
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FIREARMS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State's gun
2 buyback program offers residents a safe way to dispose of
3 unwanted or unlawful firearms, including automatic firearms,
4 semi-automatic rifles, and unregistered "ghost guns". The
5 program offers participants up to \$200 in Foodland Farms gift
6 cards in exchange for each firearm and allows the firearm owner
7 to remain anonymous. The program's goal is to allow law
8 enforcement officers to properly dispose of the weapons and to
9 reduce the number of firearms in the State that could be used
10 for criminal activities. In April 2025, a gun buyback event on
11 the island of Oahu collected an estimated three hundred
12 sixty-seven firearms of all types, in exchange for \$37,900 in
13 Foodland Farms gift cards, distributed by the department of law
14 enforcement. In August 2025, the Honolulu police department, in
15 partnership with the department of law enforcement, collected
16 eighty-three firearms, including five unregistered ghost guns
17 and eleven replica guns, and distributed seventy-nine gift cards



1 valued at \$100 each. The program also offers free gun locks to
2 help support the safe storage of guns in the home. The
3 legislature believes that the gun buyback program helps reduce
4 firearms-related assaults and suicides, and gun-related
5 accidents involving children.

6 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate
7 moneys to the department of law enforcement for the State's gun
8 buyback program, including at least two gun buyback events in
9 each county.

10 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
12 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 to support
13 the State's gun buyback program, including at least two gun
14 buyback events in each county.

15 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
16 law enforcement for the purposes of this Act.

17 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

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Report Title:

Hawaii State Association of Counties Package; Firearms; Buyback;
Department of Law Enforcement; Appropriation

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including at least two gun buyback events in each county.
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