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**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2062, HOUSE DRAFT 1  
RELATING TO GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION**

**Before the Senate Committee on  
PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**

**Friday, March 20, 2026, 3:15 PM**

**State Capitol Conference Room 016**

**Testifier: Mike Lambert**

Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Lee, and members of the Committee:

The Department of Law Enforcement (DLE) supports House Bill 2062, House Draft 1. This bill appropriates funds to the Judiciary for the efficient processing of temporary restraining orders and gun violence protective orders, and appropriates funds to the Department of Law Enforcement to conduct public awareness campaigns on gun violence protective orders.

DLE supports this measure as it directly advances the implementation of Act 150 (2019), which established the framework for gun violence protective orders (GVPOs) in Hawaii. GVPOs are a critical tool in preventing gun violence by allowing law enforcement and family members to petition the court to temporarily remove firearms from individuals who pose a significant danger to themselves or others. However, the effectiveness of this tool depends heavily on public awareness and the courts' efficient processing of these orders.

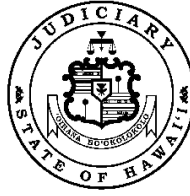
The appropriation of funds for the DLE's public awareness campaigns is equally critical.

Many members of the public, as well as potential petitioners such as family members, household members, and law enforcement officers, remain unaware of the existence and availability of gun violence protective orders as a legal remedy. Community-based education and outreach initiatives will help bridge this gap, empower communities to utilize this important protective mechanism, and ultimately reduce gun violence across the State.

The DLE is committed to partnering with community organizations, county police departments, healthcare providers, and other stakeholders to develop and deliver effective, culturally responsive public awareness campaigns statewide. These campaigns will inform the public about their rights and options under Hawaii's GVPO law, how to petition for such orders, and where to seek assistance.

The DLE respectfully requests that the Legislature give favorable consideration to this bill and ensure that the appropriations are sufficient to support robust and sustained public outreach efforts and efficient judicial processing of protective orders.

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



*The Judiciary, State of Hawai'i*  
*Ka 'Oihana Ho'okolokolo, Moku'āina 'o Hawai'i*

**Testimony to the Thirty-Third Legislature, 2026 Regular Session**

**Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs**

Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair

Senator Chris Lee, Vice Chair

Friday, March 20, 2026 at 3:15 p.m.  
Hawai'i State Capitol, Conference Room 016

by

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**WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY**

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**Bill No. and Title:** House Bill No. 2062, H.D. 1, Relating to Gun Violence Prevention.

**Purpose:** Appropriates funds to the Judiciary for the enforcement of gun violence protective orders. Appropriates funds to the Department of Law Enforcement to conduct public awareness campaigns on gun violence protective orders.

**Judiciary's Position:**

The Judiciary takes no position on House Bill No. 2062, H.D. 1, and thanks the House Committee on Finance for passing the H.D. 1 version which incorporates our suggested amendment clarifying that the purpose of the Judiciary appropriation is to support the efficient processing of temporary restraining orders and gun violence protective orders, rather than the enforcement of such orders.

In light of statewide budgetary constraints, the Judiciary has determined that it does not require additional appropriations at this time to effectuate the intent of this measure. We appreciate the Legislature's consideration in proposing this funding and will continue to monitor

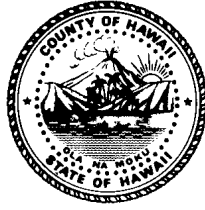


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the impact of the public awareness campaigns to be undertaken by law enforcement under this bill on Judiciary operations. Should the need arise in the future for increased staffing or administrative resources, the Judiciary will take appropriate action at that time.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

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## HAWAI‘I COUNTY COUNCIL - DISTRICT 2

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DATE: March 17, 2026  
TO: Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs  
FROM: Jennifer Kagiwada, Council Member  
Council District 2  
SUBJECT: HB 2062

Aloha Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Lee, and esteemed Committee Members,

I am writing in **strong support of HB2062**. Law is only effective if people understand it, know how to access it, and are able to use it. Setting aside funds for the judiciary and supporting public awareness efforts are essential to strengthening our infrastructure around prevention.

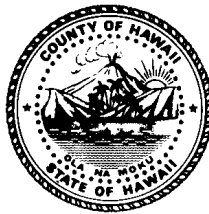
Hawai‘i already has the laws necessary to protect our communities, but without adequate resources, even well-designed laws cannot function as intended. Investing in education, outreach, and the proper enforcement of existing protecting is essential to safeguarding families and strengthening community safety across our State.

Mahalo,

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Jenn Kagiwada

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March 18, 2026

Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs  
Honorable Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair  
Honorable Senator Chris Lee, Vice Chair  
**Submission via online testimony only**

**RE: Support of HB 2062, HD1 – Relating to Gun Violence Prevention (GVPO)**

Dear Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Lee, and Members of the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs:

I write **in strong SUPPORT of HB 2062, HD1**, which appropriates funding to the Judiciary and the Department of Law Enforcement to strengthen implementation of Hawai'i's Gun Violence Protective Order (GVPO) law and expand community education and outreach.

As a Hawai'i County Council Member, I have seen firsthand that counties are where public safety policy becomes practice. Our police officers, court staff, and community partners are the ones responding to crisis situations, working with families, and intervening before harm occurs. When the State creates important tools like the GVPO process, it is essential that counties have the staffing, training, and resources to make those tools effective.

H.B. 2062, HD1 recognizes this reality. The bill provides funding to the Judiciary to support enforcement and processing of protective orders and to the Department of Law Enforcement for public awareness and community-based intervention initiatives. These investments are practical and preventative. They help ensure that when someone is in crisis, whether due to mental health challenges, domestic violence, or escalating threats, families and officers have a clear, timely pathway to temporarily remove access to firearms and connect people to appropriate support.

In rural districts like Hāmākua, access to services can be limited and response times long. Prevention matters even more. Education about GVPOs, responsible gun ownership, and available resources empowers residents to act early, before situations escalate into tragedy. This approach protects both individual rights and community safety.

As an officer of the Hawai'i State Association of Counties, I also want to express appreciation for the collaborative, county–state partnership reflected in this legislative package. Gun violence prevention requires coordination across all levels of government, and this measure provides the operational capacity needed for that coordination to succeed.

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Hawai'i has long been recognized for having some of the strongest gun safety laws in the nation. H.B. 2062, HD1 ensures those laws are fully implemented and accessible to the communities they are meant to protect.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in strong support of this important measure.

Sincerely,

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HEATHER L. KIMBALL

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/16/2026 1:03:28 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Wayne Asam	Testifying for Mid Pacific Pistol League	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

On behalf of the **Mid-Pacific Pistol League**, we respectfully submit this testimony **in opposition to HB2062**.

The Mid-Pacific Pistol League is a community organization dedicated to the promotion of safe, responsible, and competitive shooting sports in Hawaii. Our members include law-abiding firearm owners, competitive athletes, safety officers, instructors, and community volunteers who prioritize firearm safety, training, and responsible ownership.

While we support policies that genuinely enhance public safety, HB2062 raises significant concerns regarding **government transparency, fiscal responsibility, and the expansion of bureaucracy around an existing law**.

First, HB2062 proposes expanded staffing, outreach programs, and public awareness campaigns related to Hawaii’s existing Gun Violence Protective Order (GVPO) system. However, the bill **does not include a defined fiscal amount**. Legislators are being asked to approve an expansion of government programs without clear disclosure of the cost to taxpayers. Sound public policy requires transparency so lawmakers and the public can fully evaluate the fiscal impact of new programs before approving them.

Second, Hawaii already has a functioning GVPO framework in place. HB2062 does not introduce new safety tools or enforcement mechanisms; rather, it focuses on expanding government promotion and administrative capacity surrounding an existing law. Before allocating additional taxpayer funds to encourage increased petitions, the legislature should conduct a thorough review of the effectiveness, outcomes, and potential unintended consequences of the current system.

Third, laws that allow for the temporary removal of constitutional rights require careful oversight and balanced safeguards. Expanding government campaigns that encourage petitions could increase the risk of misunderstandings, misuse, or unnecessary legal burdens placed on responsible firearm owners.

The Mid-Pacific Pistol League believes that if additional resources are needed within the courts or public safety agencies, those requests should be addressed through a **transparent and clearly defined budgeting process**, with full disclosure of the financial impact and justification for expansion.

For these reasons, the Mid-Pacific Pistol League respectfully urges the committee to **defer or oppose HB2062** until the fiscal impact is fully disclosed and a comprehensive evaluation of the existing GVPO system has been conducted.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Asam

President  
**Mid-Pacific Pistol League**  
Honolulu, Hawaii

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/16/2026 3:21:43 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

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

Comments:

My name is Mery Ann, founder of SDM Training Group and Bows N Bullets, organizations dedicated to defense education, women’s safety, and responsible firearm training. We respectfully oppose HB2062 HD1.

We support violence prevention, but this bill expands gun violence protective order systems without adding due-process safeguards, increasing the risk of false or retaliatory petitions—something we see often among women navigating domestic violence and custody disputes. The bill also directs substantial funding to enforcement and public messaging while providing no support for community-based safety training, which is where real prevention happens.

Women and families rely on trusted grassroots organizations—not only law enforcement—to learn safe storage, de-escalation, and responsible firearm handling. Excluding these partners weakens the effectiveness of any statewide safety effort. HB2062 also focuses on firearm removal rather than addressing root causes such as mental health, trauma, and lack of early intervention.

We urge the Legislature to amend this bill to include stronger due-process protections and to invest in community-driven education and empowerment programs that actually prevent violence before it occurs.

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/16/2026 7:21:29 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andrew Namiki Roberts	Testifying for Hawaii Firearms Coalition	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to HB2062 HD1

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

On behalf of the **Hawaii Firearms Coalition (HIFICO)**, we submit testimony in **strong opposition** to HB2062 HD1.

The Hawaii Firearms Coalition is a nonprofit social welfare organization dedicated to advancing public safety through education, responsible firearm ownership, and the protection of constitutional rights, including the right to keep and bear arms .

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**I. This Bill Expands Government Programs Without Addressing Root Causes of Violence**

HB2062 HD1 does not create new tools to stop violent crime. Instead, it allocates taxpayer funding to expand and promote the use of Hawaii’s existing gun violence protective order (GVPO) law.

Hawaii already has multiple legal mechanisms available to intervene when an individual poses a danger, including:

- Temporary restraining orders
- Mental health holds and evaluations
- Arrest and prosecution for criminal threats or acts

Rather than strengthening enforcement of these existing tools, this bill focuses on **increasing awareness, outreach, and usage of GVPOs through government-funded campaigns and administrative expansion.**

Public safety is best served by focusing on **criminal behavior and credible threats**, not by expanding programs that rely on civil processes with lower evidentiary standards.

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## II. Lack of Fiscal Transparency is Unacceptable

A primary concern with HB2062 HD1 is the **complete absence of a specified dollar amount**, despite the bill having already cleared the House and its committees.

This means:

- Lawmakers are being asked to approve spending without knowing the cost
- The public is denied transparency on how their tax dollars will be used
- The final financial burden may be inserted later, after meaningful public input has passed

This approach undermines public trust and responsible governance.

If this program is necessary and justified, then its **full cost should be disclosed upfront**, allowing the public and lawmakers to evaluate whether the expenditure is appropriate.

Approving a bill with blank appropriations effectively authorizes a **blank check funded by Hawaii taxpayers**.

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## III. Expansion of GVPO Usage Raises Serious Due Process Concerns

GVPOs (red flag orders) are civil orders that can result in the **temporary confiscation of firearms from individuals who have not been convicted of a crime**.

While intended as a preventative tool, these orders:

- Operate under lower evidentiary standards than criminal proceedings
- Can be initiated by a wide range of individuals
- May result in significant deprivation of constitutional rights without full due process protections

HB2062 HD1 seeks to **increase the use of these orders through public awareness campaigns and expanded processing capacity**, effectively encouraging greater reliance on a system that already raises constitutional concerns.

Government resources should not be used to **promote or normalize the expansion of rights-restricting measures** without corresponding safeguards and accountability.

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## IV. Misallocation of Limited Resources

Hawaii faces real public safety challenges, including:

- Violent crime
- Substance abuse
- Mental health crises
- Emergency preparedness needs unique to island communities

Redirecting taxpayer funds toward **public relations campaigns and administrative expansion** of existing civil order systems is not the most effective use of limited resources.

Those funds would be better spent on:

- Strengthening mental health services
- Supporting law enforcement in addressing actual criminal activity
- Investing in community-based programs that target root causes of violence

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## **V. Public Awareness Should Not Become Government Advocacy**

This bill frames its outreach efforts as “education,” but in practice, it functions as **government-sponsored promotion of a specific legal tool**.

There is a meaningful distinction between:

- Educating the public on laws and rights
- Actively encouraging the use of a specific mechanism that restricts those rights

HB2062 HD1 crosses that line by funding campaigns designed to **increase GVPO filings**, rather than providing neutral, balanced public information.

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## **Conclusion**

HB2062 HD1:

- Expands government spending without fiscal transparency
- Promotes increased use of civil confiscation orders
- Raises significant due process concerns
- Diverts resources away from addressing real causes of violence

For these reasons, the Hawaii Firearms Coalition respectfully urges the Committee to **OPPOSE HB2062 HD1**.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,  
**Hawaii Firearms Coalition**  
Honolulu, Hawai'i

**HB-2062-HD-1**

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Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Susan Trombley	Testifying for Gifford's Gun Owners for Safety	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

**Aloha Chairman, Vice Chair, and Committee members,**

**My name is Susan Trombley. I am a gun owner. I am the mother of a school shooting survivor. I am a retired teacher who had a student in my 8th grade classroom with a gun. I am a domestic violence survivor.**

**I support legislation for the enforcement of gun violence protective orders to increase safety for all of us.**

**I support legislation to conduct public awareness campaigns on gun violence protective orders. Education is essential for safety.**

**Protecting victims of gun violence is necessary for the safety of all of us.**

**According to Giffords Gun Owners for Safety research,**

- \* In the United States, more than 125 people die every day from gun violence.**
- \* 25 million US adults have been threatened or nonfatally injured by an intimate partner with a firearm.**
- \* Gun violence is the leading cause of death among all children in the US.**
- \* Access to a gun makes it five times more likely that a woman will be killed by an abusive intimate partner.**

**I urge you to continue to keep our community safe.**

**Support HB2062. Mahalo.**

**HB-2062-HD-1**

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Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Deborah G. Nehmad	Testifying for Brady Hawaii	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Deb Nehmad, I am Hawaii Chapter Lead of Brady Hawaii, part of BradyUnited, one of the foremost guns safety groups in the country.

We strongly support HB2062. for the following reasons:

1. Hawaii has some of the nation’s strongest firearm laws including what’s known as red flag or GVPO laws. Yet, the state has seen an increase in firearm suicides. Evidence shows that temporarily removing guns from people in crisis can reduce the risk of firearm suicide. **HB 2062 dedicates resources to make sure law enforcement, the judiciary and the public are aware of these laws and have the training to use them effectively..**

--These laws can also be utilized if someone is determined to be a danger to others - in other states these laws have been used to avert violence against others.

--A multistate study found that one suicide was averted for every 17 GVPO or ERPO (Extreme Risk Protection Order, another name for GVPO) issued

Please, please support this bill. as firearms can legally proliferate in this state thanks to a recent Supreme Court ruling, it is more important than ever that we use every tool available to protect our citizens.

Thank you

**HB-2062-HD-1**

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Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mary Ellen Williams	Testifying for Moms Demand Action	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB2062, Relating to Gun Violence Prevention, which would bolster the judicial administration of gun violence protective orders. Should someone feel threatened by gun violence or know someone who may be at risk of committing suicide by gun, these are important, legal tools our community deserves to be aware of.

This bill will ensure an efficient and effective judicial process and protect the petitioner and the respondent through a clear, consistent, and timely processing of the petition and consideration of the evidence. This bill also calls on law enforcement departments across the state to educate the public on gun violence protective orders. If we want our gun safety laws to be as effective as they can be, everyone in our state needs to know how to use them.

**Institute for Legislative Action**

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**NRA**

March 17, 2026

Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs

**RE: House Bill 2062: Relating to Gun Violence Prevention**

Dear Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Lee and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the National Rifle Association's Institute for Legislative Action (NRA-ILA) and our members in Hawaii, we respectfully submit this testimony in opposition to House Bill 2062.

As an initial matter, NRA-ILA has consistently maintained that red flag laws, including Gun Violence Protective Order (GVPO) statutes, raise serious constitutional concerns. These laws authorize the temporary deprivation of a fundamental constitutional right through a civil process that does not afford the same robust procedural protections required in criminal proceedings. Orders may be issued on an expedited basis, often prior to a full adversarial hearing, and based on evidentiary standards lower than those required to sustain a criminal conviction. When a statute permits the suspension of a fundamental right without the full measure of constitutional safeguards, it raises substantial questions under both the Second Amendment and core due process principles.

House Bill 2062 directs the use of taxpayer funds to expand and promote red flag laws, which in essence reflects a troubling policy choice that prioritizes enforcement and utilization over the protection of fundamental rights. Directing additional public resources toward their expansion, rather than addressing these deficiencies, raises significant due process concerns.

Moreover, government funded "awareness" campaigns risk the line from neutral public education into state-sponsored advocacy. By actively encouraging the use of GVPOs, the government inserts itself into one side of a highly consequential legal process, undermining the expectation of impartiality when constitutional rights are at stake.

At its core, House Bill 2062 uses taxpayer dollars to promote and expand a system that compromises due process, placing the weight of the state behind the erosion of the fundamental and constitutional right to keep and bear arms.

For those reasons, we respectfully encourage that the Committee reject House Bill 2062.

Respectfully,

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Clay Kimberling  
NRA State Director



**HB-2062-HD-1**

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Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Terriann Mohideen	Testifying for Hawaii Chapter Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America	Support	In Person

Comments:

Aloha Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Lee, Members of the Committee,

I live here and I urge you to support this bill. We already have a law on the books that could help prevent firearm suicide in our local communities, as well as stop someone who is a known danger to others from killing our loved ones with a gun. The problem is, not enough people know about it. The information is hard to find online and even HPD has not had the funds to train all their staff on it. Let's get the word out! That is what this bill would do.

If someone owned a firearm and was threatening to shoot up my child's or grandchild's school here, or their workplace like we saw years ago in the Xerox shooting, or if a neighbor is threatening neighbors with a firearm (we have seen horrible cases in our state) - I would want something to be done about that AHEAD of time, BEFORE the tragic loss of life happens. Plus, if people are going to put our brave law enforcement officers in danger and others know about this ahead of time, I would want our police protected too. This is a law that is already in place. We are just asking to get the word out, to let people know how to use it, to save lives here in our local communities.

Mahalo for your consideration.

# Hawai'i State Association of Counties (HSAC)

Counties of Kaua'i, Maui, Hawai'i, and City & County of Honolulu

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## Testimony of the Hawai'i State Association of Counties

### HB 2062 HD1 - Support

#### Relating to Gun Violence Prevention

Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs

Friday, March 20, 2026, 3:15 p.m.

The Hawai'i State Association of Counties (HSAC) is a nonprofit organization representing Hawai'i's four counties: the County of Kaua'i, County of Maui, County of Hawai'i, and the City and County of Honolulu. Its membership consists of the elected members of each county council, who work collectively to advance policies and programs that strengthen county government, improve public safety, and enhance the quality of life for residents throughout the state. Through this collaboration, HSAC ensures that counties are well positioned to address shared challenges and that statewide policies reflect the practical realities faced by county governments, ultimately strengthening our counties.

Counties play a critical role in residents' daily lives by delivering a wide array of essential services, including law enforcement and emergency response, public works and infrastructure, water and wastewater systems, parks and recreation, housing, public health coordination, and community services. Because counties are responsible for implementing and supporting many public safety and social service functions, policies that prevent harm and reduce demand on emergency and social systems are especially impactful at the county level.

HSAC **supports HB 2062 HD1**, which appropriates funds to the Judiciary for the efficient processing of temporary restraining orders and gun violence protective orders (GVPOs), and to the Department of Law Enforcement to conduct public awareness campaigns regarding the availability and use of GVPOs.

Hawai'i enacted its Gun Violence Protective Order law to provide a civil process that allows law enforcement officers and, in certain circumstances, family or household members to petition the court to temporarily remove firearms from individuals who pose a significant risk of harm to themselves or others. However, testimony and reporting have indicated that the law remains underutilized, due in part to limited awareness, training, and administrative capacity.



Ensuring that the Judiciary has adequate resources to process petitions efficiently is essential. When an individual is in crisis, timeliness can mean the difference between prevention and tragedy. Likewise, public education and law enforcement training are necessary to ensure that those who are eligible to seek relief understand when and how to do so. A law that exists but is not understood or effectively implemented cannot achieve its intended protective purpose.

From a county perspective, strengthening the effective use of GVPOs has direct implications for public safety and the delivery of local services. By supporting early intervention tools already authorized under state law, this measure enhances community safety statewide.

HSAC respectfully urges the Committee to support HB 2062 HD1.

Nahelani Parsons, Executive Director.

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/16/2026 11:36:44 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michael I Rice	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I stand in OPPOSITION to this bill, as Red Flag Orders, also known as Gun Violence Protection Orders, are flawed and they quite often violate the 5th Amendment of the Constitution. Such Orders are in essence Trails in Absentia without a chance for the subject of the order to counter accusations made against them in a court of law and face their accuser. Red Flag Orders are often used maliciously and have gotten people killed over them.

One example was after a heated political debate between a Niece and her Uncle during a holiday dinner. The Niece then filed a GVPO against her uncle, making false claims of her Uncle mentally unstable and likely to hurt himself. After a Judge issued the GVPO, Local Law Enforcement showed up banging at his door with a SWAT team in the early morning hours without properly announcing themselves. When the Uncle answered the door armed with a firearm in hand, he was gunned down by police. This was all over a dinner argument between a Conservative and a Liberal.

GVPOs, while well meaning, are too easily abused. There are other ways for credible threats to be handled through legal means and less onerous means that do not violate due process. I also question why we need an ‘awareness campaign’ for not just the public, but police officers. Do we really have to pay to tell people ‘if someone you love is threatening violence with a gun, you can call the police’?

I am thus asking that this bill be deferred.

**HB-2062-HD-1**

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Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Christian McKee	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**i strongly oppose this bill**

**HB-2062-HD-1**

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Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kealoha Martin	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha I would like to write and ask that you oppose this Bill. This Bill does not create new safety tools. It uses taxpayer money to expand and promote the use of Hawaii's already existing red flag laws. There is no budget amount. Just a blank check. This is absurd. And a big waste of taxpayer money. Hawaii's taxpayers deserve transparency, due process, and responsible spending not blank checks for ineffective legislation. Thanks for your time.

**HB-2062-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Bronson Teixeira	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Senators of the committee, I stand in opposition to this bill, this bill is written vague with no appropriate spending amount written and not transparent. Mahalo.

**HB-2062-HD-1**

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Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

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

Comments:

My name is Wayne Asam, and I respectfully submit this testimony **in opposition to HB2062**.

This bill proposes to expand government promotion and administration of Hawaii’s existing Gun Violence Protective Order (GVPO) law, commonly known as the state’s “red flag” law. While public safety is an important goal, HB2062 raises several serious concerns regarding transparency, government overreach, and responsible use of taxpayer funds.

First, the bill **does not include a defined cost**. Legislators are being asked to approve a program expansion without knowing how much taxpayer money will ultimately be spent. Major policy proposals that create new staffing positions, public awareness campaigns, and expanded government outreach should include a clearly defined fiscal impact before being advanced. Without that transparency, the public and lawmakers cannot properly evaluate whether the proposal represents responsible stewardship of public resources.

Second, Hawaii **already has a functioning GVPO law in place**. HB2062 does not create new tools for law enforcement or the courts; instead, it focuses on expanding bureaucracy around an existing program. Before expanding government spending to promote and increase the use of this law, the legislature should first examine whether the current system is working as intended and whether there are measurable outcomes that justify additional expansion.

Third, policies that allow for the temporary removal of constitutional rights should be implemented with great care and caution. Expanding government campaigns encouraging more petitions without clear safeguards risks increasing misuse, misunderstandings, and unnecessary legal burdens on law-abiding citizens.

Finally, if the legislature believes additional funding is necessary for the courts or public safety programs, that discussion should occur through a **transparent budgeting process with clear fiscal disclosure**, allowing the public to fully understand and comment on the scope and cost of the proposal.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to **defer or reject HB2062** until the fiscal impact is clearly disclosed and a full evaluation of the current law has been conducted.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wayne Asam  
Pearl City, Hawaii

**HB-2062-HD-1**

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Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

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

Comments:

My name is Kai Asam, and I respectfully submit testimony **in opposition to HB2062**.

I am concerned that this bill expands government spending and bureaucracy related to Hawaii’s existing Gun Violence Protective Order (GVPO) law without providing transparency about the financial cost to taxpayers. The bill proposes additional staffing, public awareness campaigns, and government outreach encouraging the filing of GVPO petitions, yet **no specific funding amount has been provided**. Approving a program expansion without a clearly stated fiscal impact prevents the public from understanding the true cost and scope of the proposal.

Hawaii already has a red flag law in place that allows courts to address situations where individuals may pose a risk to themselves or others. Before expanding government promotion and increasing the number of petitions filed under this law, the legislature should evaluate how the existing system is functioning and whether additional spending is truly necessary.

I am also concerned about the potential for unintended consequences when policies encourage more petitions that can temporarily remove an individual’s constitutional rights. Laws affecting fundamental rights must be implemented carefully and with clear safeguards to prevent misuse or unnecessary harm to law-abiding citizens.

If additional resources are needed for the courts or for public safety, those discussions should take place with **full transparency regarding costs and program size**, so taxpayers and lawmakers can make informed decisions.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to **defer or oppose HB2062** until the fiscal impact is fully disclosed and the effectiveness of the current law has been evaluated.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kai Asam  
Pearl City, Hawaii

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/16/2026 1:00:09 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

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

Comments:

My name is **Xander Asam**, and I am a **16-year-old student from Hawaii**. I am respectfully submitting testimony **in opposition to HB2062**.

I believe that government transparency and responsible use of taxpayer money are very important. One of my biggest concerns with this bill is that it proposes expanding programs and government staffing related to Hawaii's red flag law without clearly stating how much the program will cost. Legislators and the public should know the full financial impact of a bill before it is approved.

Hawaii already has a Gun Violence Protective Order law in place. Before spending additional taxpayer money promoting and expanding the use of that law, I believe the legislature should first evaluate whether the current system is working effectively. Expanding government programs without clearly showing the need or the cost does not seem like responsible decision-making.

As someone who is growing up in Hawaii and will one day be a voting adult, I care about how laws are written and how taxpayer money is spent. Laws that affect constitutional rights should also be handled carefully to make sure they are fair and not misused.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask the committee to **oppose or defer HB2062** until the full cost of the program is made transparent and the current law has been properly evaluated.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Xander Asam**

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/16/2026 1:06:35 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Eric Kaneshiro	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

While I support the intent of this measure, particularly law enforcement training and efficient judicial processing, I have concerns with the allocation of funds for public awareness campaigns.

State and county agencies already have the ability to conduct outreach and public education using existing resources and communication channels. Earmarking additional funds specifically for public awareness campaigns risks unnecessary spending without clear evidence of improved outcomes.

Hawaii residents already face one of the highest overall tax burdens in the nation. At a time when the cost of living remains a serious concern for many families, it is critical that the Legislature prioritize fiscal discipline and ensure that limited public funds are directed toward core functions that deliver measurable impact.

In this context, I strongly support prioritizing:

- Enhanced training for law enforcement and first responders
- Efficient and timely judicial processes
- Coordination across agencies to ensure cases are handled effectively and consistently

These investments directly affect outcomes and help ensure that vulnerable individuals receive protection and services when they need them most. By contrast, public awareness campaigns while well-intentioned should not be funded as a standalone priority when agencies can incorporate outreach into their existing operations.

I respectfully urge the Committee to amend the measure to remove funding for public awareness campaigns and instead prioritize operational effectiveness, training, and system efficiency.

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/16/2026 1:14:41 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Marcus Garg	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Marcus Garg, and I am a student and resident in 'Āina Haina. I am writing in strong support of HB2062.

I support this bill because I have had several close friends struggle with serious mental health challenges. Some of them went through moments where they tried to harm themselves. Thankfully, they were able to get help and are still here today. I truly believe that if a firearm had been easily available during those moments of crisis, they would not have gotten the help they needed, and would not be here today.

Mental health crises can be temporary, but access to highly lethal weapons can make those moments irreversible. Policies that create safer environments during times of emotional distress give people the time and space they need to recover and seek help. That time saves lives.

This bill is not political to me. It is personal. It is about protecting young people, families, and communities across Hawai‘i. It is about making sure that a difficult moment does not become a permanent tragedy.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to pass HB2062.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/16/2026 1:31:00 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Alice Abellanida	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. It is more government overreach and violates the Constitution. You are sworn to uphold the Constitution. Oppose this bill.

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/16/2026 1:46:10 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Chester Holt	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Respectfully I oppose this bill.

Taxpayers of this state already foot the bill for programs with no spending limits as far as appropriations go. We as a community in the puna district still have no emergency evacuation routes during natural disasters. No plan forward and a state government who is more than happy to spend money on programs that are not necessary for improving our safety. Hawaii already has low rates of homicide and suicide. Though we have an active volcano and many other threats to public safety.

Please spend this money responsibly on needs that are already articulated.

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/16/2026 2:04:17 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Elna Nagasako	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee Members:

I am testifying in support of HB2062.

Firearm suicide deaths are a major component of deaths due to firearms in Hawai'i. Gun violence protective orders (GVPO) are increasingly recognized as having a role in suicide prevention; however, many community members, including professionals in various fields, are not aware of Hawai'i's existing GVPO law or are unsure when and how to use GVPOs. This bill would close this important gap to ensure that our community is aware of how to appropriately use these potentially life-saving tools.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Elna Nagasako, MD, PhD, MPH  
Makiki

**HB-2062-HD-1**

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Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Marcus Tanaka	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This law is unconstitutional to begin with, so spending money promoting such violation of the constitution is wasting tax dollars.

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/16/2026 3:23:12 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Elijah Kim	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB2062. HB2062 does not create new safety tools. Instead, it spends an unknown amount of taxpayer money to promote and expand the use of Hawaii’s existing “red flag” law (Gun Violence Protective Orders).

This bill passed through the House, and lawmakers have not put a dollar amount in the bill yet!

That means legislators are being asked to approve new spending without telling the public how much it will cost.

The public deserves to know:

- How much taxpayer money will be spent
- How large this program will become
- Why the cost is being hidden until the end of the process

Too often the dollar amount gets inserted late in the legislative process, when the public has little opportunity to weigh in on how much money the government plans to spend.

If this program is so important, the cost should be transparent from the beginning.

Furthermore, the Second Amendment is not a suggestion. It is a constitutional boundary. Its wording is plain. Any law that goes beyond protecting the right to keep and bear arms exceeds that boundary and lacks legitimacy.

Gun laws and restrictions trouble me, but gun-free zones and red flag laws stand out for what they represent.

Gun-free zones create the illusion of safety while stripping lawful citizens of the ability to defend themselves. Declaring a space gun free does not disarm criminals. It disarms the law-abiding.

Red flag laws allow the removal of a constitutional right based on prediction rather than conviction. When rights can be suspended before a crime is committed, the burden shifts away from government restraint and toward government discretion.

This is not about policy preferences. It is about constitutional limits. A right that can be narrowed by ordinary legislation is no longer a right. It is a permission.

**HB-2062-HD-1**

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Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Paul Littleton	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB2062

**HB-2062-HD-1**

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Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jennifer McFarland	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I live in Kailua, HI and I strongly support this bill.

**HB-2062-HD-1**

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Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Robert I Nehmad	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a resident of the City & County of Honolulu and strongly support this Bill. I hope you approve this Bill.

Mahalo

**HB-2062-HD-1**

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Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mimi Beams	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I'm from Honolulu. While Hawaii has some of the nation's strongest firearm laws including a red flag or GVPO law, the state has seen an increase in firearm suicides. Evidence shows that temporarily removing guns from people in crisis can reduce the risk of firearm suicides. **HB 2062** dedicates resources to make sure law enforcement, the judiciary and the public are aware of these laws and have the training to use them effectively..

Thank you,

Mimi Beams

**HB-2062-HD-1**

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Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Linda Hoaglund	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I'm from Kailua. Even though Hawaii has some of the nation's strongest firearm laws including a red flag or GVPO law, suicide by firearms is increasing. Evidence shows that temporarily removing guns from people in crisis reduces the risk of firearm suicides. **HB 2062** dedicates resources to ensure that law enforcement, the judiciary and the public are aware of these laws and have the training to use them effectively. Please support the bill.

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/16/2026 6:06:25 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ellen Carson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill. We have some of the nation's strongest gun laws, including Red Flag laws that can help prevent suicides and firearm tragedies. But if we lack adequate awareness of these laws by the public and law enforcement officers, then we are missing the opportunity to have the laws save lives, as they are intended to do. So please provide appropriations for increased training regarding these laws, so they can be used more often and more effectively.

Thank you for consideraiton of my testimony.

Ellen Godbey Carson

**HB-2062-HD-1**

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Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
M. Leilani DeMello	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I KĀKO‘O ‘OLE this bill as it does not clearly state how much tax payer dollars will be spent, how large this program will become, or why the cost is being left out until the end of the process.

I am for protecting victims of domestic abuse and gun violence but this bill is not transparent enough.

Mahalo,

M. Leilani DeMello

‘Ōla‘a, Puna, Hawai‘i

**HB-2062-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
David Ball	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this legislation to amplify common-sense gun laws to prevent needless deaths, including suicide and domestic violence.

With aloha,

David Ball

Waialae-Kahala

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/16/2026 7:19:16 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
William Caron	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and members of the committee,

I am writing in **strong support of HB2062**, which appropriates funds to the Judiciary for the efficient processing of temporary restraining orders and gun violence protective orders, and to the Department of Law Enforcement for public awareness campaigns on gun violence protective orders. This bill is a necessary investment in both public safety and the basic functioning of our courts.

**HB2062 ensures that protective orders are processed quickly and effectively.** When someone seeks a temporary restraining order or a gun violence protective order, they are often in immediate danger. Delays in processing can have life-or-death consequences. By appropriating funds to the Judiciary, this bill helps ensure that courts have the resources they need to move these cases swiftly, giving survivors the protection they need when they need it.

**Public awareness saves lives.** The bill also funds public awareness campaigns to educate the community about gun violence protective orders—what they are, how they work, and how to request them. Too many people do not know that these tools exist or how to access them. A informed public is a safer public, and these campaigns are a critical part of making that possible.

**Protective orders are only effective if they are enforceable and understood.** Funding for the Judiciary ensures orders are processed. Funding for public awareness ensures orders are known. Together, they close the gap between the law on the books and the protection in people's lives.

HB2062 is a practical, targeted investment in keeping families and communities safe. I urge you to pass it.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/16/2026 8:41:23 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tim Huycke	Individual	Support	In Person

Comments:

Aloha, I am a retired police officer. During my 34 years of policing, I never responded to a single call in which a gun in the hands of a civilian helped the situation, yet responded to hundreds of calls where a gun made a situation worse. Therefore, I am a strong supporter of gun violence prevention.

Gun violence protection orders may help reduce gun violence. It is a shame more gun violence protection orders aren't issued due to the public and police officers not aware of them. This bill allows citizens to be made aware of these orders and police officers to be made aware of how to enforce such orders.

Therefore, I strongly support this bill. Mahalo.

**HB-2062-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
David Ruiz	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Waste of money

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/16/2026 9:27:20 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose the increasing of funds for gun violence protective orders. These court orders do not allow for due process, the alleged subject of the order has no idea of the order until served, this incentivizes people to lie. This process should be repealed. No new money should be spent.

**HB-2062-HD-1**

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Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bonnie Bowles	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

1. I'm from \_Kaimuki Hawai. While Hawaii has some of the nation's strongest firearm laws including a red flag or GVPO law, the state has seen an increase in firearm suicides. Evidence shows that temporarily removing guns from people in crisis can reduce the risk of firearm suicides. **HB 2062** dedicates resources to make sure law enforcement, the judiciary and the public are aware of these laws and have the training to use them effectively. I strongly support this bill!

**HB-2062-HD-1**

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Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Brodie Lockard	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill.

**HB-2062-HD-1**

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Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jane Davis	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

1. from Diamond Head District in Honolulu. While Hawaii has some of the nation's strongest firearm laws including a red flag or GVPO law, the state has seen an increase in firearm suicides. Evidence shows that temporarily removing guns from people in crisis can reduce the risk of firearm suicides. **HB 2062** dedicates resources to make sure law enforcement, the judiciary and the public are aware of these laws and have the training to use them effectively..

**HB-2062-HD-1**

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Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Younghee Overly	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you for this opportunity to support HB2062 which would appropriate funds to the Judiciary for the efficient processing of temporary restraining orders and gun violence protective orders..

Younghee Overly, a member of Indivisible Hawaii

**HB-2062-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Thomas M. Klobe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I'm from Oahu. While Hawaii has some of the nation's strongest firearm laws including a red flag or GVPO law, the state has seen an increase in firearm suicides. Evidence shows that temporarily removing guns from people in crisis can reduce the risk of firearm suicides. **HB 2062** dedicates resources to make sure law enforcement, the judiciary and the public are aware of these laws and have the training to use them effectively.

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/17/2026 10:14:45 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mary Babcock	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support **HB2062**

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/17/2026 10:33:25 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
John Terry	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

**Position: STRONG OPPOSITION**

**SUMMARY OF CONCERNS**

HB 2062, HD1 proposes to significantly expand funding, infrastructure, and promotion of Hawai‘i’s red flag law system. However, this expansion appears driven more by low usage than by demonstrated need or effectiveness. It focuses on increased spending and promotion of firearm confiscation procedures without strengthening due process protections.

**GOVERNMENT ROLE AND USE OF TAXPAYER FUNDS**

The bill allocates taxpayer funds to promote red flag petitions and expand court resources. This shifts the role of government from a neutral arbiter to an active promoter of firearm confiscation actions, which raises serious concerns.

**DUE PROCESS CONCERNS**

Red flag laws allow firearms to be seized before a full hearing, shifting the burden to individuals to regain their rights. Orders can be extended and occur without a criminal conviction. HB 2062 expands this system without addressing these concerns.

**EXISTING LEGAL TOOLS**

Hawai‘i already has criminal laws, emergency mental health holds, and protective orders to address risk. Expansion should require clear evidence of necessity and effectiveness.

**IMPACT OF THE BILL**

The bill may result in felony charges without violence, penalties tied to temporary orders, and limited ability to legally comply. This risks severe consequences for individuals without any violent act.

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND RIGHTS**

Public safety is essential, and violent actions should be punished. However, policies must balance safety with constitutional protections and due process.

## **CONCLUSION**

I respectfully urge the Legislature to oppose HB 2062, HD1, and focus on policies that address violent crime, strengthen mental health support, and preserve constitutional rights.

**Submitted by: John Terry**

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/17/2026 11:16:27 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Brian Isaacson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Red flag laws, which this bill would publicise and support are unconstitutional in that they strip an individual of rights without the due process of a full evidentiary hearing.

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/17/2026 11:19:50 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
James E Raymond	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you. I am a member of Indivisible Windward.

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/17/2026 11:21:05 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Judith Cucco	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I'm from Honolulu. While Hawaii has some of the nation's strongest firearm laws including a red flag or GVPO law, the state has seen an increase in firearm suicides. Evidence shows that temporarily removing guns from people in crisis can reduce the risk of firearm suicides. **HB 2062** dedicates resources to make sure law enforcement, the judiciary and the public are aware of these laws and have the training to use them effectively.

**HB-2062-HD-1**

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Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
scott shimoda	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Tax payer dollars do not need to be spent on promoting and unconstitutional system. Red flag take away constitutional rights before a full evidentiary hearing is held.

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/17/2026 11:50:41 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Brandon Kang	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The state should under no circumstances be using tax payer money to propagandize the population for the support of controversial and unconstitutional laws and policies. This is no different from if the state were appropriating tax dollars to lobby the population to gain support for strict restrictions on abortion or any other controversial position.

**HB-2062-HD-1**

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Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Brandon Allen Kainoa Leong	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB2062

**HB-2062-HD-1**

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Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Patrick Baltazar	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB2062. Please do the same. Mahalo!

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/17/2026 1:08:21 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Larry Smith	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

Please pass this Bill.

Mahalo

Larry Smith

Indivisible

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**HB-2062-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Fred Delosantos	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**OPPOSE:**

wasteful use of precious taxpayer money to stoke fear-mongering, resulting in neighbors filing frivolous Red Flag infringements, no hearings. And no penalties for frivolous filings and abusers.

Encourages and institutes a system of "Guilty until proven Innocent".

Public Awareness Campaign encourages abuse of law-abiding citizens' rights.

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/17/2026 1:35:19 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Timothy Miyao	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Honorable Members of the House Public Safety and Military Affairs Committee,

Please oppose HB 2062: Hawai‘i State Association of Counties Package; Gun Violence Protective Orders; Public Awareness Campaigns; Appropriations. In the local news, I frequently see that many (including members of the Hawaii State government) are concerned over the economic uncertainty for Hawaii. Limited budgetary funds should therefore go toward impactful programs that address critical problems.

HB2062 would not address a substantial need for the State of Hawaii. If an individual is a danger to society, police will arrest the threat. One could deprive an individual of firearms but it would not prevent that person from posing a threat to society.

Hawaii falls within the top 10 states with the worst driving conditions. Poor road quality is one of the factors that keeps our state in this rating. State and counties should be prioritizing funds toward improving road conditions.

I applaud legislation like HB1779 which would help children who suffer from food uncertainty. There are many children who would benefit from free school meal programs. Helping children to gain nutrition necessary, to thrive, is a valuable allocation of taxpayer dollars.

I urge you to oppose HB 2062 which would take funding from crucial programs. With the economic uncertainty for our state, it is important to prioritize funding allocation to address Hawaii’s greatest needs. Making our roads safer to travel on will improve safety and save taxpayers money on car repairs. Ensuring that children do not live with food uncertainty needs to be prioritized.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/17/2026 2:13:13 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kehaulani Coleman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/17/2026 2:20:48 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dr Marion Ceruti	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Vote NO on HB2062 HD1. How can you think of spending the hard-earned taxpayers' money on violating the constitutional rights of gun owners when in the same legislative session you want to "pause" the tax cuts passed in 2024?

Public funds should never be used to promote an unconstitutional system that allows gun owners to be stripped of a constitutional right with insufficient due process. I strongly oppose this bill, as we have much more urgent needs than violating people's rights.

Please, kokua, vote NO on HB2062 HD1.

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/17/2026 3:43:19 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Laurel Nakanishi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

While Hawaii has some of the nation’s strongest firearm laws including a red flag or GVPO law, the state has seen an increase in firearm suicides. Evidence shows that temporarily removing guns from people in crisis can reduce the risk of firearm suicides. **HB 2062** dedicates resources to make sure law enforcement, the judiciary and the public are aware of these laws and have the training to use them effectively.

Mahalo!

Laurel

**HB-2062-HD-1**

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Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lyndel C Cabatu	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly disagree with this bill.

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/17/2026 4:08:29 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Wendy Dame	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I'm from Kailua, Oahu. My family has had a home here for 65 years. While Hawaii has some of the nation's strongest firearm laws including a red flag or GVPO law, the state has seen an increase in firearm suicides. Evidence shows that temporarily removing guns from people in crisis can reduce the risk of firearm suicides. **HB 2062** dedicates resources to make sure law enforcement, the judiciary and the public are aware of these laws and have the training to use them effectively. Thank you for your consideration of this bill. It can save lives.

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/17/2026 4:27:06 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Terry Donaghy	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a concerned citizen I believe this measure would be mis-use of public funds to promote an unconstitutional system that allows individuals to be stripped of a constitutional right before a full evidentiary hearing raises serious concerns.

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/17/2026 4:33:40 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nadine Ferraro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I have lived in Mānoa Valley since 1982.

I am in full support of HB 2062.

Mahalo

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/17/2026 4:37:33 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
George Carvalho	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/17/2026 4:39:01 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Richard Domingo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE HB2062 HD1.

Enough with the trojan horses.

Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Jason Wolford I'm submit this testimony in **strong opposition** to H.B. 2062 H.D.1.

While the intent of reducing violence is important, this measure raises **serious constitutional concerns, expands government authority without adequate oversight, and imposes unnecessary financial burdens on taxpayers**, while duplicating existing law.

## **1. Constitutional Concerns – Second Amendment & Due Process**

This bill expands funding and use of **gun violence protective orders (GVPOs)**, which allow the temporary removal of firearms based on petitions from a wide range of individuals .

While already authorized under existing law (Act 150), expanding this system raises significant concerns:

- GVPOs can result in **firearm confiscation without a criminal conviction**
- Individuals may be deprived of a constitutional right based on **allegations rather than adjudicated wrongdoing**
- Expansion increases the risk of **abuse, false claims, or improper application**

Under *Bruen*, firearm restrictions must align with historical tradition. There is **no clear historical analogue** for modern red flag-style confiscation systems at this scale.

Additionally, due process concerns arise when rights are restricted **before full judicial review**, particularly when ex parte orders are involved.

## **2. Expansion of Government Programs Without Necessity**

This bill explicitly states its purpose is to **expand funding for public awareness campaigns, outreach programs, and enforcement infrastructure** .

However:

- Hawaii **already has Act 150 in place** addressing GVPOs
- Law enforcement and courts already have authority to act
- This bill creates **redundancy rather than improvement**

Instead of improving outcomes, this measure expands bureaucracy without clear evidence that current laws are insufficient.

## **3. Cost to Taxpayers – Open-Ended Appropriations**

The bill appropriates **unspecified amounts (“\$ or so much thereof as may be necessary”)** for:

- Judiciary staffing and new court units

- Increased processing of restraining and protective orders
- Public awareness campaigns and community programs

This creates a **blank check approach to government spending** with:

- No defined fiscal limits
- No measurable performance benchmarks
- No clear accountability for results

Taxpayers will bear the burden of a program with **uncertain effectiveness and unlimited cost growth**.

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#### **4. Lack of Accountability and Oversight**

The bill provides funding and authority to:

- The Judiciary (new staffing units)
- The Department of Law Enforcement (campaigns and outreach)

However, it lacks:

- Independent oversight mechanisms
- Public reporting requirements on effectiveness
- Safeguards against misuse of funds

Without transparency, this risks becoming a **self-expanding program with minimal accountability to the public**.

#### **5. Increased Burden on Law-Abiding Citizens**

Although framed as prevention, the real-world impact is:

- Increased likelihood of firearm seizure actions
- Expansion of systems that target individuals **before criminal conduct occurs**
- Greater legal and financial burden to defend one's rights

Meanwhile, individuals intent on committing crimes are unlikely to comply with these measures.

This results in **law-abiding citizens bearing the weight of enforcement**, not criminals.

#### **6. Misallocation of Resources**

The bill prioritizes:

- Awareness campaigns
- Administrative expansion
- Court system growth

Rather than focusing on:

- Enforcement of existing laws
- Targeting repeat offenders
- Addressing root causes of violent crime

This represents a **misallocation of limited state resources** toward programs with unclear impact.

## **Conclusion**

H.B. 2062 H.D.1:

- Raises **serious constitutional and due process concerns**
- Duplicates existing law instead of improving it
- Creates **open-ended financial obligations** for taxpayers
- Expands government authority without sufficient accountability
- Places additional burdens on law-abiding citizens

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to **REJECT this measure**.

Thank You,  
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**TO: Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair**

**Senator Chris Lee, Vice Chair**

**Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs**

**RE: H.B. 2062, H.D. 1 – Relating to Gun Violence Prevention**

**HEARING: Friday, March 20, 2026, 3:15 p.m., Conference Room 016**

### **Testimony in Strong Support of H.B. 2062, H.D. 1**

Good afternoon Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Lee, and Members of the Committee.

I am writing in strong support of H.B. 2062, H.D. 1, which provides an appropriation to the Judiciary to address the anticipated increase in the use of Gun Violence Protective Orders (GVPOs) resulting from expanded public education and outreach by the Department of Law Enforcement.

#### **GVPOs Are a Proven, Evidence-Based Prevention Tool**

GVPOs—also known in other states as Extreme Risk Protection Orders—allow a judge to temporarily remove firearms from individuals who are found to pose an imminent danger to themselves or others. These orders are civil, time-limited, and include due-process protections, making them a focused and constitutionally sound violence-prevention strategy.

A growing body of peer-reviewed research demonstrates that GVPOs are effective, particularly in preventing firearm suicide. Multi-state studies have found that approximately one suicide is prevented for every 17–23 GVPOs issued, with even stronger effects among individuals with documented suicidal behavior. Reviews by the RAND Corporation and other research institutions consistently conclude that GVPOs reduce firearm suicide risk and save lives.

#### **Hawai'i's Underuse of GVPOs Is a Missed Opportunity**

Although GVPOs have been available in Hawai'i since 2019, their use has remained extremely limited, largely due to a lack of public awareness and insufficient resources. This is particularly concerning given the increase in gun-related suicides and firearm incidents in our state.

Experience from other states shows that when GVPOs are well-publicized, accessible, and adequately resourced, they are used appropriately and effectively to prevent irreversible harm.

#### **H.B. 2062 Is a Smart, Preventive Investment**

H.B. 2062, H.D. 1 ensures that the Judiciary has the capacity to manage increased GVPO filings resulting from Department of Law Enforcement education and outreach. This bill represents primary prevention at its best—intervening at moments of crisis before tragedy occurs. As the saying goes, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

#### **Conclusion**

H.B. 2062, H.D. 1 is a thoughtful, evidence-based investment in public safety that has the potential to save lives, prevent injuries, and spare families profound loss. I respectfully urge this Committee to pass H.B. 2062, H.D. 1 and help ensure this proven prevention tool is fully effective in Hawai'i.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/17/2026 5:09:09 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Joe Ferraro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I'm from Manoa in The City and County of Honolulu. While Hawaii has some of the nation's strongest firearm laws including a red flag or GVPO law, the state has seen an increase in firearm suicides. Evidence shows that temporarily removing guns from people in crisis can reduce the risk of firearm suicides. **HB 2062** dedicates resources to make sure law enforcement, the judiciary and the public are aware of these laws and have the training to use them effectively. Please consider and pass this House Bill on the Senate.

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/17/2026 6:22:39 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michael Gibson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose hb 2062

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/17/2026 6:34:15 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Brian Schoonover	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

[House Bill 2062](#) directs taxpayer dollars toward "public awareness campaigns" promoting Hawaii's red flag laws while also appropriating funds to the judiciary for the "efficient processing" of anticipated increased GVRO caseloads. The use of public funds to promote an unconstitutional system that allows individuals to be stripped of a constitutional right before a full evidentiary hearing raises serious concerns.

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/17/2026 7:30:59 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Wilfred Lum	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose HB2062. As it is written, a citizen's 2nd Amendment rights could be "temporarily" taken after someone just submits a petition where there is a "suspicion" that they are a danger to themselves or others. Where is due process? Where is the ability for that person to be able to defend themselves in a court of law where it could be determined if the person is an actual threat vs a person who is targeted by someone who has ill feelings against them? No, this law goes against everything our fore-fathers had in mind when they crafted the Bill of Rights. Secondly, I am against tax-payer dollars going to programs that promote further action to take away our 2nd Amendment Rights in other ways.

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/17/2026 7:33:56 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kathy Thomas	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Kathy Thomas and I live in Kaneohe. I support the passing of HB2062. This bill would provide funding to educate law enforcement and the public about the existing GVPO (Gun Violence Protection Order). Law enforcement members, family members and other members of the community have the potential to help those struggling with mental health issues before a tragedy occurs. Education and a greater awareness about our state's red flag law (GVPO) is another tool to help combat suicide by firearms. It is important that HB2062 is passed.

Mahalo for your consideration in passing HB2062,

Kathy Thomas

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/17/2026 7:44:49 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Samuel Webb	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill because its more waste of our tax dollars.

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/17/2026 7:49:47 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Chase Cavitt	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing in opposition of HB2062. I feel it is a redundant bill that wastes taxpayers dollars in an attempt to seem as if something is being done to prevent violence in our communities. We have laws on the books that can be used now to prevent this and I think our courts and law enforcement need to use them more. Officers simply could take more time to explain to victims their rights and paths to safety and judges can stop slapping wrists of violent individuals who pass through their courts.

Hawai'i already has tools in place to disarm genuinely dangerous individuals, including criminal statutes and protective orders that contain established due process protections. Expanding and promoting an additional system that has not shown public demand is unnecessary and wasteful.

At a time when our state faces serious budget priorities, spending more taxpayer money on something that is unwanted and redundant is not responsible governance. The same people voting to take away tax relief for Hawaii residents want to waste our money for things they haven't proven they can use to prevent violence. The truth is a better education system, jobs and building up individuals futures by not stealing from them via taxes and other means would build up our society and lead to a safer environment for all but the usual suspects vote to disregard the facts of what build up good life choices and enslave the masses to their subservient lives because they always know better than us. I think you can do better. Listen to those who actually use firearms responsibly and hear us out for how responsible ownership leads to better decisions and better citizens.

I know of 2 Hawaii's residents who in the past were falsely accused by their romantic partners for being "a threat to their safety" and received TRO's via lies. Both situations were eventually found to be false and the person making the claims were slapped on the wrist. If this bill was to be law, those men's lives would have been even further harmed via laws that take away true due process and follow feelings over laws. SB2517 and HB2062 both directly ignore true due process and are tools to use for deranged individuals against law abiding citizens. I am not opposed to violent people from being held accountable but I cannot in good conscience support something that I know will be used to equally harm another. More studies should be done to determine why tro's don't work, when red flag laws are used against good people who don't need

them to prevent crime and see what is actually taking place.

If these red flag laws are already enacted then the fact that they are not working to prevent anything is the worst argument to compel me to think that more tax dollars should be spent to encourage their further use. This is backwards thinking and I am not convinced and I am sure if this wasn't a political stunt then any logical person would see it as well.

Please vote no on HB2062.

Mahalo,

Chase Cavitt

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/17/2026 8:22:25 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jonathan Acosta	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill, as I feel the use of public funds to promote an unconstitutional system that allows individuals to be stripped of a constitutional right based on hearsay. This is done without due process such as an evidentiary hearing.

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/17/2026 8:52:55 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Normand A Cote	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha JHA Committee,

I strongly Oppose HB 2026. Totally Unconstitutional and a bunch of lawless word smithing.

This is not a bad bill.

Respectfully,

Normand A Cote

Law Abiding Citizen

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/17/2026 9:22:53 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jesse Hutchison	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you!

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/18/2026 2:07:22 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

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

Comments:

Dear State of Hawai'i Senate Committee members,

This bill HB 2062 answers why the hard working residents of Hawai'i absolutely need not spend YET MORE of our hard earned tax dollars on what is being proposed here in Section 1, Lines 4 and 5, where it states that the legislature finds that "Hawaii has some of the strongest gun safety laws and lowest rates of gun deaths in the nation". This statement in itself should disqualify this bill from being considered a serious piece of legislation. Furthermore this bill HB2062 alarmingly in Section 2, Lines 6 and 16 attempts to issue what would be, for all intents and purposes, blank checks for the appropriation of taxpayer funds to the agencies which it would be funding. This is yet another poorly written bill that is open ended, lacks specifics, and absolutely warrants further discussion on the actual amount of taxpayer funds that would be appropriated to these agencies to futher carry out what is already a borderline attempt to side step American citizens residing in the State of Hawai'i's right to DUE PROCESS under the 5th and 14th Amendments of the CONSTITUTION. Existing red flag orders (GVPO's) in the State of Hawai'i are already MORE THAN SUFFICIENT and questionably 2nd Amendment Civil Rights violating as it stands and as such appropriating more hard earned taxpayer dollars is simply not needed.

In the case that it is unknown to any in attendance it must be reminded that under **TITLE 18, U.S.C., SECTION 242, DEPRIVATION OF RIGHTS UNDER COLOR OF LAW**, which can be confirmed at the official United States Department of Justice website, it a crime for a person acting under color of any law to willfully deprive a person of a right or privilege protected by the Constitution or laws of the United States.

For the purpose of Section 242, acts under "color of law" include acts not only done by federal, state, or local officials within their lawful authority, but also acts done beyond the bounds of that official's lawful authority, if the acts are done while the official is purporting to or pretending to act in the performance of his/her official duties.

My sincerest thanks for taking the time to read and recognize this testimony before the Committee as well as respecting my Constitutional 1st Amendment right to the freedom of speech and the press. I do greatly appreciate it and trust that you will make the correct decision to forgo further advancing HB2062 without specifics on the amount of funds to be appropriated followed by a legitimate rewrite.



**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/18/2026 4:46:49 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nancy D Moser	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In support

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/18/2026 5:24:41 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michael Marsh	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

this legislation directs taxpayer dollars toward "public awareness campaigns" promoting Hawaii's red flag laws while also appropriating funds to the judiciary for the "efficient processing" of anticipated increased GVRO caseloads. The use of public funds to promote an unconstitutional system that allows individuals to be stripped of a constitutional right before a full evidentiary hearing raises serious concerns.

I oppose

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/18/2026 6:12:53 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
John Webster	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a retired professor and buasins executive who strongly supports HB2062. Please contiue with the good work of making this bill a reality.

Thankk you,

John Webster

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/18/2026 6:16:29 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
maile nakano	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please help prevent gun violence in Hawaii and help protect our neighbors. Show aloha.

Mahalo, Maile from Honolulu

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/18/2026 7:00:12 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Frank Schultz	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

[House Bill 2062](#) directs taxpayer dollars toward "public awareness campaigns" promoting Hawaii's red flag laws while also appropriating funds to the judiciary for the "efficient processing" of anticipated increased GVRO caseloads. The use of public funds to promote an unconstitutional system that allows individuals to be stripped of a constitutional right before a full evidentiary hearing raises serious concerns.

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/18/2026 7:51:00 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Byron R Graper	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support **HB 2062**

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/18/2026 8:56:35 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sean J deMello	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

red flag laws are unconstitutional.

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/18/2026 9:43:12 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Marcela Montalto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Supporting this gun violence prevention bill is a necessary step toward protecting our communities and saving lives. Evidence-based measures—such as background checks, safe storage requirements, and risk-based restrictions—help reduce access to firearms for those most likely to cause harm while respecting responsible ownership. These policies are especially important in communities with limited emergency resources, where prevention can make the greatest difference. By taking proactive action, this bill promotes public safety, reduces preventable tragedies, and reflects a commitment to the well-being of all residents.

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/18/2026 9:54:03 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
David Cuthbert	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha. Having read HB2062 HD1 I support it. Gun violence in Hawai'i has increased over the years with approximately two-thirds of firearm deaths being by suicide. HB2062 HD1 offers a way to save some of these people.

Here I take a purely economic look at the bill: According to the NPR article, How Government Agencies Determine The Dollar Value Of Human Life (April 2020), a human life is valued at \$10 million. The paper 'Updated Estimate of the Number of Extreme Risk Protection Orders Needed to Prevent 1 Suicide,' Mathew Miller, et al concludes that 1 suicide is prevented for every 10 extreme protection orders such as proposed in HB2062 HD1. From this we might say that each protective order issued for a suicidal person is worth \$1 million. If the cost of each protective order is less than \$1 million Hawai'i is ahead economically.

But of course there's more to this than merely dollars and cents, there is the human cost that adversely affects families now and for the rest of their lives. The consequences of suicide even affects future generations.

HB2062 HD1 looks to me to be a reasonable why to save lives while not impacting the vast majority of firearm owners.

David Cuthbert, Pahoa

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/18/2026 11:09:45 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Beth Anderson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I'm from Hawaii. While Hawaii has some of the strongest firearm laws, the state has seen an increase in firearm suicides. Evidence shows temporarily removing guns from people in crisis can reduce the risk of firearm suicides.

Thank you for supporting HB 2062 for these reasons and the fact it will increase law enforcement training to handle these crisis situations related to firearms.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
lynne matusow	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We have all sorts of laws, but all too often missing are the funds and staff to implement them. This bill fills a major hole in our gun laws. Please vote for it.

lynne matusow

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Rachel Logan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am in strong support of HB2062 and hope it will receive your support as well. This could be a great tool for people that temporarily pose a risk to themselves or others, and I think it is important to appropriate funds to educate law enforcement on how to use this tool. Mahalo for your consideration for a bill that could help save lives.

Rachel Logan

Resident of Hawaii Kai

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Linda White	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello,

I am a person who has been directly affected by gun violence. My best friend Kristine Cass and her 13-year-old daughter, Sandra, were murdered in Makiki on August 20, 2010. The shooter then used the gun to kill himself. He was struggling with mental illness and if there was a way to have the firearm removed from his home before this happened, lives could have been saved. I am also a crisis counselor, often working with suicidal people and families concerned about their welfare with The Crisis Text Line, a national organization. With both experiences, I strongly support this bill.

Dedicating resources to improve awareness about the laws we have in and add training make good sense and is money well-spent.

Lives will be saved by removing lethal means when it makes sense to do so. This is strongly supported by research, and we can spare the individual and their family and friends the trauma of loss through gun violence, whether it's murder or suicide, which can last a lifetime and impact communities deeply.

I urge you to support this bill.

Respectfully,

Linda White

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gail Morrison	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As an individual and a member of Indivisible Hawaii strongly support HB2062.

Gail Morrison, Honolulu

To: Hawaii State House Committee On Human Services & Homelessness

Hearing Date/Time: Monday March 20, 2026, 3:15pm

Place: Hawaii State Capitol, CR106 & Videoconference

Re: Judith Ann Armstrong supports HB2062 Relating to Gun Violence Prevention

Dear Chair Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair Senator Chris Lee, and members of the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs

I, Judith Ann Armstrong, support HB2062 which will allow for the temporary removal of guns from those at risk of suicide or murder.

While Hawaii has some of the nation's strongest firearm laws including a red flag or GVPO law, the state has seen an increase in firearm suicides. Evidence shows that temporarily removing guns from people in crisis can reduce the risk of firearm suicides. **HB 2062** dedicates resources to make sure law enforcement, the judiciary and the public are aware of these laws and have the training to use them effectively.

Additionally, these laws can also be utilized if someone is determined to be a danger to others - in other states these laws have been used to avert violence against others.

A multistate study found that one suicide was averted for every 17 GVPO or ERPO (Extreme Risk Protection Order, another name for GVPO) issued

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Judith Ann Armstrong

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
RICHARD HOLIBAUGH	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello, and thank you reading my testimony. I urge you to oppose HB2062. The reason for my opposition is no stated amount of appropriations is listed. I do not believe it is wise or fair to insert the dollar amount late in the legislative process. In addition, restraining orders are pieces of paper which criminals in Hawaii do not obey. What I want to see from the legislature is appropriations for an illegal firearm task force which targets gun traffickers, manufacturers of illegal firearms, and gang enforcement. We have the technology to do good things in relation to crime however it's time to get serious and stop legislating do nothing laws which 9 times out of 10 may penalize or burden legal firearms owners.

Thank you for reading my testimony.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kathleen Keilman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**I live in Kailua, Oahu, 96734 and I support this bill. It will streamline a lot of needed data!  
Thank you**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dawn Morais Webster Ph.D.	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this bill and urge its passage to help save lives

I'm from Hawaii Kai. While Hawaii has some of the nation's strongest firearm laws including a red flag or GVPO law, the state has seen an increase in firearm suicides. Evidence shows that temporarily removing guns from people in crisis can reduce the risk of firearm suicides. **HB 2062** dedicates resources to make sure law enforcement, the judiciary and the public are aware of these laws and have the training to use them effectively.

Please move this bill forward,

Mahalo

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Robert Justice, M.D.	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair; Senator Chris Lee, Vice Chair; and Members of the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs

I am a retired physician, a resident of Kapolei, and a member of the Indivisible Hawai`i Statewide Network. Early in my medical career in another state where guns are part of the culture, I was called to consult on a patient with an abnormal coagulation test. Unfortunately the patient was a young woman who attempted suicide by putting a handgun in her mouth and pulling the trigger. She was comatose and never recovered. In part because of that memory, I am writing to testify in strong support of HB2062 HD1. The bill appropriates funds to the Judiciary for the efficient processing of temporary restraining orders and gun violence protective orders (GVPO) and appropriates funds to the Department of Law Enforcement to conduct public awareness campaigns on gun violence protective orders.

Hawai`i has some of the nation's strongest firearm laws, but they alone are insufficient to prevent firearm suicides. Unfortunately many of these suicides are in people with depression, a treatable disorder. While any gun-related injury or death is a tragedy, it is even more of a tragedy when you consider that many of these suicides occur in young adults and veterans with the potential to live long lives. Evidence shows that temporarily removing guns from people in crisis can reduce the risk of firearm suicide.

As part of an effort to drive down firearm suicides, the state of Hawai`i should dedicate resources to make sure law enforcement, courts, and the public know about the GVPO law and have the training to use it effectively. A multistate study found that one suicide was averted for every 17 Extreme Risk Protective Order issued. After Connecticut increased its enforcement of its Extreme Risk law, one study found the law to be associated with a 14 percent reduction in the state's firearm suicide rate. These laws can also be utilized if someone is determined to be a danger to others. In other states these laws have been used to avert violence against others.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this bill. I strongly urge you to pass it.

Respectfully,

Robert L. Justice, M.D.

**HB-2062-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Brett Kulbis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair Fukunaga and Committee Members,

My name is Brett Kulbis, I'm a 26yr retired Navy Veteran, who took a solemn oath to defend the Constitution from all enemies foreign and domestic, and that oath didn't expire when I retired. I live in Ewa Beach.

I STRONGLY OPPOSE BILL HB-2062 HD1.

As a veteran, I spent years carrying a weapon in defense of our Constitution, not only to protect this nation from outside threats, but also to defend the fundamental rights of our own citizens. One of those rights is the right to keep and bear arms. HB-2062 HD1 expands a system that can strip law-abiding citizens of that right based on subjective judgments and unproven allegations, while pouring more taxpayer money into that system without adequate safeguards.

This bill builds on the existing gun violence protective order (GVPO) framework created by Act 150, which already allows a wide range of people to petition the court to take away an individual's firearms if they are believed to be a danger. HB-2062 HD1 appropriates additional funds to the Judiciary to create a new court officer unit and more staffing for processing temporary restraining orders and GVPOs, and funds the Department of Law Enforcement for "community-based gun violence intervention initiatives" and public awareness campaigns. As a veteran, I am deeply concerned that this expansion will increase the use and normalization of red-flag-style orders that can be used against responsible law-abiding gun owners, including veterans, without properly protecting their due process rights.

HB-2062 HD1 openly aims to increase use of gun violence protective orders, but does not strengthen penalties for false or malicious petitions, does not improve evidentiary standards, and does not provide additional protections for respondents whose firearms are taken in error. This creates a powerful incentive for friends, coworkers, or even casual acquaintances to "err on the side of caution" and report a veteran based on stigma, not facts. The result can be the loss of both the individual's dignity and their constitutional rights.

The bill also authorizes open-ended appropriations "or so much thereof as may be necessary" for both the courts and the Department of Law Enforcement, without clear caps or accountability for how these funds will be used. As someone who served in a system where resources and missions had to be clearly justified, I find this lack of specificity troubling. Community "intervention

initiatives” and public awareness campaigns are vague terms. In practice, they could easily become one-sided, taxpayer-funded advocacy campaigns that portray firearms themselves, and by extension lawful gun owners and veterans, as the problem, rather than focusing on criminals and actual misuse.

From a veterans’ perspective, HB-2062 HD1 sends the wrong message: that the State’s response to complex social challenges is to grow bureaucracy around a process that takes rights first and asks questions later. Instead of spending unlimited funds to expand a system that can be misused, the Legislature should prioritize:

- Enforcement of existing laws against violent offenders and prohibited persons.
- Voluntary, confidential, and robust mental health support for veterans and others, without tying help directly to disarmament.
- Narrow, clearly defined procedures that include strong due process protections, high evidentiary standards, and serious penalties for false reporting.

Hawai’i already has some of the strictest gun laws and lowest rates of gun deaths in the country. Before expanding this machinery further, we should ask whether we are truly targeting criminals and imminent threats, or whether we are making it easier to deprive law-abiding citizens, including those who served this country in uniform, of their rights based on fear, stigma, and paperwork.

For these reasons, and out of respect for the freedoms I swore an oath to defend, I respectfully urge you to oppose HB-2062 HD1.

Mahalo,

Brett Kulbis  
U.S. Navy Retired

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Eric Tash	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My wife and I are from Makiki, Honolulu. We strongly support **HB 2062**. Evidence shows that temporarily removing guns from people in crisis can reduce the risk of firearm suicides. **HB 2062** dedicates resources to make sure law enforcement, the judiciary and the public are aware of these laws and have the training to use them effectively.

With Aloha,

Eric Tash and Renee Iijima

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jane Aquino	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I support gun safety and am against the spread of guns in Hawaii.

Mahalo, Jane Aquino, Indivisible.

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Submitted on: 3/19/2026 8:20:32 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Berta Narbonne	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I live in East Honolulu and support this bill. Law enforcement, courts, and the public should know about our GVPO law and have the training to use it effectively. The fact that the Honolulu Police Department has never filed a red flag request and, as of last year, wasn't training all officers on how and when to use the petitions and that police in Kaua'i county have never filed a red flag petition, according to court records, shows that more education is needed.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
carol bodnar	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: I live in Waikiki and I support this gun violence prevention bill.

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Submitted on: 3/19/2026 8:47:40 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Allegra Giacchino	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill because it is one impactful and low-cost thing we can do to help prevent firearm suicide and homicide in Hawaii. The state has seen an increase in firearm suicides and gun violence. Although a Gun Violence Protective Order law was enacted in 2019, it is terribly underutilized. The public is quite unaware of this law as there was never a public awareness campaign that went along with it. This bill would fund that much needed public awareness campaign and save lives.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of HB2062 and the profound impact it could have.

Sincerely,

Allegra Giacchino, MSW

Honolulu, 96816

**HB-2062-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/19/2026 8:57:17 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/20/2026 3:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jessica Kuzmier	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I am writing in favor of HB2062 HD1. I believe funding a program like this is good for public safety. Mahalo for your consideration.

**HB-2062-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
April Ching	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**I live in Mānoa and as a mother and educator I support this bill. Without accurate data, we cannot hope to end gun violence and provide safety for our state. Mahalo, April Ching**

**HB-2062-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Barbara Gomes	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As an Oahu resident who truly values Hawaii's relatively safe lifestyle, please pass this important bill to help the public be more aware of this critical policy. It can save lives without undue imposition on citizens' rights. Thank you for your consideration.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jay Franzone	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In support. Gun laws save lives.

**LATE**

**HB-2062-HD-1**

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

Comments:

I strongly support **HB 2062**