

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **229** -26

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 , 2026

RE: H.B. No. 2061

H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2061 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREARMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Law Enforcement for the State's Gun Buyback Program, including at least two gun buyback events in each county.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement; one member of the Hawai'i County Council; Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Kaua'i; Hawai'i State Association of Counties; and three individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Mid Pacific Pistol League; SDM Training Group/Bows N Bullets; Pu'uloa Rifle and Pistol Club; For Liberty and Justice Hawaii; Hawaii Firearms Coalition; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that appropriating state funds for the voluntary Gun Buyback Program is an effective and efficient use of public resources to reduce the number of unwanted and unlawful firearms in the community. Your Committee further finds that the Gun Buyback Program offers residents a safe and anonymous option

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for relinquishing firearms and supports law enforcement in the proper handling and disposition of surrendered weapons.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2061, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2061, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary &
Hawaiian Affairs,



DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-third Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2061	Committee Referral: JHA, FIN	Date: 2/5/2026		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TARNAS, David A. (C)	✓			
2. POEPOE, Mahina (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	✓			
4. COCHRAN, Elle	✓			
5. HASHEM, Mark J.				✓
6. KAHALOA, Kirstin	✓			
7. SAYAMA, Jackson D.	✓			
8. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	✓			
9. GARCIA, Diamond			✓	
10. SHIMIZU, Garner M.		✓		
TOTAL (10)	7	1	1	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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