

Honolulu, Hawaii
, 2026

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RE: S.B. No. 3040
S.D. 1
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 S.B. No. 3040, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to replace the Gun Violence and Violent Crimes Commission with the Office of Gun Violence Prevention.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement; Giffords; Hawaii Chapter Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America; Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from two individuals.

Your Committee finds that gun violence presents a continuing public safety concern that requires coordinated, data-informed, and prevention-focused strategies. Your Committee further finds that replacing the existing commission with a centralized Office of Gun Violence Prevention will improve accountability, enhance analytical capacity, and support the development of evidence-based recommendations for reducing gun violence in the State.

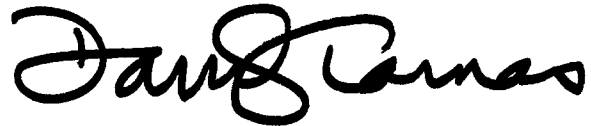


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (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 S.B. No. 3040, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3040, S.D. 1, 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



Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>SB3040 SDI</i>	Committee Referral: <i>JHA, FIN</i>	Date: <i>3/24/2026</i>		
<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)	<i>8</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align:center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ 				
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