals

This bill disproportionately affects responsible gun owners who may need to transport firearm parts for legitimate purposes, such as repair, maintenance, or lawful modification. Criminals, by definition, do not adhere to laws, and imposing such restrictions is unlikely to deter criminal activity. Instead, SB363 would criminalize ordinary citizens who possess firearm parts, turning law-abiding individuals into potential felons overnight.

Misalignment with National Standards and the Aloha Spirit

Hawaii's stringent firearm policies already place it among the most regulated states in the nation. Enacting further prohibitions like SB363 moves our state even further from the national mainstream and does not align with the principles of freedom and individual rights that are foundational to our country.

Moreover, some proponents of strict gun control argue that such measures are consistent with the "Aloha Spirit." However, the Aloha Spirit embodies values of respect, compassion, and

understanding. Imposing excessive restrictions on law-abiding citizens fosters division and resentment, which is contrary to these values.

The Importance of Education and Addressing Root Causes

Instead of enacting prohibitive measures that infringe upon constitutional rights, the legislature should focus on education and addressing the root causes of violence. Investing in community programs, mental health services, and educational initiatives can more effectively promote public safety without encroaching on individual freedoms.

Conclusion

Senate Bill 363 not only infringes upon the constitutional rights of Hawaii's citizens but also misaligns with national standards and the true essence of the Aloha Spirit. I strongly urge you to reject this bill and instead focus on measures that address the root causes of violence and promote education and understanding within our community.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 6:20:42 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Martin Humpert	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha to all the honorable legislators of the state of Hawaii,

My name is Martin, Humpert, and I vigorously oppose SB 363 as an unconstitutional infringement upon the rights of the most law abiding citizens of the state of Hawaii. The sole purpose of this bill is to harass and deprive the most law abiding citizens of Hawaii from exercising their constitutional civil rights. And I want to emphasize when I say the most law abiding of Hawaii, that it is they that are the clear targets of this onerous legal proposal.

Hawaii has strict standards for background checks, including the use of federal and state criminal and mental health databases. By seeking to ban the possession and transport of innocuous gun parts, the authors of this bill have attempted to incrementally bar Hawaii citizens from having any firearm components in their possession, regardless of their qualifications to possess a firearm in its entirety. The wording of this law is so draconian that it would be tantamount to saying somebody has an unregistered car for having so much as a spark plug in their pocket.

Attempts to pass such an outrageous bill is a waste of taxpayer money as it will clearly be struck down by the US Supreme Court. There are already multiple examples of case law to illustrate that this bill is poorly written, shows extreme contempt for our most illustrious citizens, seeks to criminalize otherwise legal behavior, and lacks any constitutional merit. I urge all legislators of the state of Hawaii to oppose SB363.

Thank you.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 7:33:09 PM

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

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

Comments:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB363, which seeks to restrict firearm parts and significantly increase penalties for possessing firearms or firearm parts outside of narrowly defined locations. While I understand and appreciate the intent to reduce gun violence, I believe this bill unfairly burdens law-abiding citizens and does not address the root causes of crime.

1. Unfair Burden on Law-Abiding Firearm Owners

Many lawful gun owners, collectors, and hobbyists purchase firearm parts for legitimate purposes, including self-defense, competitive shooting, and historical preservation. This bill places undue restrictions on responsible individuals while failing to target actual criminal activity.

2. Vagueness and Overreach of the Law

The bill defines “firearm parts” broadly, which may create confusion and potential criminal liability for individuals who possess common components that are neither assembled nor intended for unlawful use. This could criminalize individuals who lawfully transport parts to repair shops, training facilities, or gun ranges.

3. No Demonstrable Effect on Criminal Activity

There is little evidence to suggest that restricting the transportation or possession of firearm parts will meaningfully impact crime rates. Criminals who intend to use firearms illegally are unlikely to be deterred by additional regulations, and instead, these laws primarily affect responsible citizens.

4. Mandatory Sentencing Provisions are Excessive

The bill mandates minimum sentencing requirements for violations, removing judicial discretion in considering individual circumstances. This approach can disproportionately impact individuals who may unknowingly violate the law, such as hobbyists or competitive shooters transporting firearm parts to authorized locations.

5. Focus Should Be on Targeting Criminal Behavior

Instead of imposing broad restrictions that impact law-abiding individuals, the state should focus on enforcing existing gun laws, addressing illegal gun trafficking, and implementing targeted intervention programs for at-risk individuals.

Conclusion

I respectfully urge the committee to reject SB363 and consider alternatives that enhance public safety without infringing on the rights of responsible firearm owners. Addressing crime effectively requires a focus on criminal intent and behavior, not imposing burdensome regulations on those who follow the law.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 7:51:06 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 SB363

Aloha,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill SB363, which seeks to restrict the carrying or possessing of firearm parts to certain locations and in an enclosed container. 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 firearm parts, SB363 undermines the very principles upon which our nation was founded.

Legal Justifications: The 2nd Amendment states, "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". The Supreme Court has affirmed this right in landmark cases such as *District of Columbia v. Heller* (2008), which recognized an individual's right to possess firearms for lawful purposes, including self-defense within the home. Additionally, *McDonald v. Chicago* (2010) extended this protection to state and local governments. These rulings underscore the importance of the 2nd Amendment in safeguarding individual liberties against government overreach.

In Hawaii, the state constitution mirrors the U.S. Constitution in protecting the right to keep and bear arms. However, recent rulings by the Hawaii Supreme Court have challenged this interpretation. For example, the court has emphasized the "spirit of Aloha," prioritizing the safety and well-being of residents over the unrestricted right to carry firearms in public. Despite this, the federal rulings in *Heller* and *McDonald* remain applicable, reinforcing the individual right to bear arms.

Furthermore, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals has recently ruled in favor of protecting 2nd Amendment rights in cases such as *Teter v. Lopez*, which declared Hawaii's ban on butterfly knives unconstitutional. This ruling highlights the ongoing legal challenges to restrictive firearm laws in Hawaii and underscores the importance of upholding constitutional rights.

There is no substantial evidence to suggest that the presence of legally carried firearm parts poses a significant threat to public safety. Law-abiding citizens who choose to carry firearm parts 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 additional restrictions on firearm parts, SB363 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 SB363 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 SB363 and protect the rights of law-abiding citizens to bear arms.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Larry Duclayan

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 8:48:37 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sheldon Agena	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill because once again it turns law abiding citizens into criminals. With this bill you are now telling me where and how I can transport firearms parts such as springs, pins, nuts and even washers? As an example if I took those parts in a plastic bag (which is how they're sold) to a friends house to help repair their firearms I could now become a criminal if caught? These parts are not considered firearms and I would become a criminal just for the how and where I transported them to? We have laws regarding ghost guns and transportation of firearms (if this is what this bill is directed towards), try enforcing those laws. Stop trying to make law abiding firearms owners into criminals...

Thank you..Sheldon Agena

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 10:38:40 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 this bill and its efforts to infringe on my 2nd Amendment right! Please stop this nonsense and listen to the people you represent.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 10:58:23 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christopher Braun	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill because further restrictions on transporting parts of firearms does not do anything to lower crime rates and just further restricts law abiding citizens which I believe to be infringing on people's right to bear arms.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 12:18:04 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bradd Haituka	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill will make law abiding citizens into criminals. This bill will also prevent law abiding citizens from being able to maintain their lawfully possessed firearms, this bill is yet another attack on the second amendment and will do nothing to prevent criminals from being criminals.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/8/2025 11:25:11 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael W Sawamoto	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Michael W. Sawamoto

PO Box 60382

Ewa Beach HI 96706

Testimony in Opposition to SB363

I oppose this bill in it's entirety.

I urge the Committee to vote "No" on SB363.

Respectfully yours

Michael W. Sawamoto

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 12:55:34 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Aaron Halemano	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 1:02:07 AM

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

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 4:02:24 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ramiro Noguerol	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 6:42:50 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Willy Colt	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Name: Willy Colt**February 9, 2025****Profession: DOE, Teacher****Zip Code: 96789****Position: Opposed to SB363****Purpose of firearm ownership: Historical, Collecting, Self-Defense, Sports and Recreation****Dear Hawaii State Legislature,**

“Hawaii's gun laws are seventh strongest among the 50 states ... and Hawaii's gun death rate is the fifth lowest.” - Hawaii Business Magazine, 2025

While Hawaii’s gun laws are not the strongest in the nation, it doesn’t have to be. The laws are very strict as they are now. Adding another law which bans pre-existing guns and legally obtained gun parts is flawed and unenforceable.

It would be like making motorcycles illegal because they caused, “29% of Hawaii traffic fatalities in 2023.” - Hawaii Department of Transportation

If SB363 is passed into law it would take away my freedom of choice. That would be wrong. A tool such as a hammer or scissors does not make the owner a criminal. Neither should guns nor firearm accessories make its owner a criminal. Criminal behavior makes a criminal.

Do not allow SB363 to become law. Do not take away my freedom.

Best regards,

Willy Colt

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 6:33:11 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Walter Philbrook	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is against my Second Amendment rights. What do parts such as empty magazines have to do with the safety of are communities?

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 7:56:29 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
James Revells	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly disagree with this bill as it infringes upon my 2nd Amendant rights.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 9:22:34 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 SB363.

Again another proposed bill aimed at violating the American citizens constitutional rights. To the introducers of this bill, read the constitution of America. And refer to the language of the 2nd amendment.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 9:48:32 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nicolas Dramisino	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose all gun laws

February 9, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

I strongly oppose all new gun related bills being presented during the 2025 legislative sessions. I could cite the Second Amendment of "Shall Not Be Infringed" but that seems to fall onto deaf ears with our current Hawaii Legislators. I am more concerned with the impact these new and modified bills will have on law abiding citizens of Hawaii. If these bills are passed, they will only act to punish law abiding citizens who are being grouped in with criminals by Hawaii Legislators. This could be compared to a Correctional Officer who "takes away recreation time from a whole housing unit because of the disruptive behavior of a few individuals rather than deal only with the individuals involved. That is unacceptable and so is what Hawaii Legislators are doing by introducing these bills.

If Hawaii Legislators are truly dedicated to protecting the citizens of Hawaii, then they should be more focused on updating Hawaii's self defense laws allowing citizens to better protect themselves. With Hawaii Law Enforcement being as understaffed and taxed as it is, allow citizens to defend themselves. Unfortunately, most violent crimes are committed by individuals who do not fear current or future laws or the consequences of their actions.

In conclusion, and to be clear, I strongly oppose the following bills being presented at the 2025 legislative session, to include but not limited to SB401, SB363 and SB308.

Thank you for your time.

Michael Kekaha

Makawao, Hawaii

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 11:49:01 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:

I oppose this bill SB 363 because of a restricted measure that if I carry any type of gun part that would make me a Criminal. Separation of gun parts from the actual functional gun or rifle should not and will not become listed as crime. Knownly carrying an actual complete functional firearms, such as a pistol, MSR/Modern Sporting Rifle, shotgun, bolt action rifle. Action Lever Rifle to a location as an Indoor Gun Range or Outdoor Range and to include a Gunsmith shall be secured in such a case with locks while being transported. Gun Parts are just Parts. So your intentions will lead to making us Criminals. Yet Criminals doing care about your so called Laws. They do what ever they want to. So in closing I strongly Oppose the bill SB363

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 12:44:04 PM

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

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. Firearms parts are just parts and it makes no sense trying to limit how we transport them.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 1:30:34 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
GENER MACARAEG	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB363. It violates 2nd Ammendment of the U.S. Constitution. It will do nothing to
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violence created by criminals. Thank you.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 1:30:36 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 363**, which seeks to regulate the transport and possession of firearm parts by restricting where and how they can be carried. This bill also increases penalties for violations.

Unjustified Overregulation

Hawaii already has some of the **strictest firearm laws in the nation**, and **SB 363 further criminalizes responsible gun owners without addressing actual crime**. Law-abiding citizens who legally own firearms should not be subjected to additional unnecessary restrictions when transporting firearm parts between lawful locations, such as homes, gun shops, or shooting ranges.

This bill does not target criminals—it **only creates more legal traps for responsible firearm owners** who may unknowingly violate new transport restrictions.

Ambiguity in Definitions and Enforcement

SB 363 introduces new definitions for "firearm parts" and "prohibited persons," but **fails to clarify how enforcement will distinguish between legal transport and illegal possession**. This ambiguity could result in **arbitrary enforcement, wrongful arrests, and undue burdens on responsible gun owners** who are simply following existing laws.

Increased Penalties Are Unnecessary

Hawaii already has strict penalties for illegal firearm possession. Increasing penalties **does not deter crime but instead disproportionately punishes law-abiding citizens** who may inadvertently violate new restrictions. Criminals who obtain firearms illegally will continue to do so **regardless of new penalties or transport restrictions**.

Conclusion

SB 363 is another **unnecessary** and **ineffective** attempt at gun control that **does nothing to improve public safety**. Instead, it places more restrictions and penalties on lawful gun owners while failing to address the real issue—criminal misuse of firearms.

For these reasons, I strongly urge the committee to **reject SB 363**. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Mahalo,
Robert Lau

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 2:52:33 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Iric Viscarra	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I opposed Hb363.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 6:34:34 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
RICHARD HOLIBAUGH	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello, and thank you for reading my testimony. I urge you to oppose SB363. My concern is that citizens who legally own or possess "Firearm parts" which according to the bill "means any item that is specifically designed for or adapted for use in creating a firearm, including the barrel, bolt, slide, frame, receiver, trigger, hammer, firing pin, cylinder, magazine, or any other part necessary for a firearm to operate" may be subject to prosecution due to a misinterpretation of the law. The bill does have good merits, as current law provides a work around for criminals to carry parts and assemble a firearm when needed. I know from experience law enforcement is using USC 922 (g) which has resulted in several successful federal prosecutions. Thank you for your time.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 6:41:37 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Seth Proctor	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill as it is not specific to all parts that would be considered illegal to transport. A rifle sling or scope could be considered part of a firearm needed to make it work but poses no threat alone. Also, it would be better to follow ATF regulations on what constitutes a firearm so it is clear and consistent with federal law

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 6:51:09 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Atom Kasprzycki	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is unconstitutional, violates precedent in past Supreme Court rulings including Caetano, Heller, and Bruen, and would unfairly infringe upon the rights of Americans. Representatives who support this bill are not representing the people of Hawaii but rather the agendas of anti-gun, anti-American-values national organizations such as Everytown Et al. Each new year we the people have to fight to protect our second amendemnt rights here in Hawaii as representatives like the ones who have introduced this bill seek to restrict and infringe upon those rights. These actions are not going unnoticed. We must vote to replace those lawmakers who place the interests of anti-gun national organizations over the rights of the people.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 7:29:40 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Steven T Takekoshi	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this legislative proposal. I am tired year after year submitting testimony to address obvious infringements on the Constitutional rights of the citizens of Hawaii by legislators more concerned with their special interest donors than the people of Hawaii. Remember when during the COVID special session this body proposed almost a dozen gun control acts and none to address COVID (the purpose of the special session)? I do, please stop this.

If the receiver is the part that makes a firearm a firearm, I fully understand transporting that part as we are legally required to under current statute. However, to make other parts that are not currently classified as a firearm would seem on its face unnecessary, especially if in the examples contained within the proposal the concern is rapid assembly. Would not locking the receiver in a case solve the problem? Just follow the current law? Law-abiding citizens do this already, yet you are asking for additional infringement to add charges for criminals. Are our law enforcement officers and prosecutors incapable of enforcing current laws? I do not believe that to be the case, but you would infer that against those who protect and serve our community.

I believe we all can agree that taxes in Hawaii are already too high and affect the affordability of living here for the residents. This is why year over year we see an exodus of our families and friends, while the legislature does nothing to affect the high cost of living. There is not an endless supply of money and I believe we can agree we must prioritize out resources and actions to address these priorities which affect us here in Hawaii. We all know affordability and cost of living, traffic, mental health and homelessness, economic opportunity, and education are areas which need critical attention, yet this body focuses on almost a dozen firearms related proposals which many of the aforementioned issues are root causes of the issues these firearms proposals claim to correct, yet do not address the root causes. Perhaps our limited resources could be focuses in priority. In case you have not noticed a recent election occurred and the American people want action, accountability, and transparency from their elected officials this proposal is far from that.

There are already legal challenges to firearms which the State of Hawaii is either party to or has enjoined through amicus brief. Adding another legislative proposal which will likely be challenged requires resources, time and money, from our government. In other words, it costs the Hawaii taxpayer. Shouldn't this body focus on priorities not waste our limited resources on special interest gun control agendas that will likely be overturned by the courts at substantial cost

to our State? Perhaps you might voluntarily return the egregious pay increases enacted in the last session to support your special interest waste of resources to address lower priority issues?

Respectfully,

Steve Takekoshi

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 7:32:19 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keith Zielinski	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is an infringement on my rights as a law abiding taxpayer paying citizen. If this bill is passed I will have no other choice but to sell all of my properties and claim residency in a state that protects my rights

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 7:36:25 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-363

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 8:27:19 PM

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

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

Comments:

I strongly (oppose) SB363 . As it infringes my 2A rights to keep and bear arms.

I urge the Senete to (Oppose) SB363 , , this bill is designed to take rights away from responsible law abiding citizens.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 8:42:36 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Raymond Ishii	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Raymond Ishii and I strongly Oppose SB363

This bill is simply stupid and should not pass out of this hearing.

The justification for this bill is the criminal acts of less than 100 person out of a population of nearly 1 million people on the island of Oahu. The simple fact that Ghost guns are already illegal in the state of Hawaii and possession of one is a class C felony. The use of a firearm in the commission on of a felony is already a crime and is a class A felony.

By attempting to criminalize the carrying of 3 or more firearm parts shows just how anti 2nd Amendment the Legislature is. A firearm part is not a firearm and cannot fire ammunition, it is not any more dangerous than something you could buy at a hardware store. By requiring carrying of firearms part is a "Enclosed container" means a rigidly constructed receptacle, or a commercially manufactured gun case, or the equivalent thereof that completely encloses the firearm or firearm parts. Is not realistic because many firearm parts are sold in clear plastic bags and are if you are lucky the store will give you a paper bag to carry it out of the store. Also firearms parts include a bag of springs, screws, pins and even the larger parts such as barrels are no more dangerous than carrying a stick.

Again I strongly Oppose SB363 and a beg you to vote NO.

Thank You

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 8:49:40 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-363

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 9:00:58 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Myron Hoefer	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Random unassembled parts do not present a threat to public safety. Please protect the rights of law abiding citizens and vote against this bill. Thank you.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 9:28:19 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Doug Pasnik	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB363 Violates the Second Amendment – A Direct Infringement on Gun Rights

SB363 is a **clear violation of the Second Amendment**, which guarantees that “**the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.**” This bill **directly undermines that right** by criminalizing **the mere possession and transportation of firearm parts**, an essential component of lawful gun ownership.

SB363 is an **unconstitutional restriction** that **chips away at fundamental gun rights**. The **right to bear arms cannot exist without the right to own, maintain, and transport firearms and their parts**. This bill is a **blatant infringement—I strongly oppose SB363**.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 9:47:06 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Fedor Polyakov	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I stand in opposition to the proposed bill which restricts the carrying or possession of firearm parts to only certain locations and requires them to be in an enclosed container. While the bill aims to regulate firearm parts and impose stricter penalties, it fails to address several significant issues that could lead to unintended consequences for law-abiding citizens.

1. **Overly Restrictive Regulations:** By restricting firearm parts to specific locations and requiring them to be in enclosed containers, the bill imposes unnecessary burdens on individuals who legally possess and use firearm parts. These regulations limit the freedom of responsible gun owners and introduce confusion over what constitutes "certain locations." There is little evidence to support that these restrictions will prevent crime or make communities safer.
2. **Effect on Law-Abiding Citizens:** The penalties for carrying or possessing firearm parts in a manner not compliant with the bill may disproportionately affect responsible gun owners. Many individuals rely on firearm parts for recreational activities such as hunting, sport shooting, or self-defense. This bill could result in severe consequences for individuals engaging in these lawful activities without posing any threat to public safety.
3. **Prohibited Persons Definition:** The bill's definition of "prohibited persons" could be problematic. It risks overextending its reach, potentially impacting individuals who may not pose a legitimate risk to public safety. Broad definitions can lead to a situation where responsible citizens are unjustly penalized, or their rights infringed upon, without clear evidence of wrongdoing.
4. **Unintended Consequences:** One of the core issues with this bill is the potential for unintended consequences. By restricting access to firearm parts, the bill may inadvertently criminalize actions that are not inherently dangerous. Individuals could face legal challenges for possessing parts for routine maintenance or simple ownership, without any malicious intent. Moreover, it could drive law-abiding citizens to seek alternative, possibly less regulated, means to obtain firearm parts, which could have negative impacts on public safety.
5. **Lack of Effective Evidence:** There is insufficient evidence to suggest that regulating firearm parts in such a strict manner will effectively reduce gun violence. Rather than focusing on restricting the rights of legal firearm owners, the bill should consider more comprehensive measures that address the root causes of gun violence, such as mental health support and improved background checks for those with criminal histories.

In conclusion, I urge lawmakers to reconsider the bill and work towards policies that do not infringe on the rights of responsible firearm owners while effectively addressing issues of public safety. We should strive for balanced solutions that consider the rights of individuals while ensuring that we are taking steps to combat illegal gun activity.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 10:16:23 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 sb363 because its not a weapon just parts to fix or repair firearms will not stop crime

thank you

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 10:20:11 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:

its just parts ... oppose

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 10:23:21 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
charles wei	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

It is our rights as a citizen and taxpayer to be able to defend ourselves. The right to bear arms is a constitutional right. Over policing has not reduced crimes but has given more opportunity for the government to punish the responsible people following policy to get in trouble. Those that will acquire guns illegally will not follow any of the policies proposed.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 1:43:21 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brett Kulbis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair Elefante and Committee Members,

My name is Brett Kulbis, I'm a 26yr Navy Veteran and Retired Civil Servant. I live in Ewa Beach.

I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB-363.

This bill, if enacted, would place unnecessary and burdensome restrictions on law-abiding citizens who simply wish to exercise their Second Amendment rights. By limiting the carrying and possessing of firearm parts to specific locations and requiring enclosed containers, the government overreaches its authority and infringes upon our liberties.

It proposes to define "firearm parts" and "prohibited persons," creating a complex web of regulations that will only confuse and entrap law-abiding gun owners. The bill fails to distinguish between responsible gun enthusiasts and criminals. Instead of targeting the root causes of gun violence, it chooses to punish those who have done no wrong.

Furthermore, the increased penalties outlined in the bill are excessive and serve as a deterrent to lawful gun ownership. Law-abiding citizens should not be subjected to harsh punishments for simply possessing firearm parts, which are essential for maintenance and customization.

From a practical standpoint, the requirement to carry firearm parts in enclosed containers is impractical and ignores the reality of everyday life. Many gun owners utilize their vehicles for transportation, and the bill's restrictions would make it inconvenient and unsafe to transport their firearms and parts.

The people of Hawai'i deserve better—they deserve laws that protect their freedoms, not restrict them.

Respectfully, I STRONGLY encourage you to vote NO on SB-363.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 6:55:23 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mitchell H. Weber	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE SB363,

This bill and its companion house bill are nonsense and the people advising you on its creation are either willingly lying to you, or they are so ignorant on the subject that they should not be in any position of authority on the matter.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 7:22:58 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-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 7:27:24 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 that criminalize law-abiding gun owners and instead improve our judicial system to keep real criminals off the streets.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 7:29:02 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:

You are in violation of your oath to uphold the constitution.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 7:32:41 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, again government over reach, a law abiding gun owner should not be imprisoned for simply owning gun parts unless it's going to be used in a commission of an actual crime. Very unconstitutional.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 7:41:38 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-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:07:38 AM

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

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

Comments:

There is no legitimate reason to ban these firearms under the 2nd Amendment which you are supposed to uphold. Focus on the actual crime and homelessness and cost of living in this state instead of focusing on lawabiding citizens and restricting their rights.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:33:17 AM

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

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

Comments:

I oppose SB363 that puts limits on carrying or possessing of firearm parts between certain locations

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:53:26 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:

SB363 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-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:03:16 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 SB363, a bill that criminalizes law-abiding citizens and gun owners in Hawaii by mandating imprisonment for possession of certain firearm parts, even if those parts are not assembled into a functional firearm. This bill represents a severe overreach, infringes upon Second Amendment rights, and will do little to enhance public safety.

SB363's broad definition of "firearm parts" is deeply troubling. It potentially encompasses items as simple as springs, screws, or even unfinished components that, on their own, pose no threat. Criminalizing possession of such innocuous items is not only illogical but also creates a minefield for law-abiding gun owners who may unknowingly find themselves in violation of the law. This vague language invites arbitrary enforcement and could ensnare individuals who have no intention of engaging in any criminal activity.

Furthermore, this bill ignores the fundamental principle of constructive possession. Existing laws already address the possession of unassembled firearms intended for illegal use. SB363 goes far beyond this, criminalizing the mere possession of parts, regardless of intent or the ability to assemble them into a functioning firearm. This is akin to criminalizing the possession of car parts because someone *might* use them to build a stolen vehicle. Such a broad approach is both unreasonable and unjust.

The Second Amendment guarantees the right to keep and bear arms. SB363 severely infringes upon this right by making it incredibly difficult and potentially illegal for law-abiding citizens to maintain, repair, or customize their legally owned firearms. This bill effectively punishes responsible gun owners for possessing items commonly used for lawful purposes.

Moreover, there is no evidence to suggest that criminalizing the possession of firearm parts will have any meaningful impact on gun violence. Criminals intent on acquiring firearms will not be deterred by this law. Instead, SB363 will only serve to burden law-abiding citizens and divert law enforcement resources away from addressing the root causes of crime.

Instead of targeting law-abiding gun owners, the legislature should focus on addressing the complex factors that contribute to violence, such as mental health issues, access to illegal firearms, and socioeconomic disparities. These are the areas where meaningful progress can be made in enhancing public safety.

For these reasons, I urge the committee to reject SB363. This bill is an unnecessary and unconstitutional infringement on the rights of law-abiding citizens, and it will do nothing to make Hawaii safer. I respectfully request that you consider the negative consequences of this legislation and vote against its passage.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:04:57 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-363

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
James K. Rzonca	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:16:49 AM

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

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

Comments:

I should not be criminalized for possessing firearms or firearm parts (bullets???) if I am a law-abiding citizen. I do not always keep my gun loaded for various reasons - children in house. I totally oppose this bill. As a woman often in the house by myself I need protection. It would take the Police at least 15-30 minutes to get to my house. Stop this bill.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:21:23 AM

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

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

Comments:

This legislation has the potential to make it illegal to have replacement parts for cars, refrigerators, motorcycles, washing machines, etc, etc. I have bamboo growing in my yard that could be used to make gun parts. LOL.

Once again I say, please stop introducing legislation that is a waste of your time and my time and tax dollars.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:22:01 AM

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 SB363. This bill is too vague because it would include parts airslft guns or parts that are required for a firearm to operate properly. If this bill passes, now i have to buy containers just to transport? That makes no sense. That's like having to buy a container for a lighter so that nothing catches fire.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:30:48 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cheryl Tanaka	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose.

Look at how the house version did and how the DLE either lied or is unaware of what the current law is. This isn't needed.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:44:55 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 SB363

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:53:59 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. 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.I stongly oppose this bill. 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-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 10:19:20 AM

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

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

Comments:

I am in opposition to this bill. It will criminalize normally law abiding citizens. Focus should be on habitual criminals instead. Companion bill HB279 was already deferred.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 10:24:22 AM

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

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE SB363

SECTION 1 of the bill asserts "Even an unskilled person can assemble a deconstructed firearm in a matter of seconds."

Current HRS Chap 134-10.2 prohibits:

" (3) Any combination of parts from which a firearm having no serial number may be readily assembled"

"readily assembled" and "a matter of seconds" is the same thing. There is no need for any new law for any firearms "parts" that do not include a firearm frame or receiver, as such parts cannot be "readily assembled" in "seconds" or otherwise.

If the concern is a serialized frame or receiver, the better approach would be to use the definition of "firearm receiver" from HRS 134-1 rather than just arbitrarily lumping all "parts" together.

If this bill were to be enacted, carrying three magazines (for example) would be an offense but there is no logical reason to see possessing three magazines outside of a container poses any greater risk than one or two.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 10:27:16 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tyler Coons	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is unconstitutional, violates precedent in past Supreme Court rulings including Caetano, Heller, and Bruen, and would unfairly infringe upon the rights of Americans. Representatives who support this bill are not representing the people of Hawai'i but rather the agendas of anti-gun, anti-American-values national organizations such as Everytown Et al. Each new year we the people have to fight to protect our Second Amendment rights here in Hawai'i as representatives like the ones who have introduced this bill seek to restrict and infringe upon those rights. These actions are not going unnoticed. We must vote to replace those representatives who place the interests of anti-gun national organizations over the rights of the people.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 10:35:23 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-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 10:41:08 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 SB363

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 10:41:13 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 SB363 which criminalized law abiding gun owners by mandating imprisonment for possessing simple firearms parts, even if not assembled!

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 11:51:05 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
MICHAEL ING	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 11:52:54 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Samuel Iler	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB363 would make it a criminal offense to be in violation of these proposed new restrictive rules which limit the freedom to "bear" arms. To bear something means to carry it with you at all times. Are we in the Hawai'i state legislature now attempting to further twist and manipulate the actual meaning of words to suit our new anti 2nd Amendment initiatives to disarm the citizenry & populace of this country? Possession of gun parts and transportation of arms to various locations randomly selected by restrictive state whims, including the arms' buildable components and ammunition, should never be seen as a criminal violation under our 2nd Amendment rights, a constitutional freedom guaranteed at the conception of our government which supersedes all subsequent attempts to limit or infringe upon it.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 11:53:29 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Todd Winn	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Firearm parts are in no way a danger to anyone. This is just another way to inconvenience the average law abiding citizen. No criminal will ever follow this law. Few criminals will ever be prosecuted under this law. Like most gun legislation it is an egregious overreach and will make honest law abiding citizens criminals. If you continue to make honest law, abiding citizens criminals you start to run out of honest law, abiding citizens. Use good judgment. Do not pass this bill.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 11:55:52 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Linda Fritz	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I **oppose** SB363. This bill restricts an individual from having firearm parts outside of their home or business and only allows transport of firearm parts to specific locations such as an FFL for repair, a gun range, or for a “formal hunter or firearm use” instruction. SB 363 further requires firearm parts to be transported in an “enclosed container”, and any violation will be a **criminal offense**.

This represents unreasonable, burdensome and illogical conditions on lawfully abiding citizens who own firearms. To mandate that it will be a "**criminal offense**" to transport firearm parts in an "enclosed container" is over-reaching at best. This requirement is vague and ambiguous: what kind of "enclosed container?" Will a tupperware storage container suffice? How about a laundry bag?

What if, on the way to a gun range, one gets a flat tire and has to seek the expertise of a gas station for repair. Would such a person then be in violation of this statute if police happened to notice said firearms in the vehicle? And, worse, would such a person be subject to **criminal prosecution**?

This state has enough crime that is flourishing on and in every island, e.g., drugs, thefts, break-ins, illegal fireworks, etc., without adding the above-referenced requirements to the mix. This bill is arbitrary, capricious and over-reaching in the extreme. It is violative of the 2nd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda@Conflictresolution.com

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 12:02:09 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:

SB 363 is another clear attempt to intimidate and vilify legal gun owners. I OPOPOSE THIS BILL.

The definition of a crime is that there must be an injured party and intent. This threshold is not met by simply owning firearm parts. This requires MANDATORY imprisonment. A clear attempt at scaring individuals.

Does the body truly believe that passing such law- or any gun restriction law- is going to keep criminals from committing crimes. The definition of a criminal is someone who **breaks** the law.

This bill is an obvious attack on law-abiding citizens and does nothing to protect the people.

Do NOT further this bill.

Laurie Langton

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 12:04:19 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Marsh	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Per federal law 18 USC § 926A, **every U.S. citizen may legally transport firearms across state lines as long as he or she is legally allowed to possess the weapons in both the state of origin as well as the destination.**

The Supreme Court [ruled](#) that laws restricting the carrying of handguns outside the home are unconstitutional

The 6-3 ruling in [New York State Rifle & Pistol Association Inc. v. Bruen](#) took aim at a law in New York state that requires anyone seeking a permit to carry a gun to show a specific reason why they would need to carry one in public.

the Firearm Owner's Protection Act makes it legal across all fifty states to travel with your gun unloaded and either in a locked trunk or in a locked case (or both).

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 12:06:04 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tracy Lawson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

How far will the senate go to take the right to defend ourselves away from law abiding citizens. I am licensed to concealed carry and cant even do that because of the constitutionally violative law in this State. How you want to restrict people from having firearm parts outside of their home or business? What will this serve? Fake claims of safety when you are taking away the rights of citizens to protect themselves from criminals who don't care what your laws say. You are making it criminal to do anything with a firearm. Why don't you focus on catching criminals and getting the homeless off our streets if you are so concerned about safety! Stop this madness and abolishment of our freedoms. I can think of so many better uses of our tax dollars.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 12:35:00 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~

TYSM for your service to rerpresenting we the people of Hawai'i!

I am in STRONG OPPOSITION to this proposition as it infringes strongly upon my privacy rights as an individual who is legally acquring gun parts. Make this make sense when you simultaneously as a Democrat Legislature want to give rights to undocumented immigrants who don't have to disclose their personal information for rights in our country? NO MAKE SENSE.

In conclusion, i strongly oppose this proposition & 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-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 1:04:03 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:

Iam a law abiding citizen. I do not support this ridiculous bill.

Clardean Lehano

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 1:22:00 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,

Please focus on bills that stop or prevent criminal from having firearms. Restricting or requiring law abiding citizens to use certain containers for transporting gun parts to a gunsmith for example is useless non-sense; does not prevent any crime.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 1:44:17 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael VanDoorne	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Focus on criminals, not law abiding citizens and what is covered under the 2A. Remember, that document outlines our rights and restricts the government!

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 2:11:34 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-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 2:32:02 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-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 3:30:33 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brian Kitaoka	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a voting Constituant, i oppose this poorly structured SB363. Thank you for your time and consideration. Aloha!

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 3:41:29 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shawn foronda	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 3:59:39 PM

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

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

Comments:

Opposition to SB363

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

As a father, Registered Nurse, U. S. Navy Veteran, I can understand the notion to keep Hawaii safe. What I cannot understand is the constant attack of the Second Amendment. The United States Constitution, what I swore an oath to, and continue to protect and defend, guarantees that certain inalienable rights are not infringed. Yet legislators, that clearly do not represent ALL peoples but more so their people. WE the people demand that the Second Amendment face no more attack or violation. Simply put, and I know you all know, "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."

SB363 criminalizes the mere possession of firearm parts, even when those parts are legally owned and not assembled into a functional firearm. Parts do NOT create an operational firearm. This violates fundamental due process rights by punishing intent rather than action. A law-abiding gun owner carrying parts for repairs, transport, or customization could be unfairly prosecuted despite not violating any actual firearm regulations. Firearms themselves already are regulated on how they may be transported. Trying to restrict how people carry "firearms parts" is overreach and unconstitutional. Parts of a firearm are not dangerous by themselves. If something this senseless were to pass, it would be a waste of money just in litigation defense with the lawsuits that would surely follow.

Again, please accept this opposition to SB363, and do not pass this legislation further.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 4:00:52 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jeremiah Judd	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly oppose.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 4:04:21 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Martin Saffery	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose

SB-363

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

The house already deferred this bill.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 4:21:19 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
James Wilson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB363

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 4:32:06 PM

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

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

Comments:

I oppose

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 4:36:46 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
KEAKUKI ELIKAPIKA	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose SB363

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 5:02:31 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
James Head	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

OPPOSE.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 5:09:53 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chad Cummings	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. This bill is just straight out dumb. A gun by definition is the serialized part. From my understanding is that ghost guns are illegal right? Yet when a criminal is found with a "ghost gun" you release them because it's not put together? Then you want to take it out on law abiding citizens practicing their God given right, cemented in the foundation of our country in our Constitution. This is ridiculous. So if I forget that I had a couple parts in my car then I break the law according to this bill? Even though it's legal to buy and posses in every single state in America? This is straight over reach. If I have a firing pin and a front sight or even say a barrel. That would be a crime? So three springs would make me a criminal?

If a criminal is found with a "ghost gun" then they should be punished but for whatever reason they go free...so now I need to lock up three springs in a locked container and go straight home? How can this be not seen as anything but an infringement? It doesn't even make any sense.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 5:21:43 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kevin J. Cole	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose SB 363. Why is this being considered? Who gets to determine what a “specific location” is? If a friend has a wood shop and someone goes there to work on rifle stock are they now felons? If a person knows how to fix a problem and a person goes over to their house, felony committed? You would not do this to someone working on a car or such. This bill serves no logical or legal purpose.

V/R

Kevin J. Cole, Mililani, Col USAF Ret

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 5:28:09 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Orrin Bigelow	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

OPPOSE

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 6:03:44 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-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 5:37:06 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tracy Desa	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill this does nothing to reduce crime or stop it it only violates my constitutional rights

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 6:04:35 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jamie Yamamoto	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly oppose. There is no 'loophole' because the ATF definition of a 'firearm' is supposed to be the legal end-all. Bill wording acknowledges and willfully infringes on individuals' self-protection rights because of criminals...who by definition do not obey the law anyway. Is someone who bought a box of 1000 #10-32x3/16" set screws now in possession of 1000 'unsecured firearm parts' as they are used to secure AR-15 low profile gas blocks? What about 3x23mm stainless steel pins, used as Glock trigger housing pins? What about Viton 1/8x1/4" O-rings, used to supplement the AR-15 extractor spring for reliability?

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 6:05:06 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brandon Santiago	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB363. This bill is an infringement on both the second amendment of the United States Constitution, and Article One; section seventeen of the Hawai'i State Constitution. The language and the intent of this bill is unconstitutional. SB 363 is a solution for a problem, that does not exist.

Firearm parts allow firearms to function in the most safest manner, and allow the operator to have the best control over the firearm, when used according to the firearms intended design. Firearm parts, by themselves, are not dangerous. Firearm parts, are indistinguishable from parts of any other mechanical device.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 6:40:45 PM

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

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

Comments:

Hello!

I am writing testimony in opposition for this bill SB363. This bill doesn't make sense in the way of that there are parts used in firearms that are also regular things you can buy. So it doesn't make sense on how people would differentiate between a regular part and a part meant for a firearm...This is going to be punishing law abiding citizens who would then have to forfeit their rights to own. Is there any even tangible evidence that this could work or make HI safer?

Also in the beginning of the bill, there were arrests of people for place to keep offenses that already had, "four were 8 previously convicted of felonies." So these people aren't allowed to own or be near firearms, but they are still out on the street? Since they were arrested for violating "places to keep," laws... I thought that people were supposed to follow the law? If you're a felon you can own or be near firearms. But they were....How does that make sense?

Thank you!

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 6:48:28 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:

This is a ridiculous bill and I OPPOSE SB363.

This could potentially turn a law abiding citizens into a criminal with no true crime. The 2nd amendment shall not be infringed.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 6:50:33 PM

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

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

Comments:

I oppose SB 363.

I feel it is not necessary to restrict an individual from having firearm parts outside of their home or business. Citizens should be able to transport firearm parts, such as scopes and sights, cleaning kits, and other parts without further restrictions.

Thank you

William R Smith

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 6:55:10 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Angie Folcik	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I oppose this bill.

-Angie

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 7:01:25 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael A. Wee	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE this bill. This measure will do nothing to deter criminal behavior, It is just harassment towards law-abiding citizens. This proposal is also unenforcable, and borders on being ridiculous. It is a waste of everybody's time!

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 7:06:31 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-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 7:08:18 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

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 7:47:42 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:

Aloha,

I am writing today to express why I am opposed to SB363. I am writing to educate and encourage this committee to see how unnecessary this bill is for Hawaii. I respectfully request you to oppose this bill and any amendments that may be proposed along with it. It should be noted that this same bill, HB279, was heard last week in a house committee meeting and it was deferred. This bill is fraught with issues and is simply unnecessary for the safety of all Hawaiian citizens.

A notable testimony last week by Mike Lambert, the Director nominee of the department of Law Enforcement, said that this bill was necessary for closing a loophole that is simply untrue and proven unnecessary by various testimonies following his. He said that people can get around the firearm carry laws by one person holding a lower receiver (a firearm) and another holding the upper receiver or slide. This is untrue according to current Hawaii laws. If they are found out and about in the public and person one had one part and the other person has the other part, the person holding the firearm, registered or not, would be guilty of illegally possessing a firearm in public. The second person is then viable for conspiracy to commit a crime and one with a deadly weapon. The fact is that is simply not happening and was a childish exaggeration by a Hawaii official.

This law is criminalizing simply holding firearm parts such as, springs, screws, pieces of plastic, and various other parts that are arguably necessary for the function of the firearm. People have lives and those should not be ignored and this would be unnecessarily burdensome to most all firearm owners while not making anyone safer. For me I am only able to stop by a firearm store for parts on days after I work and before I pick up my son from school. I would not have or need my firearm to pick up one of these parts so I would legally be allowed to go to the store and then run other errands. If passed, I would be forced to secure these parts in a specified container to and from the store directly to my home only. This simply wouldn't be possible. I essentially would have to go home and then drive all the way back across the island to get my son from school, or to simply stop anywhere else. This is ridiculous and unnecessary. These parts cannot be used to cause harm without the firearm being present. The current laws already prevent someone from bringing a firearm outside of the areas allowed and these parts will not make the community less safe if held in public areas.

Many other testifying brought up the fact that there is not permission for someone delivering mail to possess these parts and travel to and from various locations. I would add to that concern that an individual picking up mail would also not be allowed to transport these parts back from the place it was picked up unless secured according to this bill's requirement and they would be forced to immediately return home. Gun store owners and gunsmiths would also be greatly affected by this bill and would make doing their daily tasks more than burdensome.

This bill is another way to disarm law-abiding citizens and to criminalize the non-criminal firearm owners. Criminals do not look into or follow laws. This will literally only harm law-abiding citizens. These that it would affect are your neighbors, co-workers, members of law enforcement and military, pastors and all-around safe and normal members of our communities. Having firearm parts without a lower receiver, the recognized part that is considered the firearm, cannot be used to cause harm without the act of criminally using a firearm in conjunction. The current laws already cover any illegal operation or possession of a firearm and this bill will not prevent or stop anyone from committing harm to another.

I am 100% in agreement that all people should live freely and safely without fear of harm from others. I actually do something about the issue regarding violence and the use of firearms and I would argue I do far more help than any bill this house has ever submitted or passed. I educate others about firearm safety. I practice safe firearm handling and have nearly every single firearm this house and the Hawai'i senate has attempted to ban year after year. The one thing I have never done is harmed another individual or made anyone less safe by owning these tools.

This bill will not prevent a single assault from occurring and I would argue that this bill is designed to disarm currently law-abiding firearm owners in Hawai'i and make it impossible for them to legally own firearms in the future. The firearm that is required for registration in Hawai'i is the receiver. This part is integral for a firearm to be fired and a firearm cannot be used without one. The barrel, handguard, bolt carrier group, muzzle device, foregrip, stock and butt stock, sling, sight or optic, trigger, springs, bolts and screws cannot fire a firearm without a receiver properly attached. Why would making it illegal for me to possess these items while traveling make the community more safe? I cannot use a single one of the parts listed in this bill to cause anyone else or even myself harm without them unless this bill is passed and I were to possess them outside the locations this bill would allow. I could solely see harm coming to me if I forget to remove a few simple firearm parts from my backpack while traveling in my vehicle after a hunting day or a day to the range or from a visit to the gun store.

I do not think this bill was written in good faith with the goal of removing harmful material from situations where not necessary that could potentially cause harm. Technically any spring or screw that could be used in a firearm that is in the possession of a person traveling would be then a viable part for use in a conviction. This is unnecessary and will not help a single Hawai'i citizen and I'd argue it would harm many law-abiding sensible people. Please consider what I have written today in my testimony and please vote NO on SB363.

Mahalo,

Chase Cavitt

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 7:57:19 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Travis Brashers	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Lavrentiy Beria, Stalin's secret police chief, said "Show me the man, I'll show you the crime." In a state where the 2nd Amendment is abused wherever possible, this bill gives prosecutors additional power to find crimes to pin on unwitting citizens. The problem of ghost guns is fictitious, and ignores America's long history of citizen firearm manufacture. Laws that prohibit the manufacture of firearms have the same effect as laws that prohibit keeping and bearing arms. This bill risks costly lawsuits from gun rights advocates.

I am disappointed in Senator Wakai: my senator. The purpose of government is to protect the citizenry's rights and to punish evil. This bill punishes the citizenry for exercising their God-given right to keep and bear arms.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:02:11 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
logan chamberlin	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose sb363 as it is a direct violation to our second amendment rights.

Logan chamberlin pahoa ,hi

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-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:05:27 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 do not support this bill. Please stop infringing on my 2nd ammendment right.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:06:47 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Harley Erlandiz	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB363 as it is a direct violation of our second amendment rights.

Harley Erlandiz

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SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:11:40 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Angela Longo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

It's against our constitution, our second rights.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:19:09 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
chris p pang	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose bill SB 363 because as a good citizen I should be able to carry my gun anywhere I want to, I have taken all the classes and have prove myself to be a good citizen in the community with a clean record. This bogus law that you want to make shows that lack of common sense of the dangers on the streets of Honolulu. You law makers would rather let people get robbed, murdered, and raped before letting good citizens carry a gun, oh but if a criminal is caught with a gun it's a slap on the wrist and they get let go. To the people writing laws without common sense please learn something from Trump. You should be following his examples the democrats have failed the people of Hawaii too many time with this type of made up bogus laws.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:25:40 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Wilfred Lum	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in opposition to SB363 as it is currently written and being presented. This bill fails to address those individuals who deliver mail or parcels that carry such firearm parts. From time to time, gun owners break parts of their firearms & if they do not replace the broken part, it then becomes unsafe to use. With the proliferation of online sales being cheaper than a brick & mortar store, a lot of people go to the internet to secure the part(s) they need. In other occasions, a gun owner may want to get a part that makes ther firearm perform better, so they will seek out the part(s) online. If this bill is not altered to address the people delivering the ordered part, we will be forced to seek the part locally which often than not, is not available from a local dealer. And with deliveries to the islands to local dealers sometimes being unreliable, this bill is the epitomy of infringement of our rights and restricting our ability to exercise that right.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:29:10 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ryota Takuma	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Honorable Members of the Hawaii State Legislature,

I am writing to voice my opposition to Senate Bill SB363, which imposes severe restrictions on the transport and possession of firearm parts outside of one's home or business. This legislation, by limiting the movement of firearm components to only specific, narrowly defined locations, undermines personal freedoms and practicality in ways that I believe are both unnecessary and potentially harmful to responsible gun owners.

Constitutional Concerns:

The Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution guarantees the right to keep and bear arms, which inherently involves the ability to maintain, repair, and transport those arms. By restricting where and how firearm parts can be transported, SB363 imposes an undue burden on these rights. It essentially confines the exercise of these rights to a small number of locations, which does not align with the broader interpretation of the Second Amendment by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Practicality and Accessibility Issues:

Maintenance and Repair: Not all firearm repairs can be conducted at an FFL (Federal Firearms Licensee) dealer. Some firearms might require specialized parts or services not available locally, necessitating transport to different areas or states. This bill would make such maintenance nearly impossible for those living in remote areas or without easy access to an FFL.

Education and Training: The restriction to only carry parts for "instruction use" at a gun range or for instruction severely limits educational opportunities. Gun safety courses, historical firearm education, or even informal learning among enthusiasts would be significantly hampered, especially considering Hawaii's unique community structures where such activities might not always occur in formal settings.

Recreational and Competitive Shooting: Many shooting sports involve the use and transport of various firearm parts, which might not always coincide with the narrow allowances of SB363. Competitors or enthusiasts might need to travel with parts to different locations for events or practice, which this bill would criminalize unless those locations are explicitly permitted. This also includes Gun Shows as well.

Safety and Enforcement Concerns:

Encouragement of Unsafe Practices: By forcing individuals to keep firearms or their parts in enclosed containers with limited transport options, the bill may inadvertently promote unsafe conditions, such as attempting repairs without proper tools or in unsuitable environments due to the fear of legal repercussions for transport.

Legal and Enforcement Burden: This legislation would place an additional burden on law enforcement to monitor and enforce these nuanced restrictions, potentially leading to selective enforcement or misinterpretation of the law. It would also likely result in increased legal challenges and court cases over what constitutes an "enclosed container" or "legitimate" transport destination.

Economic Impact:

Hawaii's tourism includes activities like hunting and sport shooting, which could be negatively affected by these restrictive measures. Additionally, local gun shops, repair services, and educational institutions might see a decline in business if they are the only authorized destinations for such activities.

In conclusion, SB363 does not serve the interests of public safety but rather complicates the life of responsible gun owners, potentially criminalizes normal activities, and infringes on constitutional rights. I respectfully urge you to reconsider this bill and explore alternatives that respect both safety and personal freedoms.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ryots

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:32:43 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ronald Kelii	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:35:50 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:

I strongly oppose SB363. This bill is the direct consequence of having representatives in office that have very little to no knowledge on firearms and their components. This is a complete overreach yet again by the state of Hawai'i.
Shall not be infringed.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:51:06 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-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:51:15 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 in Opposition to Hawaii Senate Bill 363****

Aloha, honorable members of this Committee:

I am here to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 363, which, if passed, would criminalize law-abiding gun owners by imposing severe penalties for possessing firearm parts that are not even assembled into a functioning weapon. This bill represents an overreach of legislative power and a significant infringement on the Second Amendment rights of Hawaii's citizens.

****1. Unjust Penalization of Law-Abiding Citizens:****

- SB363 would penalize individuals for merely possessing parts of a firearm, which does not inherently make them dangerous or criminal. The parts in question could be inert, non-functional, or intended for legal repair or customization of legally owned firearms. Imprisonment for possession of such parts is disproportionate and punitive without justification.

****2. Impact on Legal Gun Owners and Hobbyists:****

- Many gun enthusiasts engage in the lawful collection, maintenance, and modification of firearms as a hobby. This bill would criminalize these activities, effectively turning law-abiding citizens into criminals overnight. It would also deter new enthusiasts from engaging in these activities, stifling a community that contributes positively to the culture and economy of our state.

****3. Constitutional Concerns:****

- The Second Amendment of the United States Constitution, as interpreted by numerous Supreme Court decisions, including **District of Columbia v. Heller** (2008), affirms that the right to bear arms encompasses the possession of firearm components for legal uses. SB363 challenges this interpretation and could set a precedent for further erosion of gun rights, not just in Hawaii but potentially across the nation.

****4. Enforcement and Judicial Burden:****

- The enforcement of this bill would likely lead to an increase in legal challenges, clogging our courts with cases that are more about the interpretation of law than actual public safety threats. This would not only be costly but would divert resources from addressing real crime.

****5. Lack of Focus on Actual Crime Prevention:****

- Instead of addressing the root causes of gun violence or focusing on prosecuting those who misuse firearms, this bill targets law-abiding citizens. Recent discussions in the media and posts on platforms like X have highlighted how such laws might be perceived as an attack on the right to self-defense rather than a genuine attempt to curb crime.

****6. Potential for Economic Impact:****

- The firearm industry, including parts manufacturing and sales, supports jobs and contributes to the local economy. Imposing such restrictive measures could negatively impact small businesses and lead to job losses within this sector.

****Conclusion:****

In closing, Senate Bill 363 does not serve the interests of public safety or justice. It criminalizes lawful behavior and could lead to unintended consequences, including legal challenges, economic downturns, and the alienation of a large segment of the population who are committed to safe, legal gun ownership. I urge you to reconsider this bill and look for solutions that target actual criminal behavior rather than punishing the law-abiding.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Tiare Smith

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:51:18 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
James Brown	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose on this bill

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:01:18 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Doreen Brown	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose on this bill

To whom it may concern,

I strongly oppose SB 363. This bill will do nothing to reduce crime and will only penalize law abiding citizens. On pages 1-3 SB 363 mentions instances of criminals committing crimes. For example, on page 2 it mentions teens being involved in shootings even though they cannot legally possess firearms. It is obvious that they could care less about random weapons charges when they are intent on murder. Furthermore, on page 6 it mentions various firearm parts the bill wants to make a crime for carrying and I have to say that all the parts listed are harmless. For example, if I take spare parts such as a trigger to a friend's house I would be committing a crime according to this bill. This bill will not reduce crime in any way and will hurt people who had no evil intentions. Being in possession of random firearm parts should not be a crime and the government does not need to regulate where we go with said parts therefore I strongly oppose SB 363.

Thanks,

Jordan Au

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:00:29 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:

Supreme Court defined what a firearm is. Parts are not firearms and therefore can not be regulated. STOP WASTING MY TIME AND MY TAX PAYERS DOLLARS. Your incompetence and total disrespect/disregard for the constitution is appalling and will not go Un-dealt with.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:11:20 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Karl Kubo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB363. It does nothing for public safety and only punishes law abiding citizens. We don't lock up drugs and alcohol and those kill and hurt more people than firearm "parts" ever did or ever will do.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:16:39 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jadeen Freitas	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose on this bill

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:17:01 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tad Araki	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill as it violates my second amendment rights

Tad Araki

Hilo, 96720

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:18:26 PM

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

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

Comments:

I oppose SB 363. If a person was to stop to get gas or pick up a friend on the way to the range or just showing there new weapon to other legal gun owners on a one time bases. Or going to a friends to reload and bring the fire arm for a certian purpose they would now be treated like a criminal and arrested because of foolish restrictions like this. Most legal gun owners know not to carry there weapon to the mall or places like that. If someone did, that one person should be punished.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:22:56 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:

Aloha,

I am writing today to express why I am opposed to SB363. I am writing to educate and encourage this committee to see how unnecessary this bill is for Hawaii. I respectfully request you to oppose this bill and any amendments that may be proposed along with it. It should be noted that this same bill, HB279, was heard last week in a house committee meeting and it was deferred. This bill is fraught with issues and is simply unnecessary for the safety of all Hawaiian citizens.

A notable testimony last week by Mike Lambert, the Director nominee of the department of Law Enforcement, said that this bill was necessary for closing a loophole that is simply untrue and proven unnecessary by various testimonies following his. He said that people can get around the firearm carry laws by one person holding a lower receiver (a firearm) and another holding the upper receiver or slide. This is untrue according to current Hawaii laws. If they are found out and about in the public and person one had one part and the other person has the other part, the person holding the firearm, registered or not, would be guilty of illegally possessing a firearm in public. The second person is then viable for conspiracy to commit a crime and one with a deadly weapon. The fact is that is simply not happening and was a childish exaggeration by a Hawaii official.

This law is criminalizing simply holding firearm parts such as, springs, screws, pieces of plastic, and various other parts that are arguably necessary for the function of the firearm. People have lives and those should not be ignored and this would be unnecessarily burdensome to most all firearm owners while not making anyone safer. These parts cannot be used to cause harm without the firearm being present. The current laws already prevent someone from bringing a firearm outside of the areas allowed and these parts will not make the community less safe if held in public areas.

Many others testifying brought up the fact that there is not permission for someone delivering mail to possess these parts and travel to and from various locations. I would add to that concern that an individual picking up mail would also not be allowed to transport these parts back from the place it was picked up unless secured according to this bills requirement and they would be forced to immediately return home. Gun store owners and gunsmiths would also be greatly affected by this bill and would make doing their daily tasks more than burdensome.

This bill is another way to disarm law abiding citizens and to criminalize the non criminal firearm owners. Criminals do not look into or follow laws. This will literally only harm law abiding citizens. These that it would affect are your neighbors, co workers, members of law enforcement and military, pastors and all around safe and normal members of our communities. Having firearm parts without a lower receiver, the recognized part that is considered the firearm, cannot be used to cause harm without the act of criminally using a firearm in conjunction. The current laws already cover any illegal operation or possession of a firearm and this bill will not prevent or stop anyone from committing harm to another.

This bill will not prevent a single assault from occurring and I would argue that this bill is designed to disarm currently law abiding firearm owners in Hawai'i and make it impossible for them to legally own firearms in the future by simply not knowing of the changes or making an honest mistake. The firearm that is required for registration in Hawai'i is the receiver. This part is integral for a firearm to be fired and a firearm cannot be used without one. The barrel, handguard, bolt carrier group, muzzle device, foregrip, stock and butt stock, sling, trigger, springs, bolts and screws cannot fire a firearm without a receiver properly attached. Why would making it illegal for someone to posses these items while traveling make the community more safe? I cannot use a single one of the parts listed in this bill to cause anyone else or even myself harm without a firearm receiver; unless this bill is passed and I were to possess them outside the locations this bill would allow. I could solely see harm coming to myself, my husband, my family or some other unsuspecting good citizen who owns firearms, if one forgets to remove a few simple firearm parts from a backpack while traveling in a vehicle after a hunting day or a day to the range or from a visit to the gun store.

I do not think this bill was written in good faith with the goal of removing harmful material from situations where they could potentially be used to cause harm. Technically any spring or screw that could be used in a firearm that is in the possession of a person traveling would be then a viable part for use in a conviction. This is unnecessary and will not help a single Hawai'i citizen and I'd argue it would harm many law abiding sensible people along the way. Please consider what I have written today in my testimony and please vote NO on SB363.

Mahalo,

Tenessa Cavitt

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:25:43 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keanu Shimaoka	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB363.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:26:11 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keoni Freitas	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose on this bill

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:28:44 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Richy Chang	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My testimony is to **OPPOSE SB363** as it places restrictions on inanimate objects which do not define a firearm by the ATF. SB363 would make all citizens of the state of Hawaii felons as there is no substantiated classification or definitions of such parts which can take shape or form and function of components even in non-firearm related machinery and tools, by simple engineering.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:33:58 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 SB363 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

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:36:01 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lekeli Watanabe	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB363. This bill which restricts how I may travel with firearm parts is a tremendous overreach. How I store or travel with firearm parts should not make me a criminal.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:42:14 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 9:43:38 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Frank Barber Jr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:47:35 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 Puna and I oppose this bill. It is a direct violation of our constitutionally protected 2nd amendment right. The government does not get to put qualifiers on when, how, and why firearms get to be carried. As you all know, criminals do not abide by laws, so all you are doing is punishing and putting law abiding citizens at a disadvantage. Every legislative session it seems garbage bills like these are reintroduced, an absolute waste of time and taxpayer dollars. Please reconsider this bill.

Mahalo,

Calvin Howell

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:56:35 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:

Aloha

I strongly oppose SB363 as it is a direct violation of our second amendment rights as a law abiding citizen. If these gun laws are passed then truly the criminals will be happy. It seems like these bills are targeting law abiding citizens and not the criminals who are the ones breaking the laws. When someone is injured/killed by a drunk driver no laws are created to ban any alcohol or motor vehicles the driver is held responsible so why isn't it the same here. Laws should be specific to the criminals. Hawaii already has one of the strictest gun laws and if there are crimes committed with a firearm in Hawaii they are not with a firearm that are owned by a law abiding citizen.

Thank you
Norberto Dumo
Hilo HI 96720

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 10:09:59 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Victor Gariando	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB 363 is not a very well thought out bill, many people like me who play airsoft use similar external firearm parts such and handguards, pistol grips, stocks and ect, I sometimes take my external parts like the ones mentioned previously to get painted or modified to fit my replicas and this bill is not very well thought out and I would like to advise that this bill not be considered as this also implicates children as young as 13 years of age to be labeled as law breakers for simply enjoying the sport as airsoft.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 10:11:26 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alan Miller	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill as it is currently written because it is deeply flawed.

This bill is very similar to HB279 I understand the reasoning behind the measure and I actually think there are some parts that make sense such as increasing penalties on prohibited possessor's and prior felons. I also think we should have harsher penalties for people who get caught with firearms and other illegal contraband or are caught with firearm possession while in the commission of other offenses.

But I have to oppose the law as it is currently written. The goal of this law is to go after criminals with deconstructed ghost guns essentially or even just deconstructed firearms so they don't work at the moment but can be assembled in "seconds". So the key here is that they would still need the frame or receiver that would allow them to assemble the firearm. So that is what should be focused on rather than an arbitrary number of "3 firearm" parts that magically reach some made up threshold.

The law should be that there is increased penalties if someone is in possession of firearm parts WHICH INCLUDE A FRAME OR RECEIVER. Not just 3 random parts.

Because as the law is written now I could go to jail as a law abiding citizen if I have 3 random springs or pins in my car that fell out of my range bag, or even if they are universal springs/pins that happen to fit in a firearm.

The current rules are bad enough already that law abiding citizens can't even go to get gas or go through a drivethru window for food on our way to or from the range/gunstore. But the current wording of this measure would make it even worse.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 10:15:28 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Timothy Miyao	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Honorable Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs Committee,

Please oppose SB363.

Mahalo!

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 10:21:17 PM

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

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

Comments:

Domestic Abusers LOVE safe storage laws.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 10:30:02 PM

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

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

Comments:

OPPOSE

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 10:32:28 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kanayama, Galen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose SB363. Firearm is already clearly defined and regulated.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 10:41:03 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marlee Kamakaala-Miller	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this measure.

There are parts of this measure that I support such as increased penalties for prohibited possessors carrying firearms. I also would support increased penalties for criminals who are caught with a firearm while in commission of other felonies.

But the way the current law is worded it is an absolute abomination and would be extremely detrimental to regular law abiding citizens who might happen to have parts that were left in a vehicle or bag by accident. Parts that couldn't even remotely be used to "build" or "assemble" an entire firearm.

The main thing needed to build a firearm is a frame or receiver. So the law should be focused on criminals with gun parts that explicitly INCLUDE a frame or receiver that can be fully assembled using the parts in their possession.

Not just some silly rule that magically chooses the number 3 as the amount of parts that will cause an otherwise law abiding citizen with a clean record to be charged with a mandatory felony. Hell as the rule is written if I am caught with 3 screws from the hardware store that happen to fit a firearm, I could be charged with this felony offense.

It is absolutely crazy, and a dangerous precedent that those portions of the measure with "3 parts" as the magic number ever even made it into the rough draft of this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 10:50:37 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 SB363 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 11:11:44 PM

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

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

Comments:

[Senate Bill 363](#) restricts an individual from having firearm parts outside of their home or business and only allows transport of firearm parts to specific locations such as an FFL for repair, a gun range, or for a “formal hunter or firearm use” instruction. SB 363 further requires firearm parts to be transported in an “enclosed container”, and any violation will be a criminal offense.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 11:28:57 PM

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

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

Comments:

I oppose SB363. This bill will not deter any crime or criminals from using an illegal firearm. If a person is in possession of unserialized parts it is not Illegal. Unserialized parts are not considered firearms unless it is complete with serialized frame parts. Any person who is not fit nor permitted to carry a lfirearm should be prosecuted. if the firearm is illegal, and the person committing crime or harm with that firearm should be prosecuted as well. This bill will create a defective ban on parts that is needed to either replace or maintain law, abiding citizens firearms. Un serialized parts have no way of firing a cartridge unless it is complete with the frame and all of it components there should be no need to be carrying springs and rides in a locked container or case that is just ridiculous

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 11:56:08 PM

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

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

Comments:

Strongly Opposed

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Submitted on: 2/11/2025 12:28:30 AM

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

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

Comments:

This bill is just making a crime that does not need to exist. The bill, should it become law would severely disarm citizens. Enacting laws of this nature is what tyrannical governments do.

I believe that the state believes that victims of violent crimes have a duty to die. Trying to enact laws like this is just further evidence. Severe restrictions to access and transport of arms for self defense does not help citizens.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2025 1:01:17 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kimbal Ward	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. It's a violation of my second amendment rights. I will vote against any politician who supports this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2025 2:52:54 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bryan Thomas	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly oppose

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Submitted on: 2/11/2025 3:43:55 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Don Juan Kuponon Pasion	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill does not increase safety for the community. Feels like government over reach.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 4:12:48 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kanekawaiola Pai	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 4:50:14 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
BODHI M ANDERSON	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Stop trying to violate our 2nd amendment!

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 4:55:21 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Peter Roa	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We the people stand in opposition of this bill

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 5:40:37 AM

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

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

Comments:

I OPPOSE THIS BILL!

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 6:23:49 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.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 6:31:05 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Erek Riccobuano	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The Second Amendment is crystal clear when it states "shall not infringe." It's not open for interpretation or debate; it's an unequivocal directive to protect the right of the people to keep and bear arms without any encroachment. Now, here in Hawaii, the legislature seems to have missed this memo. They're enacting laws that directly infringe upon these rights, twisting and bending the amendment to suit political agendas rather than respecting the Constitution as it's written. This isn't just about gun ownership; it's about preserving the very freedoms our country was built upon. When the government starts chipping away at one right, it sets a dangerous precedent for all our liberties. Hawaii needs to recognize that "shall not infringe" means exactly what it says, and stop this assault on our Second Amendment rights.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 6:37:17 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kehaulani matsumoto	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 6:37:44 AM

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

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

Comments:

Honorable members of the committee,

I stand before you today to oppose the proposed legislation that would restrict the carrying or possessing of firearm parts to specific locations and only in enclosed containers. While I understand the desire to regulate firearms and promote safety, this bill imposes unnecessary burdens on law-abiding gun owners and infringes upon their rights without providing any significant benefit to public safety.

The definition of "firearm parts" is incredibly broad and could inadvertently criminalize innocent actions. Many responsible gun owners use a single firearm for multiple calibers, which requires the possession of different parts—such as barrels or magazines—depending on the firearm configuration. These routine practices, necessary for lawful activities like target shooting or hunting, should not be subject to restrictive regulations. Responsible gun owners should not be penalized for possessing legally owned parts that are simply swapped in and out to accommodate different calibers.

This bill would make the lawful possession of firearm parts far more difficult for citizens who are not prohibited persons. It forces law-abiding individuals to jump through hoops in order to exercise their rights, while doing little to deter criminal activity. Criminals, by nature, will not comply with such regulations. This bill does nothing to address the root causes of violence or criminal behavior, and it merely punishes those who follow the law.

Furthermore, the bill increases penalties for carrying or possessing certain firearms or parts outside of very specific circumstances. The criminal justice system should be focused on enforcing laws against actual criminal behavior, not punishing individuals for actions that pose no real risk to public safety. Law-abiding citizens who may possess or carry parts for legal reasons should not face heightened penalties simply because they do not conform to the restricted locations and container requirements outlined in this bill.

Rather than adding more layers of regulation that burden responsible gun owners, we should be focusing on enforcing existing laws, improving mental health services, and addressing the actual causes of violence in our communities.

I urge you to reconsider this legislation and focus on policies that respect the rights of law-abiding citizens while effectively addressing genuine safety concerns.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs (PSM)
Hearing: Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.
Regarding: **SB363 (Relating to Firearms)**
Voter Position: OPPOSITION

Senators of the PSM Committee,

I express my **opposition** to **SB363 (Relating to Firearms)**.

Irrational Prosecution

SB363 mirrors its legislative House companion bill, **HB279**, by seeking to criminalize all current lawful gun owners using similarly legislative language that is purposefully vague and all-inclusive. The proposed measure supposedly seeks to reduce the rapid assembly and disassembly of the so-called “ghost” gun, but in reality, just focuses on limiting the number of parts a person may lawfully carry and seeking to aggressively prosecute anyone who happens to carry one part that supersedes an artificial “authorized” part limit that would be imposed under **SB363**.

Problems with Enforceability

Firearms, like other personal protection tools, require routine maintenance. Some firearm repair part kits contain several parts as a single kit. **SB363** fails to address the conundrum of transporting such kit. Would the entire kit subject the carrying party to a penalty should someone encounter a situation where they cannot proceed directly to an authorized destination with their firearm part kit? Would the kit count as “one part” or “multiple parts,” thereby superseding the authorized part limit that **SB363** would impose? **SB363** fails to address common sense aspects such as deviations in transit whereby natural disasters or other non-routine crises, such as a vehicle breakdown or medical emergency (such as an injury/accident), may divert a firearm owner from transporting multiple firearm parts directly to their residence workplace, or other authorized locations already listed in statute.

Focus on Stopping Current Criminal Activity

Plainly reading **SB363** reveals that the punitive actions will only punish individuals that happen to make any stop during their travel in the event that they happen to carry more than two firearm parts, parts designed expressly for repair or replacement of firearms that they already own. If crime reduction is the desire of the PSM committee, then it is best to focus on legislation that would enable increased law enforcement patrols to deter criminal activities so that criminals don’t have time to acquire, let alone have the time to assemble or even disassemble firearms for use in a crime.

Thank you for taking the time to review this testimony.

Respectfully,

Ryan C. Tinajero

Constituent of **Senate District 23**

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 6:55:15 AM

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

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

Comments:

Just another infringement (on an already endless list of previous infringements) on our god given and constitutionally protected 2nd amendment rights by needlessly making it more difficult for law abiding citizens to exercise their right while making them criminals without committing a crime. Legislators need to stop writing and pushing unconstitutional bills. Those who do should be considered unfit for their positions and grounds for their removal.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 7:04:34 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
davin asato	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing testimony in opposition of SB363. This law aims stop "Ghost Guns" within Hawaii. "Ghost Guns" have been banned in Hawaii since September 15, 2020. That law was written to ban 80% receivers for both handguns and rifles. This new bill looks to expand this to parts being outside of the home. These items are sold commonly in local gun stores as well as online. Things like magazines, barrels, triggers and slides. The expansion of the requirement of the need of it to be transported in a gun case makes it all the more nearly impossible to enforce. Many of these parts are sold loose and without packaging. A law abiding citizen would need to bring a gun case to a local gun store just to purchase a part. Many times, these types of purchases can not be planned and are purchased as a impulse buy when availability is found. If a part is purchased online, it's shipped in a cardboard box, if shipped to a PO Box, the law abiding citizen would need to remove it from the box and move it to a gun case just to pick it up and get it home to be in compliance of the law.

Please join me in opposing SB363. Thank you for your time and attention.

Davin Asato

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 7:05:13 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:

Blatant attempt to infringe on Second Amendment rights. Opposes Federal stance on firearms and current Presidential administration carry license reciprocity. No way to enforce for non-Hawaii carry license holders.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 7:11:15 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lyle HIromoto	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 7:18:32 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Vern Hiromoto	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 7:23:12 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brian Cabreira	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE this bill. You are wasting time, money and resources for a problem that doesn't exist and just hurts law abiding citizens. Parts can be mailed because they aren't a problem nor are they regulated. STOP overreaching.

OPPOSE

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 8:08:09 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kimo Gugudan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 8:22:16 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** SB363!

This arbitrary bill unfairly targets lawful and responsible gun owners and will set a dangerous precedent for further violations of a fundamental and constitutionally protected right!

Miles Chong

Hilo, Hawaii 96720

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 8:23:45 AM

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 SB363. For gun/weapon owners part of the enjoyment of guns/weapons is building and/or modifying them. This bill penalizes and restricts legal gun owners. I do not believe in penalizing or restricting legal gun owners. Criminals will still procure means to do harm, please do not penalize people doing the right thing.

Sincerely,
Erik Eck

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 8:26:46 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 SB363

Paul Giles

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 8:32:02 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 SB363 as it is a direct violation of my second amendment rights.

SB-363

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

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Timothy Hehemann	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill

Timothy John Hehemann

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SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 8:36:50 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brandon Allen Kainoa Leong	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB363. So basically, this bill will make it illegal for me to go to a gun shop to purchase a replacement part for one of my firearms and I wouldn't be allowed to run any other errands when I am out and about. Technically if you are carrying every part for a gun, you are no longer carrying parts, you are carrying a full gun. Just because it is not assembled does not change the fact that you are carrying a complete gun. Furthermore, the body of this bill talks about all of the arrests made because of the so-called Ghost Guns. Sounds like that law is working and adding this law does not make Hawaii any safer because current laws are already doing the job. You are just making it harder for those of us who respect laws to go about our business. This is why we do not trust you. You prove every year that you do not trust gun owners in Hawaii to do the right thing.

Bradnon Leong

President

Lessons In Firearms Education

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 8:38:24 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shyla Moon	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is irrelevant because parts of a firearm isn't a whole firearm. What is the purpose of this?

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 8:40:27 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brian Ley	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Brian Ley county GMAC commishioner Distric 4

I strongly oppose SB 363. stop with the frivolous laws that burden the police force and the court system. your time would be better spent passing laws that would help Hawaii. like stoping goverment corruption

Once again I strongly oppose SB 363

Brian Ley county GMAC commishioner Distric 4

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 8:53:17 AM

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

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

Comments:

To the Honorable Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, I strongly oppose SB 363.

This bill imposes stringent restrictions on the possession and transport of firearm parts. Can a firearm part by itself be used to shoot ammunition? It's unclear what this bill is supposed to achieve. Furthermore, SB 363 mandates that firearm parts be transported in an "enclosed container," with any violation resulting in a criminal offense. These restrictions infringe upon the rights of lawful gun owners and hobbyists who may need to transport firearm parts for various legitimate purposes. The excessive regulations proposed by this bill are unnecessary and punitive towards responsible individuals, and individuals with a disrespect for the law will not abide. I request that you oppose SB363 and we look for ways to stop individuals participating in criminal activities. They are the ones that will use a knife, bat, firearm or vehicle as an instrument to cause harm to others.

Thank you for your consideration.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 8:54:53 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Janessa Bonifacio	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To the Honorable Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, I strongly oppose SB 363.

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Mahalo for your consideration.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 8:58:37 AM

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

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

Comments:

I strong oppose bill SB363. This Act will no stop or reduce crminals and those who wish to do harm from carrying, transporting, modifcaation or altering and or use firearms/ ghost guns to commit acts of violence or harm. By passing this Act you will be causing more harm to those who properly use, own and modify firearms. As well as putting more poeple in danger. This is an infrigment on my 2nd Amedment rights.

Isaih Reynolds

Hilo, 96720

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 9:06:08 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 Strongly \\\OPPOSE\\ this bill. Majority of gun parts are protected under the UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION by the SECOND AMENDMENT of the Constitution. Which reguarless that you serve the state legislature, you are all beholdent to the REPUBLIC and the CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES. Building and owning gun is not a crime for law abiding citizens. Below you will see the order signed by the President of the United State, which will have trickle down effects to the states.

EXECUTIVE ORDER

2/7/2025

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. Purpose. The Second Amendment is an indispensable safeguard of security and liberty. It has preserved the right of the American people to protect ourselves, our families, and our freedoms since the founding of our great Nation. Because it is foundational to maintaining all other rights held by Americans, the right to keep and bear arms must not be infringed.

Sec. 2. Plan of Action. (a) Within 30 days of the date of this order, the Attorney General shall examine all orders, regulations, guidance, plans, international agreements, and other actions of executive departments and agencies (agencies) to assess any ongoing infringements of the Second Amendment rights of our citizens, and present a proposed plan of action to the President, through the Domestic Policy Advisor, to protect the Second Amendment rights of all Americans.

(b) In developing such proposed plan of action, the Attorney General shall review, at a minimum:

(i) All Presidential and agencies' actions from January 2021 through January 2025 that purport to promote safety but may have impinged on the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens;

(ii) Rules promulgated by the Department of Justice, including by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, from January 2021 through January 2025 pertaining to

firearms and/or Federal firearms licensees;

(iii) Agencies' plans, orders, and actions regarding the so-called "enhanced regulatory enforcement policy" pertaining to firearms and/or Federal firearms licensees;

(iv) Reports and related documents issued by the White House Office of Gun Violence Prevention;

(v) The positions taken by the United States in any and all ongoing and potential litigation that affects or could affect the ability of Americans to exercise their Second Amendment rights;

(vi) Agencies' classifications of firearms and ammunition; and

(vii) The processing of applications to make, manufacture, transfer, or export firearms.

Sec. 3. Implementation. Upon submission of the proposed plan of action described in section 2 of this order, the Attorney General shall work with the Domestic Policy Advisor to finalize the plan of action and establish a process for implementation.

Sec. 4. General Provisions. (a) Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

(i) the authority granted by law to an executive department, agency, or the head thereof; or

(ii) the functions of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative proposals.

(b) This order shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations.

(c) This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 9:16:14 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Thomas M. McCamley	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha:

According to the office of the Attorney General of the State of Hawai‘i, for years now there have been more lawfully registered guns in this state than the total resident population, yet Hawai‘i continues to rank at the very bottom of gun crime nationally according to FBI statistics.

This is entirely due to the law abiding character of gun owners here, not the incessant unconstitutional measures that the ruling party inflicts upon its lawful citizens. SB363 is clearly another example of such an unlawful act, whose sole purpose is to torment and rob the citizens of Hawaii of their Bill of Rights, as there is blatantly no countervailing public policy basis for it whatsoever.

Depending on the survey, somewhere between 40% and 70% of the population here is seriously considering leaving this state.

This is incontrovertible evidence of the effects of decades of anti-business, anti-growth and increasingly anti-constitutional governance, yet as SB363 shows, there clearly are legislators who feel that their time would be better spent obeying extremist public policy groups and attacking our Bill of Rights rather than upholding their oath of office - and so the people, a lot of people, simply have no choice but to vote with their feet, and they are doing so in increasing numbers.

We call on those legislators of goodwill, who retain their commitment to the lawful rights of the people, to vote against all bills of the ilk of HB363, and keep the focus of the Legislature on pulling this state out of the crisis it is in.

Mahalo

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 9:21:57 AM

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

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

Comments:

I am writing in opposition to this action as the parts that are in question are not illegal items to posses. These are pieces of metal and polymer and are unrestricted in any other circumstance. This bill is written as an over reach and to make firearm ownership and exercising of the citizens second amendment rights as difficult and inconvient as possible

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 9:29:14 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:

What a joke!

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 9:29:55 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 SB363 because it would make exercising the right to keep and bear arms impossible by criminalizing gun parts. It is therefore unconstitutional.

Joseph Vesperas

Hilo Hawaii 96720

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 9:33:36 AM

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

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. It is ridiculous to make carrying parts an offense.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 9:36:50 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Laney Azevedo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I **STRONGLY OPPOSE** SB363.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 9:42:05 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brian Nakashima	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose SB363.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 9:54:01 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Peter carroll	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

Thank you.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 9:56:58 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chad Amasiu	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB363

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 10:13:42 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 SB363. It goes against my 2nd amendment rights and sets to criminalize law abiding citizens! DO NOT PASS SB363!

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 10:21:40 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:

Vote NO on SB363. This might be the most egregious attack on our rights - and would take invasive processes to implement. We don't want to live in a police state. We want to be able to protect ourselves, our families, our friends and neighbors, and our property.

Government overreach is a problem in our state and specifically in the many gun control bills this session.

We don't want our 2nd amendment rights infringed in any way. Those rights are protected by the US Constitution.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 10:24:36 AM

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

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB363. This bill is not needed as it will criminalize thousands of legal law abiding firearms owners here in Hawaii. This bill will only fuel the underground black market just the same as the fireworks ban in Hawaii. This Bill also further infringes on our 2nd amendment rights as United States Citizens.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 10:32:16 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Reginald Eubanks	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am submitting testimony in opposition to SB 363. The proposed changes to HRS-134 will not make the community safe. This bill attempts to shift the burden from teens and young adults who misbehave to the law-abiding citizens of the state.

Most firearm parts are not serialized and can be ordered online so they are not generally taken from a vehicle unless the whole firearm was stolen, which is a separate issue.

The number of crimes solved because of serial numbers on firearms is either misunderstood or overstated. The firearm serial number can be traced backed to the transferee, FFL and manufacturer; but it does tell law enforcement who had it last. Most firearms used by criminals are stolen or have been transferred several times, so this methodology is moot.

Homemade firearms will always be available as technology advances and they have been legal since the founding, as long they are not sold. Therefore, banning homemade firearms is unconstitutional.

Lastly, if a version of this bill passes, an exception for the number of parts, especially magazines, for CCW license holders should be considered.

Please vote no on SB 363.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 10:33:34 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 SB363, as it infringes on our 2nd Amendment rights.

Thank you

Dubin Whitaker

Kailua-Kona, Hi. 96740

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 10:34:52 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 this bill as it will criminalize law abiding citizens from being able to repair their own lawfully acquired firearms. It's a overstep by government to think that we should not be able to care for and maintain our property.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 10:37:17 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keith Kauhane	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB363 as it is a direct violation of my second amendment rights.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 10:57:15 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rozalynn Marae Erickson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a female, sometimes there is no other form of being able to defend. I am a range safety officer and volunteer my time to gun safety for the use of self-defense. These unconstitutional laws that inhibit womens rights to defend our self because of the unavailability to access the firearm in the necessary time needed if an attack were to happen are unrealistic. Please do not pass this law and take time to understand why the second amendment is important to law-abiding citizens that just want to protect themselves and their families from criminals that don't abide by any of these laws that are already in place.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 10:58:31 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 strongly oppose this bill; it is an overreach of power and unjust. No imprisonment should be mandated when no harm has been done.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 10:59:30 AM

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

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

Comments:

Oppose

My grandfather didn't scramble for cover on his ship during Kamikaze attacks while clutching a picture of grandma so that one day I would surrender my second amendment rights.

SB-363

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

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

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

Comments:

I oppose SB363. Gun parts are not firearms.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 11:20:02 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.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 11:21:47 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:

Law abiding gun owners may need to transport their firearms and or parts to places other than a firing range or hunting area for other legal purposes.

I don't think this bill meets the text, history and tradition standard.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 11:33:09 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:

The fact that this bill is already essentially being heard in the state house should be grounds enough to not pass this bill to the senate floor. Beyond that, "firearm parts" is such a broad term that it would be impossible to actually enforce. Your eagerness to target the citizens of this state is telling about where your motives lie.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 11:39:03 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 SB363. Further government overreach with undermining our 2nd amendment rights. Imprisoning a legal gun owner for possessing simple firearm parts even if not assembled is a gross overreach of our rights.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 11:40:48 AM

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

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

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 11:42:15 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Richard D Gore III	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is absolutely crazy if you live in remote areas away from gunshots or sun smiths..

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 11:47:37 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Mitchener	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly opposed SB363 because it is a violation of our 2nd amendment rights.

-Michael Mitchener

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 11:53:00 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Steven Bergfeld	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha: I OPPOSE this bill. Firearm parts are not a firearm and should not be considered as such. This is too far reaching. Prosecute the criminals with the laws on the books. Dont turn law abiding citizens in to criminals. Mahalo.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 12:00:33 PM

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

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

Comments:

Regulating parts doesn't make any sense and does nothing to reduce crime. This intent of this bill is simply to harass gun owners

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 12:16:02 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:

Another instance of government overreach. Quit trying to interfere with our constitutional right to own firearms and carry how we wish. Jail time for carrying a piece of a gun? Ridiculous!

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 12:21:07 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Martha Kiyabu	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To Public Safety Members,

I want to be put on record that I Strongly Oppose SB363. A firearm is a tool. Any mechanical tool will require parts to be changed out periodically. No different than when you purchase a car. Down the road you will need to repair and replace parts on your car because of wear and tear. The terminology of this bill is too broad. You should not pass this bill.

Sincerely,

Martha Kiyabu

Young Guns

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 12:50:12 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's unconstitutional. Making law abiding citizens criminals doesn't stop the actual criminals.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 12:53:47 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nigel shuken	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill and any bill that suggests taking away any more guns, gun parts or anything related to guns. I strongly support the constitution that you swore an oath to.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 1:01:18 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brittany Anderson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I urge you to oppose SB363 because it is unnecessary and puts an undue burden on lawful firearms owners. There are already laws that govern the transportation of firearms. Senate Bill 363 makes little sense because you can't shoot someone with a trigger mechanism, or a stock. Any gun owner knows that SB363 doesn't add anything to gun safety.

I appreciate your consideration,

Brittany Anderson

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 1:20:47 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brandon Haught-Aliotti	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose because these regulations go against individuals second amendment rights.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 1:22:44 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sara Louise Fronte	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a law-abiding, tax-paying citizen, I oppose this bill.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 1:27:05 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Peter J Long III	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I submit this testimony in OPPOSITION to SB 363.

Replacement parts are vital to the safe operation of any mechanical device. This bill attempts to render the citizens of this state unable to replace broken or malfunctioning parts without undue cost or outright prohibition.

In their frenzied attempt to outlaw all aspects of the Second Amendment, this state seems to forget that we have among the most restrictive gun laws in the country. It never seems to be a bad day to enact more restrictions and more control over law abiding citizens in Hawaii!!

I urge this committee to block this proposal from becoming law.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 1:28:05 PM

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

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

Comments:

Good Morning,

I am writing to express my opposition to SB363; regarding proposals to ban certain firearm parts, and to explain why such bans are ineffective in achieving their intended goals of reducing gun violence and improving public safety.

- **Parts Can Be Easily Replaced or Manufactured**

A ban on firearm parts—whether it's magazines, triggers, barrels, or any other individual component does not address the root of the issue. Firearm parts can be easily replaced, acquired through online purchases, or even manufactured at home using 3D printing technology. The ease with which parts can be sourced or created makes such bans largely ineffective. Individuals intent on committing harm will find ways to circumvent these bans, rendering them little more than an inconvenience to law-abiding citizens.

- **Focus on Symptoms, Not Causes**

Just like with laws targeting entire firearms or accessories, banning specific parts only addresses a small aspect of a much larger problem. It does not tackle the root causes of violence, such as mental health issues, criminal behavior, or the failure of the justice system to intervene in the lives of individuals who pose a risk. A ban on firearm parts is a distraction from addressing these deeper, more complex issues, and will likely do little to prevent violent acts.

- **Disadvantage to Law-Abiding Citizens**

Responsible gun owners, who lawfully purchase, maintain, and use firearms for self-defense, recreation, or hunting, are disproportionately impacted by bans on firearm parts. A gun owner might find themselves unable to replace a damaged part or modify their firearm as needed due to restrictions on the availability of certain components. This infringement on the rights of law-abiding citizens does nothing to deter criminals, who typically do not adhere to the law, but it makes it harder for responsible gun owners to maintain and use their firearms safely.

- **Historical Precedent**

Previous attempts to restrict or ban firearm-related items, such as magazines or accessories, have failed to produce tangible reductions in violent crime or mass shootings. In many cases, those intent on using firearms for violent purposes are not deterred by parts restrictions. Instead, they simply find alternative methods to carry out their crimes, such as acquiring parts from unregulated sources or using other means to increase their firepower.

In conclusion, arbitrary restrictions such as this only serve as a detriment and inconvenience to law abiding citizens and can cause undue financial hardship of replacing a firearm. I ask that this committee defer this bill as this lacks any form of precedent and logic in mitigating violence.

Thank you,

Robert Doi

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 1:30:28 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

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 1:36:23 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dr. Gian Vicuna	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. It does not address public safety; instead, it targets law-abiding citizens and undermines the ability of gunsmiths to operate their businesses. Anyone with common sense should recognize that this bill is misguided. Rather than wasting resources on trying to implement this law, why not focus on imposing harsher penalties for felons who are caught with firearms or use them to commit crimes?

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 1:37:18 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joseph Battista	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill because as it is obviously not going to change anything.

This mentions many incidents of criminals who were violating current laws about "Ghost Guns" which are already illegal in this State. Yet as a responsible gun owner of almost 30 years, I may be a "criminal" for possessing firearm parts, even if those parts are meant as parts to maintain my firearms? Makes no sense. I keep spare parts so I can repair my firearms in accordance with proper safe techniques. Banning these parts and making them illegal won't do anything to the criminals.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 1:47:42 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Romeo Yadao	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose bill SB363. Firearms can include a significant amount of parts. On this bill, it states having as little as 3 parts is a violation already. There is no history or tradition in regulating the amount of parts one can travel with.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 1:52:46 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Allan Rietow	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

February 11, 2025

Testimony for SB363

Aloha Committe members,

I oppose this bill as it is part of a stripping our rights as citizens to keep and bear arms as applied to not only of the State of Hawaii but also of the US Constitution adopted and part of of the Hawaii constitution.

2nd Amendment US Constitution

The Second Amendment to the United States Constitution, ratified on December 15, 1791, states: "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."

Your oath

"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."

In my opinion this body is looking more and more like the British Crown, God forvbid!!

I can and would believe you all might agree that the right to bear arms may be revoked or infringed or denied for criminals of record and those found abusing this unalienable right

Declaration of Independence In Congress, July 4, 1776

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government

Please search your soul and hopefully your understanding of how we got here here as a free people and please do not reject the the unalienable rights of Declaration of Independence and the US Constitution! For our form of Government is a representative Constitutional Republic and NOT a Democracy as so many in error believe.

Please vote NO to SB363!! Thank you.

Best regards, Allan Rietow

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 2:03:54 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Audie Gerilla	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Good afternoon.

I oppose this bill 363 and other related bills namely 308 401 as these bills impede on my constitutional right to own firearms. This bill is poorly worded as-is that it does not provide any benefit to legal gun owners but criminalize responsible gun owners.

I urge you not to endorse and proceed on measures stated in this bill 363 and other related bills 308 401 from infringing on the constitutional rights of the American citizenry. Please contact and discuss with your respective constituents in your community on how to address and fight crime without stepping on the constitutional rights of law-abiding citizens.

I look forward on discussing further on more practical alternatives.

Sincerely,

Audie F Gerilla

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 5:15:37 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mr. & Mrs. O'Neill	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing concerning SB 363. I strongly oppose this bill. This is another infringement on our Second Amendment rights.

Regards, Steve and Linda O'Neill

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 2:08:54 PM

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

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

Comments:

I Strongly OPPOSE Senate Bill 363 as it restricts an individual from having firearm parts outside of their home or business and only allows transport of firearm parts to specific locations such as an FFL for repair, a gun range, or for a “formal hunter or firearm use” instruction. SB 363 further requires firearm parts to be transported in an “enclosed container”, and any violation will be a criminal offense.

This places such undue hardship on law abiding citizen to make unreasonable accommodations to purchase simple parts like pins, screws, plastic shims, etc. The language of the bill is also vague and can easily be misinterpreted leading to confusion and inconsistent application of this law. How does one determine if a pin or plastic wedge that is on the shelf at a Home Depot used for kitchen renovations are any different than a pin that holds a firing control unit in your handgun or rifle. In fact, both pins could have been made by the same manufacturer for a variety of applications. Please make common sense decisions and use Hawaii Tax payers time, money and effort towards legislation that does not impact the regular law abiding citizen by turning them into criminals for carrying and undetermined part that have loosely defined descriptions.

David

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 2:09:07 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
NoAh Go	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 2:16:39 PM

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

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

Comments:

To the honorable members of the Senate,

My name is Ryan Yamada and I am writing in opposition of Senate Bill SB363. I have been a law abiding, citizen of Hawaii, and a firearm enthusiast for over 20 years.

Senate Bill SB363 would not benefit in improving crime rates in Hawaii. Statistically speaking, Hawaii has some of the lowest crime rates in the country, mostly due to its demographics and unique "island culture". Passing SB363 only hurts law abiding citizens that enjoy, and take advantage of their second amendment rights, whether it be for sporting, hunting, collecting, or even self defense. Due to Hawaii's already stringent gun laws, the vast majority of firearm owners in Hawaii are responsible and practice firearm safety like a religion. Passing SB363 essentially turns all of Hawaii's firearm enthusiasts into criminals overnight.

I would respectfully urge everyone to please vote in opposition of Senate Bill SB363. Thank you for your time and allowing me to express my concern for Senate Bill SB363.

Sincerely, Ryan Yamada

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 2:35:38 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sandi Lyn Cabreira	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I would like to give my written testimony to OPPOSE SB 363. I feel that these bills relaring to firearms are trying to be passed through quickly, so our people do not have a chance to opposed them. This is a deceitful practice to say the least, especially by officials who should be working FOR our people. I am a mother, a Contributing member of our community, and a law abiding citizens. These bills will criminalize responsible gun owners, like myself, while doing NOTHING to stop crime or criminals. Please do not infringe upon my 2nd Amendment right.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 2:35:48 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kent Kurihara	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This letter serves as notice of OPPOSITION to SB363. The government has not right to regulate or restrict items NOT specifically regulated (like serialized firearm receivers). Parts, assemblies, and repair items should **never** be hampered or restricted.

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 2:41:19 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tyler Sato	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a law abiding and firearms owning citizen, I do not agree with SB363 and the regulations that it tries to impose. There is much gray area, where a law abiding citizen may unintentionally "break the law" if the regulation as it is written is made into law. It is clearly unfair and unjust, and should be reevaluated, or the law should be left "as-is".

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 2:44:11 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 bill. This is another government overreach and attempt to control people and treat as a criminal when no crime has been committed nor law broken.

Hawaii's justice system doesn't need regulations on "firearms parts"; it needs regulations on un-serialized, homemade firearms. SB363 makes sense for law enforcement and prosecutors, who want it to be simple and easy to confiscate and press charges anytime they see something that looks vaguely firearm related. But SB363 is not the best way to address the problem, as it legally imperils people for doing normal things that aren't dangerous, and it does a disservice by not tackling the "real problem".

Generally speaking, and nationally speaking, the serialized "receiver" of a firearm is the only part that counts as a "firearm" under current law. These are the parts that require permits to acquire, must be registered, and move through the FFL infrastructure. I recently bought three receivers for \$40 each; I'll pay transfer fees on them, I'll register them with the police department, and otherwise treat them as firearms, even though they won't even begin to be useable until I install hundreds of dollars worth of "firearms parts" onto them.

"Firearms parts" aren't dangerous unless they're assembled into a "firearm". The law on how to handle this already exists; the serialized receiver is the firearm. If one guy has the receiver in his pocket, and his partner in crime has all the other parts, it's the guy with the receiver who has the firearm in his pocket. This is how it is most everywhere, it's intuitive to most people familiar with firearms, and I don't understand how Hawaii's justice system is apparently bamboozled by the concept. I also find it extremely hard to believe that I wouldn't be charged under "place to keep" laws because I had a shotgun in my trunk with the barrels removed, or a rifle with the magazine removed; the statement that *"state and county law enforcement are unable to bring charges against an individual in possession of a firearm that has been deconstructed"* is definitely not what I was taught in the firearms class I was required to take! This statement seems to only apply to *un-serialized firearms*; serialized receivers are firearms, but un-serialized receivers are in a grey area, not treated as firearms unless they are functional. **This is what needs to be reckoned with. There needs to be a legal channel in the state for handling homemade firearms. The ideal solution is not to simply ban anything and everything.**

"Firearms parts" such as the "barrel, bolt, slide, frame, receiver, trigger, hammer, firing pin, cylinder, magazine, or any other part necessary for a firearm to operate" do not currently have many, if any, regulations to control them. I can, and do, routinely buy these items off eBay or other online vendors, and they move through the mail the same way as spoons or bobbleheads. These parts are routinely in my mailbox or left on my porch, where they aren't particularly more dangerous or expensive than any other commonly mailed items. There isn't infrastructure in place for these parts to be treated like firearms themselves.

These boxes of parts before I receive them would typically count as "enclosed containers" but aren't typically moving between the list of allowable places. So I'm left wondering how many people would unwittingly be committing crimes just from carrying mail around? I don't see the word "knowingly" anywhere in this bill. It shouldn't be a crime to take some boxes out of a PO box and stop at a grocery store on the way home.

The "three or more firearms parts" clause has the potential to be particularly pernicious. If one firearm part, like a bolt, also contains several spring, a firing pin, an ejector and an extractor... Is that bolt a single part, or a half dozen parts? Either it's possible for bag of firearm parts to become a smaller number of firearm parts by assembling them, or a lot of firearm parts are by their nature more than three firearm parts.

Thank you, and please work on creating the sort of laws that Hawaii really needs rather than trying to cast as wide a net for prosecutions as possible.

-Cassidy Kohout, Kihei

LATE

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 10:22:37 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
A J Duarte	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

It is already illegal for a criminal or prohibited persons to have firearms and firearm parts limiting legal people to carry firearm. Parts is kind of insane. I don't agree with the policy of red state, but let's keep this within reason.

LATE

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 3:19:33 PM
Testimony for PSM on 2/12/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sahar Sadeghi	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose

LATE

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 3:39:15 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rodney Freitas	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We as United States Citizens have the right to bear arms and have the right to protect our selves and families. It is ridiculous to have a firearm in a container for protection and the criminals have it in there hands. This bill also is against our 2nd amendment and is unconstitutional.

LATE

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 3:45:12 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nathan roldan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I respectfully oppose this bill. This bill seeks to restrict common parts that are used to repair and/or build firearms. This bill makes no distinction in what constitutes parts. As written a fully assembled firearm is parts by definition. There already is a ban on so called "ghost guns". This is a redundant bill and is unconstitutional on many levels. There is no state in the union that restricts common parts. This is our right to be able to build our own firearms. The Hawaii constitution is word for word the same as The Constitution of the United States of America. Please do not let this bad piece of legislation go through.

thank you for your time.

Nathan Roldan

LATE

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 4:02:42 PM

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

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

Comments:

I am submitting this testimony to voice my opposition to SB363. The suggestion that a component of a firearm should require an enclosed container during shipment/transport and only under specific sojourn requirements is reaching a level of overreach and infringement that is dubious. What does this do to ordering something as simplistic as a screw to repair a firearm if that cannot be shipped to a citizen or they cannot simply pick it up and transport it home?

While the idea of stopping unregistered firearms seems positive, resorting to criminalizing the transportation of a part is a severe overreach. If you follow this logic, should you also now heavily restrict the transport of amonia based fertilizer in a similar manner? A component is not intrisically something that should be flagged as illegal. This bills tries to solve the wrong problem.

LATE

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 4:43:22 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
jared nakamura	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill, it infringes on my 2nd amendment right. Gun owners are the most law abiding and humble people I have ever had the pleasure to be around. These bills are just trying to brand us as criminals, all while legislature's protect real criminals. I oppose this bill.

LATE

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 5:09:55 PM

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

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

Comments:

Aloha, Senators Elefante & Wakai,

I OPPOSE this bill. It will cause an unreasonable hardship on legal gun owners and unfairly place them in the situation where they are not following the law.

Please oppose it. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Mulkern`

LATE

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 4:05:09 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Timothy Go	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Address root issues of violence.

LATE

SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 5:12:58 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kelly Lim	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Honorable members of the committee, esteemed audience, and respected opponents, today I stand in firm opposition to Hawaii Senate Bill 363, which seeks to further restrict the transportation and possession of firearm parts in the state. This bill is an unnecessary and unconstitutional overreach that infringes upon the rights of law-abiding citizens, creates undue burdens on responsible gun owners, and lacks historical or legal precedent to justify its existence.

I present the following key arguments:

There Is No Loophole—Existing Laws Are Already Enforced

SB 363 Violates the Second Amendment and Bruen Precedent

This Bill Targets Law-Abiding Citizens, Not Criminals

The Law Creates Unclear and Enforceability Issues

It Undermines Self-Defense and Personal Protection Rights

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Thank you.

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SB-363

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 5:14:07 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dwayne Lim	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Honorable members of the committee, esteemed audience, and respected opponents, today I stand in firm opposition to Hawaii Senate Bill 363, which seeks to further restrict the transportation and possession of firearm parts in the state. This bill is an unnecessary and unconstitutional overreach that infringes upon the rights of law-abiding citizens, creates undue burdens on responsible gun owners, and lacks historical or legal precedent to justify its existence.

I present the following key arguments:

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Phil Rarick	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in STRONG OPPOSITION of this bill.

You intend on making current legal firearms owners of registered firearms, Hawaii voting citizens who wish currently possess service parts for their legal firearms, criminals for transportation of same? This is a stupid bill. Hold this in committee!

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Submitted on: 2/11/2025 7:25:31 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Zon Sullenberger	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

Please Oppose SB363.

This bill is a ridiculous and wasteful bill. A part of a firearm, that is not the firearm itself, is just an inert object, not capable of anything. Please be a responsible legislator and oppose stupid legislation.

LATE

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Submitted on: 2/11/2025 7:26:44 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alexander Libby	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2025 8:40:37 PM

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

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

Comments:

I strongly ***OPPOSE*** bill **SB363**. Again this is another attempt to restrict our 2nd Amendment rights as a US citizen.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2025 8:49:14 PM

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

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

Comments:

Oppose.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2025 9:15:57 PM

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

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Samuel Webb	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill because, keeping spare parts for firearms is common sense. We live on an island that might not have what you need in stock, so we would have to wait for it to be shipped to us.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2025 9:29:24 PM

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

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

Comments:

oppose this UNCONSTITUTIONAL OVERREACH

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Submitted on: 2/11/2025 11:23:16 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gerald Santiago	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill violates my second amendment, right. I oppose this bill. Why do our lawmakers violate our constitutional rights.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2025 11:38:52 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kevin Mulkern	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please oppose SB 363 it will do nothing to make our lives safer.

Kevin Mulkern

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Submitted on: 2/12/2025 2:27:21 AM

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

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

Comments:

Dear Honorable Legisilative Member,

I humbly submit my testimony in strong opposition of SB363.

Sincerely,

David Fukuzawa

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Submitted on: 2/12/2025 6:14:01 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alex Akui	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly oppose

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Submitted on: 2/12/2025 6:20:08 AM

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

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bradford Davis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/12/2025 6:37:06 AM

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

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.

Mahalo,
Clinton Lewe-Song

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Submitted on: 2/12/2025 6:50:49 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sherlene Rosario	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill!

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Submitted on: 2/11/2025 3:02:34 PM

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

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/12/2025 8:35:58 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Zach Montizor	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This law is unclear and will only harm the voting, tax paying citizen from participating in recreation and self defence mechanisms.