

**SB-2592**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kainoa Kaku	Testifying for Hawaii Rifle Association	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is **Kainoa Kaku**, and I serve as President of the **Hawai'i Rifle Association**. I respectfully submit testimony **in support of SB 2592**.

SB 2592 proposes the creation of an annual, publicly available report compiling firearm-related data already collected by state and county agencies. From our perspective, this bill represents a **measured, transparent, and responsible approach** to firearm policy making.

Too often, discussions around firearms are driven by incomplete information, emotion, or national narratives that do not accurately reflect Hawai'i's unique legal framework, geography, or culture. SB 2592 helps address that gap by consolidating existing data into a single report that allows policymakers and the public to better understand trends related to firearm ownership, storage compliance, injuries, deaths, and enforcement outcomes.

Importantly, SB 2592 does **not create new restrictions**, impose new penalties, or expand regulatory authority over lawful firearm owners. It focuses instead on **information, accountability, and evaluation**. Data-driven policymaking benefits everyone, including law enforcement, public health professionals, lawmakers, and responsible firearm owners.

From the standpoint of lawful gun owners, transparency matters. When policies are proposed, they should be based on accurate, Hawai'i-specific information rather than assumptions. A comprehensive annual report allows legislators to evaluate whether existing laws are working as intended and whether enforcement efforts are being directed where they are most effective.

SB 2592 also provides an opportunity to identify areas where education, safe storage outreach, mental health resources, or targeted enforcement could be strengthened without resorting to broad, punitive measures that impact compliant citizens.

While no reporting system is perfect, this bill strikes a reasonable balance between public access to information and the continued protection of lawful firearm ownership. It promotes clarity rather than conjecture and encourages informed debate rather than reactionary policy.

For these reasons, the **Hawai'i Rifle Association supports SB 2592** and respectfully urges the Committee to pass this measure.

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## **Testimony of Hawai'i Firearms Coalition In Support to SB2592**

SB2527 takes a measured and responsible approach to firearm policy by focusing on transparency, data collection, and informed decision-making rather than imposing new restrictions on lawful firearm ownership. By requiring the Department of the Attorney General to publish an annual public report compiling existing information on firearms, firearm-related deaths and injuries, and enforcement activity, this bill provides lawmakers and the public with a clearer understanding of how current laws are functioning in practice.

Accurate data is essential to evaluating whether existing statutes are achieving their intended public safety objectives. A centralized, standardized reporting system allows trends to be tracked over time, highlights areas where enforcement or public education may be improved, and identifies whether certain policies are effective or ineffective. Without reliable data, future legislative action risks being reactive rather than evidence-based.

Importantly, SB2592 does not regulate lawful possession, ownership, transfer, or carrying of firearms, nor does it create new criminal offenses or penalties. Instead, it relies on information already collected by state and county agencies and makes that information accessible in a transparent and organized manner. This distinction matters. Public trust is strengthened when the Legislature prioritizes accountability and information over speculative regulation.

Comprehensive reporting also benefits law enforcement and public safety officials by providing a broader picture of firearm-related incidents, including how firearms are lost or stolen, how they are stored, and the circumstances surrounding accidental discharges or self-harm. Understanding these patterns can help guide targeted interventions that address real risks without burdening law-abiding residents.

Additionally, making this information publicly available encourages informed civic participation and allows stakeholders across the policy spectrum to engage in discussions grounded in shared facts. When data is openly accessible, debates over firearm policy can be more productive, less polarized, and focused on measurable outcomes.

For these reasons, Hawai'i Firearms Coalition supports SB2592

**Andrew Namiki Roberts**

Director

Hawai'i Firearms Coalition

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

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Steven T Takekoshi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony. I support the production of a firearms report that factual shows the state of the issue here in Hawaii. I hope that it will be factual, neutral, and not driven by special interests. I have little trust that this will be the case, but again as a citizen I am asking you all to do the fact finding and ensure of legislative process seeks truth and uses facts, ensuring that facts are the basis for policy and law, not feelings as we see so prevalent today.

Mahalo,

Steven Takekoshi

Waipahu, HI

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Justin Muneoka-Nagy	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill because why only report on the negative side of firearms to demonize them and not the positive side when they are used to save a life/ lives.

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Submitted on: 1/31/2026 9:34:26 AM

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

Comments:

Every year you democrats violate the constitution especially the 2nd Amendment, when are you guys gonna stop? Actually stand up for the constitution like you were sworn in to do. It's a right not a privilege.

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Submitted on: 1/31/2026 10:38:42 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Debbie Wyand	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB2592.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Joshua Dodo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Whom It May Concern,

I oppose SB2592 as it violates my constitutional rights for the 2nd Amendment: the right to keep and bear arms. As an Army Veteran, I swore to defend and protect the constitution of the United States and the American way of life. I rely on the 2nd Amendment to not only protect myself but my loved ones and property. Something that our forefathers have fought bravely and sacrificed themselves to protect these rights.

Mahalo for taking the time to hear my testimony.

Aloha,

Josh



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

Comments:

The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness. Instead of bills like this, encourage others (yourself included) to repent and turn to Jesus, the only source of true righteousness. Promote responsible gun ownership and self defense.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Elijah Tavares	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Shyla Moon	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

They don't need more funds to do nothing with those funds. The "rap back" fee for every firearm - what they supposed to be doing with that funds?

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Isaac Moon	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose

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Submitted on: 1/31/2026 6:08:35 PM

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

Comments:

I ***strongly oppose*** SB2592. While presented as a public-safety measure, this bill primarily expands government reporting in ways that threaten individual privacy, burden state resources, and chill lawful firearm ownership without demonstrating clear public benefit.

SB2592 requires the collection and publication of highly sensitive personal and demographic data related to firearm owners, operators, and victims. Even when anonymized, this level of detail raises serious concerns about re-identification, stigmatization, and misuse of information. Law-abiding citizens should not be subjected to excessive surveillance simply for exercising a constitutional right.

Additionally, the bill imposes significant administrative demands on the Attorney General and other agencies, diverting time and funding away from real crime prevention, enforcement of existing laws, and community-based safety efforts. Nowhere does SB2592 establish measurable outcomes or explain how these reports will meaningfully reduce violence.

Hawai‘i already has strict firearm laws. Instead of creating another bureaucratic reporting mandate, the Legislature should focus on enforcement, education, and evidence-based solutions that actually improve public safety. For these reasons, **I urge lawmakers to reject SB2592.**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Andrew J. Vioria	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB 2592 will require the Department of the Attorney General to publish on the Department's public website an annual report that compiles information on firearms, firearm-related deaths and injuries, and firearm violations.

The foundation of effective public policy is the publication of information such as this. If we are provided public and readily accessible reports of broken-down and categorized firearm-related incidents ranging from negligent discharges and "ghost guns" to self-inflicted injuries, it would paint a much clearer picture for the public as well as lawmakers of what laws do and don't work. It is crucial to understand the reasons behind these incidents so that future laws and bills are based on hard evidence, not out of 'feeling' nor a matter of political pressure/alignment.

It also ensures accountability and transparency from our state government. Once this bill is passed and the Attorney General makes this information publicly available and accessible, it will encourage citizens to hold lawmakers accountable for the effectiveness of their safety programs and to put them under further scrutiny, especially those who continue to pass bills and laws that the people neither want nor vote for, like asking for more rights-infringing gun control bills and regulations. It will also put our permits to acquire firearms, which require mandatory safety courses, under further scrutiny of their efficacy in deterring firearm-related incidents against factual evidence. The same applies to our two-week waiting period and our "assault pistol" laws, hopefully leading to the end of all these rights-infringing rules and laws.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gabriel Kekauoha	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/1/2026 9:14:08 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Katherine Muhs	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I'm writing in support of SB2592. Transparency is the key to good governance, and the public deserves the right to be able to view how our government is tracking firearms, firearm-related deaths and injuries, and firearm violations in Hawaii.

Please pass this bill into law.

Sincerely,

Katherine Muhs, Keaau, HI



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Submitted on: 2/1/2026 9:26:02 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marko Mijuskovic	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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The bill also requires reporting on how firearms were obtained, where they were stored, whether storage complied with law, and whether firearms were lost or stolen. These provisions effectively create a statewide audit of private homes, vehicles, and personal behavior, laying the groundwork for future restrictions on storage, transport, and lawful transfers. By authorizing the department to collect “any other information it deems necessary,” SB2592 grants open-ended power to expand surveillance without further legislative approval.

**SB2592 is not a neutral public-safety measure. It is a policy-building tool that centralizes sensitive data, expands government monitoring, and creates a foundation for future regulation targeting lawful firearm owners. For these reasons, SB2592 should not advance.**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tyler Ubias	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Theo-Den Boncales	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
ryan hopf	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

I oppose sb 2592 and urge my representatives to reassess how it has been written. As the bill stands, I believe parts of it may violate my rights although seemingly well-intentioned.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jerry Yuen	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

I oppose SB 2592 on the narrow scope of the report. All violent crime should be made reportable for comprehensive statistical analysis.

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Submitted on: 2/1/2026 12:15:41 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lily Villarin	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill

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Submitted on: 2/1/2026 12:17:26 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill

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Submitted on: 2/1/2026 12:44:34 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
James Revells	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill !



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Submitted on: 2/1/2026 12:59:15 PM

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<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 SB2592.

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Submitted on: 2/1/2026 1:01:07 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill

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Submitted on: 2/1/2026 1:25:59 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Rustin Magliba	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/1/2026 2:13:51 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sean Pepper Shiramizu	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello!

I think this would be a good idea for transparency for both parties. People can see real data to backup claims.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jacob Rathje	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/1/2026 2:50:04 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Christian A	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jordan Au	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I strongly oppose SB 2592 because it will be a waste of time and money, be used for anti-constitutional purposes, and if you do research for 10 seconds you will find that the homicide rate across the nation has gone down from the 2020-2021 peaks. Every year more and more guns are bought by law abiding citizens so the firearms are not the problem if the number of homicides is going down while the number of firearms in civilian hands increases. People set on doing harm to others will do so regardless of the tools available or laws present. All the data will do is show that people are being hurt or killed by firearms; it is a one sided study that will be used to try and ban firearms which is against the United States and State of Hawaii Constitution. For these reasons and others I have not listed for the sake of time I strongly oppose SB 2592.

Thank you

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jeffrey King	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Just another disgusting attempt by a blatantly anti gun and anti second amendment state legislature to further villify and overregulate firearms and law abiding gun owners. This is nothing but a terrible waste of valuable attorney general resources when we have far more pressing law enforcement needs. Any legislator who votes in favor of this garbage should be considered unfit for office. We demand constitutional carry without restrictions!



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Max Peterson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
james smith	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Here's a clean, court-grounded testimony you can submit on S.B. 2592.

Testimony in Opposition to S.B. 2592

Relating to Firearms; Department of the Attorney General; Annual Report

Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

I respectfully submit this testimony in opposition to S.B. 2592.

While presented as a statistical reporting measure, this bill goes far beyond aggregate data collection. It mandates the annual public release of highly sensitive demographic and personal information tied to firearm incidents, including race, ethnicity, age, gender, past criminal history, and past mental health or substance abuse issues of individuals involved, along with detailed information about firearm ownership, storage location, make and model, and geographic concentration of incidents.

This raises serious constitutional and privacy concerns that place the State on legally unstable ground.

## Constitutional Concerns

### Second Amendment — [Second Amendment to the United States Constitution](#)

Under [New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen](#), states may not impose modern regulatory burdens that chill the exercise of lawful firearm ownership unless such measures are consistent with this nation's historical tradition. There is no historical analogue for creating a publicly reported demographic and behavioral profile of citizens connected to firearm ownership or incidents. This type of surveillance and reporting structure risks creating a chilling effect on lawful conduct.

### Fourth Amendment — [Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution](#)

The compelled collection and publication of deeply personal data about individuals who are not convicted of crimes constitutes a form of governmental data mining without warrant, consent, or individualized suspicion.

### Fourteenth Amendment — [Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution](#)

Requiring the state to catalog and report firearm incidents by race, ethnicity, and mental health history creates a framework for demographic profiling that raises equal protection and substantive due process concerns.

First Amendment — [First Amendment to the United States Constitution](#)

The Supreme Court has long held that government action which chills lawful association or conduct through compelled disclosure is constitutionally suspect.

Relevant Supreme Court Precedent

- [Whalen v. Roe](#) — Government collection of personal data must be narrowly tailored and justified.
- [NAACP v. Alabama](#) — The State may not compel disclosure that deters lawful activity.
- [New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen](#) — Modern firearm regulations must align with historical tradition.

S.B. 2592 does not meet these standards.

Privacy and HIPAA Considerations

While the [Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act](#) may not directly apply because this information flows through law enforcement channels, the bill effectively requires the public reporting of mental health and substance abuse history connected to identifiable incidents. This creates a profound privacy concern even if it technically falls outside HIPAA's scope.

### The Core Issue

This bill does not merely produce statistics. It creates a state-mandated demographic and behavioral reporting system tied to firearm ownership and incidents, intended to evaluate and justify future legislation. That function moves it from public safety reporting into constitutionally sensitive territory.

Public safety can be served through aggregate, anonymized data without requiring the publication of personal demographic and mental health information.

### Request

I respectfully urge the Committee to reject S.B. 2592 in its current form, or amend it to remove:

- Reporting by race or ethnicity
- Reporting of mental health or substance abuse history
- Reporting of firearm make/model tied to incidents
- Reporting of specific storage locations
- Any provision allowing “other information the department deems necessary”

These elements are unnecessary for public safety reporting and create significant constitutional risk for the State.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

James H Smith

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Jason Young	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Maverick Quartero	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is a waste of our resources. This is a study to find the most effective way to undermine the Supreme Court and the Constitution of the United States, and impede on citizens constitutional right. Are you creating studies to create laws that address anyone's 1st Ammendment Rights? Stop harassing gun owners, who are law abiding, tax paying, everyday people that just want to be free.



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Atom Kasprzycki	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill violates the US Constitution and the Second Amendment.