

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2132

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 09 2026

RE: S.B. No. 2503
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2503 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREARMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to support 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 and three individuals.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Rifle Association, Mid Pacific Pistol League, Hawai'i Firearms Coalition, Pu'uloa Rifle and Pistol Club, Liberty and Justice Hawaii, and eighty-five individuals.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from two individuals.

Your Committee finds that gun buyback programs offer a safe opportunity for residents to dispose of unwanted or unlawful firearms, without incurring risk of prosecution or other penalties for possessing unlawful firearms. This ensures that participants are not deterred from the program. As an incentive, the State's



gun buyback program offers participants up to \$200 in gift cards in exchange for each firearm.

The Department of Law Enforcement conducted several successful buyback programs in 2025 and collected over five hundred firearms, including unregistered ghost guns. This measure facilitates the continuation and expansion of gun buyback programs in the State to continue support of safety and community trust.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2503, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2503, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety and
Military Affairs,



CAROL FUKUNAGA, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Third Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs
PSM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB2503	Committee Referral: PSM, WAM	Date: 02-02-2026		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
FUKUNAGA, Carol (C)	✓			
LEE, Chris (VC)	✓			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	✓			
INOUE, Lorraine R.				✗
DECORTE, Samantha	✓			
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive;">  </div>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes