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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 134C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending its title to read as follows:

3 **"OFFICE OF GUN VIOLENCE [AND VIOLENT CRIMES COMMISSION]**  
4 **PREVENTION"**

5 SECTION 2. Section 134C-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 " [f]S134C-1[ ] **Gun** **Office of gun violence [and violent**  
8 **crimes commission;]** **prevention; established.** (a) There is  
9 established the **office of gun violence [and violent crimes**  
10 **commission]** **prevention** that shall be placed within the  
11 department of the attorney general for administrative purposes  
12 only.

13 (b) **The administrative head of the office shall be a**  
14 **director, who shall be nominated and appointed by the governor.**  
15 **The office may employ analysts, grant writers, and other staff**  
16 **necessary for the purposes of the office."**



1 SECTION 3. Section 134C-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 " [f]S134C-3[ ] ~~Gun~~ Office of gun violence [and violent  
4 ~~crimes commission;]~~ prevention; powers and duties. (a) The  
5 purpose of the office of gun violence [and violent crimes  
6 ~~commission]~~ prevention shall be to ~~[address]~~ develop  
7 comprehensive strategies to prevent and minimize the risk of  
8 various types of gun violence [and violent crimes] in Hawaii[ - ],  
9 including suicide, mass shootings, and other forms of gun  
10 violence.

11 (b) The ~~[gun violence and violent crimes commission shall~~  
12 ~~provide coordination, facilitation, and planning among]~~ office  
13 may coordinate with state and county agencies, federal agencies,  
14 and other partners as appropriate to carry out its purpose.

15 (c) The ~~[gun violence and violent crimes commission shall~~  
16 ~~endeavor to:]~~ office shall:

17 (1) ~~[Identify]~~ Collect relevant data that may be used to  
18 inform strategies to reduce gun violence [and violent  
19 crimes,] including from law enforcement agencies and  
20 other governmental entities; provided that the office  
21 shall redact and keep confidential any information



1                   that directly or indirectly identifies specific names  
2                   or individuals;

3           (2) Identify areas in which relevant data that may be  
4                   valuable is not available[+] and endeavor to collect  
5                   it;

6           [+3) ~~Maximize the sharing between the agencies represented~~  
7                   ~~on the commission and other appropriate stakeholders~~  
8                   ~~of data relevant to reducing gun violence and violent~~  
9                   ~~crimes; and~~

10          (+4) (3) ~~[Coordinate and conduct research on gun violence~~  
11                   ~~and violent crimes.] Analyze relevant data, and build~~  
12                   and maintain the capacity for that analysis; and  
13          (4) Develop programs and recommendation to the governor  
14                   and legislature to prevent and minimize the risk of  
15                   gun violence in Hawaii.

16          (d) The ~~[gun violence and violent crimes commission]~~  
17                   office may work with and engage stakeholders for the purposes of  
18                   this chapter.

19          (e) The ~~[gun violence and violent crimes commission shall~~  
20                   submit a] office shall report ~~[of]~~ its findings and  
21                   recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the



1 legislature [no later than forty days prior to the convening of  
2 the regular session of 2022 and each regular session  
3 thereafter], the several counties, and various stakeholders on  
4 [policy relating to preventing] the office's strategies to  
5 prevent and minimize the risk of gun violence [and violent  
6 crimes]."

7 SECTION 4. Section 134C-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
8 repealed.

9 ~~["S134C-2 Gun violence and violent crimes commission;~~  
10 ~~membership.~~ (a) The attorney general or the attorney general's  
11 designee shall coordinate and serve as the chair of the gun  
12 violence and violent crimes commission.

13 (b) The following individuals, or their designees, shall  
14 serve as members of the gun violence and violent crimes  
15 commission:

16 (1) The chief justice of the supreme court of Hawaii;  
17 (2) The director of health;  
18 (3) The director of law enforcement;  
19 (4) A county prosecuting attorney to be selected by the  
20 chair of the commission;  
21 (5) The public defender;





6 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
7 the attorney general for the purposes of this Act.

8 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
9 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2027;  
11 provided that section 5 shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

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INTRODUCED BY:



# S.B. NO. 3040

**Report Title:**

AG; Office of Gun Violence Prevention; Appropriation

**Description:**

Replaces the Gun Violence and Violent Crimes Commission with the Office of Gun Violence Prevention. Appropriates funds.

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