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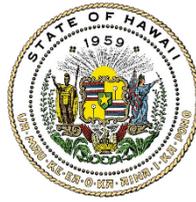
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February 17, 2026

SB 2576: RELATING TO TRESPASS:

Chair Gabbard, Vice-Chair Richards, and Members of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment:

The Office of the Public Defender (OPD) **opposes** SB 2576 which would amend Hawai'i Revised Statute (HRS) § 134-7(b) to prohibit individuals being prosecuted for or convicted of criminal trespass on agricultural land (HRS § 708-823.2) from owning, possessing, or controlling a firearm or ammunition.

The Office of the Public Defender recognizes and respects the Legislature's concern regarding agricultural theft, vandalism, and the safety of farmers and ranchers. Protecting those who work Hawai'i's lands is a vital and legitimate state interest. However, this bill imposes a sweeping and disproportionate collateral consequence that raises serious constitutional, practical, and policy concerns.

Prohibition Based Solely on Prosecution

Under the proposed language, a person who is merely "being prosecuted" for criminal trespass on agricultural land (which for a first and second offense is a misdemeanor) would immediately be barred from firearm and ammunition possession. This prohibition would attach before any adjudication of guilt.

Existing law already permits courts to impose tailored bail conditions, including restrictions on firearm possession, when specific facts justify such restrictions. Judicial officers are well-positioned to assess risk on a case-by-case basis. A categorical statutory prohibition for a misdemeanor offense during prosecution is unnecessary and overly broad.

Expansion of Firearm Disabilities to a Non-Violent Property Offense

Criminal trespass on agricultural land is not categorically a violent offense. While some cases may involve confrontation or weapons, many do not. The offense can encompass a wide range of conduct, including unarmed individuals entering land without permission, sometimes for hunting, fishing, or other purposes.

Current firearm disqualifications in HRS § 134-7(b) apply to felonies, crimes of violence, and firearm-related offenses. By adding criminal trespass on agricultural land to that list, this bill expands a severe civil disability to individuals who may have committed a non-violent property offense. A lifetime or long-term deprivation of the right to possess a firearm for a trespass conviction, regardless of underlying conduct, creates a mismatch between the offense and the penalty.

Lack of Narrow Tailoring

If the concern is armed trespassers engaging in illegal hunting or violent confrontation, a more narrowly tailored approach would be more appropriate. For example, the Legislature could consider:

- Limiting firearm prohibition to cases where a firearm was possessed or used in the commission of the trespass;
- Limiting prohibition to repeat offenders;
- Allowing judicial discretion to impose firearm prohibitions as part of sentencing; or
- Establishing a defined and proportional disqualification period rather than a broad, categorical bar.

A blanket prohibition for all prosecutions and convictions is neither individualized nor narrowly tailored.

Collateral Consequences and Community Impact

Many individuals prosecuted for trespass on agricultural land are from rural communities, Native Hawaiian families, or individuals engaged in subsistence or cultural practices. While unlawful entry should be addressed appropriately, imposing a sweeping firearms disability may have unintended consequences for individuals who rely on firearms for lawful hunting, subsistence, or employment.

The OPD routinely sees how collateral consequences, particularly those extending beyond incarceration, fines, or probation, can permanently destabilize employment, housing, and lawful livelihood. Expanding firearm prohibitions without individualized assessment risks imposing disproportionate lifelong consequences for conduct that may otherwise be resolved as a misdemeanor offense.

Existing Tools Already Address Dangerous Conduct

Judges already have authority to impose no-weapons conditions of release, probation conditions, and sentencing enhancements where appropriate. Prosecutors may also pursue additional charges, such as firearm offenses or crimes of violence, when facts warrant.

This bill is unnecessary to protect public safety in cases involving truly dangerous conduct. Courts can and do respond appropriately when firearms are part of the underlying facts.

For these reasons, the Office of the Public Defender respectfully urges this Committee to defer this measure or substantially amend it to ensure that any firearm restriction is narrowly tailored, constitutionally sound, and proportionate to the underlying conduct.

For these reasons, the Office of the Public Defender **opposes** SB 2576.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Submitted on: 2/16/2026 9:03:03 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Godfrey Akaka	Testifying for The Native Hawaiian Gathering Rights Association	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

The NHGRA supports native gathering rights and access for traditional and customary practices. We also support the right and respect for private property land owners and those designated to care and lease their properties. Ahapua'a tenants traditionally exercised their rights within an ahapua'a that was pre designated for the tenants that used the resources in that ahapua'a. Traditionally, boundaries were designated and respected. Since the great mahele under the Hawaiian Kingdom, private property had been designated, and over time boundaries have been drawn across ahapua'a and has changed the ahapua'a system traditionally used. In either system, residents and communities have always respected each other's space, boundaries, and property.

There has been misunderstanding between the old system and private property. And one of the consequences of that misguided understanding is the tragic murder of one kanaka defending his property and another kanaka possibly doing life in prison.

We support this bill to enforce the safety and rights of property owners and caretakers of the land, as well as deter and prevent trespassers safety risk and potential for jail time or possible death on pastoral and ag lands. Mahalo.



COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair
Senator Herbert M. "Tim" Richards, III, Vice Chair

SB2576
RELATING TO TRESPASS

Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 3:15 PM
Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Richards, and Members of the Committee,

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council **supports SB2576** which prohibits persons being prosecuted for or convicted of the crime of criminal trespass on agricultural land from owning, possessing, or controlling a firearm or ammunition.

Trespassing and poaching is rampant on ranches. When permission is not obtained from the land owner, this causes a safety hazard for the families that manage these areas as well as for the livestock. We are grateful for the resources dedicated to the Department of Law Enforcement to address agricultural crimes, but ranchers will continue to contend with poachers until there are substantial consequences put into place. Forfeiture of the ability to own, possess, or control a firearm or ammunition is substantial penalty that we believe will deter criminal behavior, if enforced and prosecuted fully.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify on this measure. The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council (HCC) is the Statewide umbrella organization comprised of the four county-level Cattlemen's Associations. Ranchers produce a high-quality protein and are the stewards of almost 750 thousand acres of land in Hawaii, or nearly 20% of the State's total land mass. We represent the interests of Hawaii's cattle producers.

Nicole Galase
Hawaii Cattlemen's Council
Managing Director



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Submitted on: 2/15/2026 1:59:32 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jerry Yuen	Testifying for Pu'uloa Rifle and Pistol Club	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I oppose SB2576 on the grounds that it bypasses due process and fails to account to extenuating circumstances that lost hikers and hunters may lose their second amendment rights unjustly. Prosecution does not equal conviction. Conviction happens after due process.

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Submitted on: 2/16/2026 6:39:38 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andrew Namiki Roberts	Testifying for Hawaii Firearms Coalition	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

ESTIMONY OF HAWAII FIREARMS COALITION

In Opposition to SB2576

Relating to Trespass

Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Firearms Coalition respectfully submits this testimony in **opposition** to SB2576.

Hawaii Firearms Coalition is a Hawai‘i nonprofit social welfare organization dedicated to protecting constitutional rights through education, safety training, and lawful legislative advocacy.

Trespass Is a Low-Level Property Offense

Under Hawai‘i law, trespass is classified as either a **misdemeanor or petty misdemeanor** depending on the circumstances. It is a property offense — not a violent crime.

In no other circumstance does this low-level category of offense, standing alone, prohibit a person from owning or possessing firearms.

SB2576 risks changing that dynamic by attaching or triggering firearm disqualification consequences based solely on trespass on agricultural land — even where:

- No firearm was present
- No firearm was used
- No violence occurred
- No threat was made

A person would not need to be in possession of a firearm at the time of the offense to face a disqualifying consequence. A conviction alone could be sufficient.

That is a dramatic escalation for a non-violent misdemeanor-level property offense.

No Logical Connection to Firearms

Trespass is fundamentally about unlawful entry onto property. It is not inherently connected to firearms, dangerousness, or public safety threats involving weapons.

Expanding the collateral consequences of a misdemeanor or petty misdemeanor trespass offense to include firearm prohibition has no logical relationship to the conduct itself.

If the Legislature intends to expand firearm prohibiting categories, that debate should be direct and transparent — not indirectly accomplished through amendments to trespass law.

No Historical or Constitutional Basis

Historically, firearm prohibitions have been tied to:

- Violent crimes
- Demonstrated dangerousness
- Serious criminal conduct

There is no historical tradition of permanently stripping individuals of constitutional rights for simple, non-violent property violations.

Attaching firearm prohibitions to a misdemeanor-level trespass offense has no clear legal, historical, or constitutional foundation.

Proportionality Matters

Punishment must be proportionate.

Trespass on agricultural land may warrant fines or criminal penalties appropriate to a misdemeanor-level offense. However, triggering long-term or lifetime firearm disqualification for a low-level property crime is disproportionate.

Collateral constitutional consequences should not flow from conduct that does not involve violence or firearms.

Conclusion

Hawaii Firearms Coalition supports protecting agricultural property and holding individuals accountable for trespass. However, SB2576 goes beyond property protection and risks imposing severe constitutional consequences for a low-level, non-violent offense.

For these reasons, Hawaii Firearms Coalition respectfully urges the Committee to **DEFER** SB2576.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Namiki Roberts
President
Hawaii Firearms Coalition



The Libertarian Party of Hawaii stands firmly opposed to SB2576.

This bill would strip individuals of their fundamental right to keep and bear arms simply because they are prosecuted or convicted of criminal trespass on agricultural land. No felony required. No crime of violence. No imminent threat. Just a petty misdemeanor trespass charge, and suddenly the Second Amendment and Article I, Section 17 of the Hawaii Constitution is suspended.

This is preemptive punishment without due process. The bill punishes people before any conviction, during mere prosecution, turning the presumption of innocence into a preemptive punishment. In America, rights are not revoked based on accusations; they are protected until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law. SB2576 flips that principle on its head and makes a mockery of our foundational documents.

Criminal trespass on agricultural land is already a petty misdemeanor. It is punishable by up to 30 days in jail and a fine. It does not involve violence, weapons, or inherent danger to human life. Yet this bill equates it with serious felonies, drug trafficking, or crimes of violence worthy of triggering firearm prohibitions. An accusation of trespassing does not make someone an inherent threat to public safety warranting lifetime disarmament.

Worse, the bill applies retroactively to convictions and prospectively to prosecutions. One wrong step onto a farm, one disputed boundary line, one overzealous complaint from a landowner is all it would take to remove a person's constitutional right forever. There is no appeal or restoration mechanism specified. This is the kind of overbroad, rights-eroding legislation that libertarians exist to fight.

Hawaii already has some of the strictest gun laws in the nation, and is fighting in opposition to our constitutions trying to defend these rights violations in court. We do not need more layers of disarmament piled on petty offenses. Farmers deserve protection from theft and vandalism through better enforcement of existing trespass laws, not by turning minor disputes into permanent Second Amendment casualties. This measure would only create more victims, more litigation, and more injustices against the people.

KILL this bill. Reject this assault on due process, individual rights, and the presumption of innocence. **Protect the Constitution.** Do not expand the state's power to disarm peaceful citizens. No compromises. No amendments. Defeat this bill outright.

In freedom,

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Submitted on: 2/15/2026 7:03:55 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kevin J. Cole	Testifying for NRA Hawaii	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose SB 2576. This bill is an overreach and would not do anything to deter crime. Minor non-violent infractions should not impede the free exercise of constitutional rights. To protect public safety it would be better to spend time and money on removing career criminals from the streets.

V/R

Kevin J. Cole, Col USAF Ret

Article 1 Section 17 of the Hawaii State Constitution The “RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS”

A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms *shall not be infringed.*

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NRA

February 16, 2026

Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment

RE: Senate Bill 2576: Relating to Trespass

Dear Chairman Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the National Rifle Association's Institute for Legislative Action (NRA-ILA) and our members in Hawaii, we respectfully submit this testimony in opposition to Senate Bill 2576.

At the outset, it is important to state clearly that the NRA does not condone trespassing. We strongly support and promote lawful and ethical hunting practices, respect for private property rights, and the enforcement of criminal statutes that protect agricultural lands. Unlawful entry onto agricultural property is a nontrivial matter, and Hawaii's statutory framework already reflects that seriousness when trespassing with a weapon.

Under existing law, trespass upon agricultural lands while in possession of a "dangerous instrument" constitutes a Class C felony under Hawaii Revised Statute 708-823.2 subsection (4). The Legislature has therefore already determined that such conduct warrants felony-level punishment. Law enforcement officers presently possess the authority to arrest, and prosecutors possess the authority to charge individuals who unlawfully enter agricultural land with weapons. The conduct SB 2576 purports to address is not lawful today, nor is it treated leniently. It is already a felony offense subject to substantial criminal penalties.

Considering this existing framework, SB 2576 does not remedy a clear statutory deficiency. Rather, it expands the state's prohibited persons scheme in a manner that raises significant constitutional and policy concerns. Most notably, the bill extends firearm disqualifications to individuals who are being prosecuted for, or who have been convicted of, a non-violent misdemeanor, under Hawaii Revised Statute 708-823.2, except as provided in subsection (4).

Historically, firearm prohibitions have been tied to serious, violent criminal conduct and demonstrable dangerousness. Expanding categorical prohibitions to individuals accused of or convicted of non-violent misdemeanors, such as trespassing, untethers firearm regulation from that principle. Trespassing on agricultural land without the intent to commit violence bears no nexus to firearm misuse. Imposing sweeping firearm disabilities in such cases risks disproportionate and collateral consequences that extend well beyond the state's legitimate interest in preventing violent crime.

The inclusion of individuals who are being prosecuted for a non-violent misdemeanor offense is particularly troubling. Under foundational principles of due process, an accused individual is presumed innocent until proven guilty. Conditioning the exercise of a constitutional right on the existence of pending charges, without an adjudication of guilt, raises serious concerns regarding procedural fairness and the appropriate limits of regulatory authority.

Public safety legislation should be narrowly tailored to address clearly demonstrated risks. Hawaii already criminalizes trespass on agricultural land with a dangerous instrument as a Class C felony. That provision directly targets the very conduct cited in support of this bill. Expanding firearm prohibitions to individuals accused of or convicted of non-violent misdemeanors does not strengthen enforcement of trespass laws; instead, it broadens rights deprivation beyond those who have engaged in violent or demonstrably dangerous behavior.

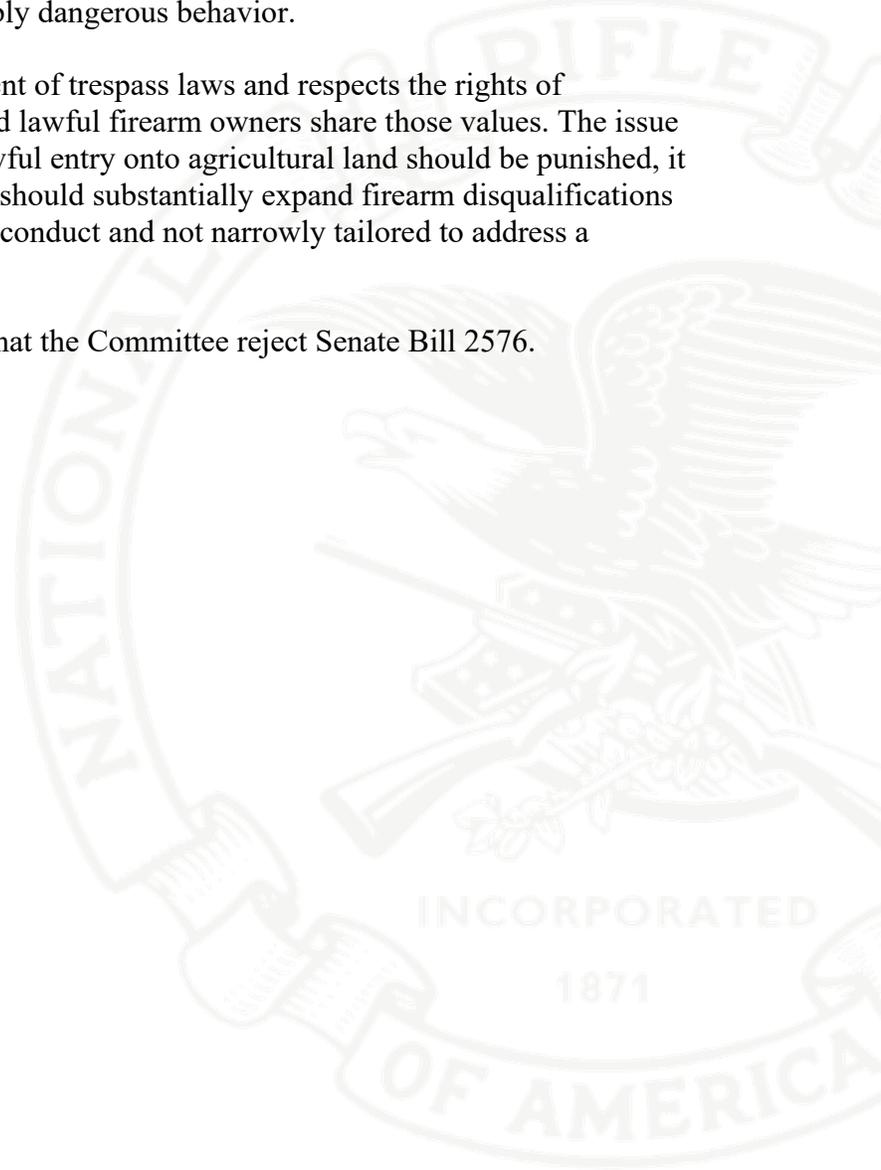
Again, the NRA supports strong enforcement of trespass laws and respects the rights of agricultural landowners. Ethical hunters and lawful firearm owners share those values. The issue before this Committee is not whether unlawful entry onto agricultural land should be punished, it already is. The question is whether Hawaii should substantially expand firearm disqualifications in a manner that is untethered from violent conduct and not narrowly tailored to address a demonstrable enforcement gap.

For those reasons, we respectfully request that the Committee reject Senate Bill 2576.

Respectfully,

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Clay Kimberling
NRA State Director



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Submitted on: 2/17/2026 11:18:48 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Vanessa & Charles Stevens	Testifying for SC Ranch CO. INC	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We strongly support SB2576. Trespassing and poaching continue to be a safety risk for our ranching families and livestock. We appreciate Law enforcements efforts to address agricultural crimes. However, we believe stronger punishments are more likely to deter poachers.

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Submitted on: 2/16/2026 3:34:19 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Theresa Thompson	Testifying for Thompson Ranch	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support **SB2576** which Prohibits persons being prosecuted for or convicted of the crime of criminal trespass on agricultural land from owning, possessing, or controlling a firearm or ammunition.

Mahalo,

Theresa Thompson, Maui

Aloha

Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in strong opposition to S.B. 2576, which would amend HRS §134-7(b) to prohibit any person who is being prosecuted for — or has been convicted of — criminal trespass on agricultural land (under HRS §708-823.2) from owning, possessing, or controlling any firearm or ammunition.

While I recognize the legitimate concerns raised in the bill regarding agricultural theft, vandalism, and safety risks to farmers and ranchers — including the tragic 2024 death of Cranston "Duke" Pia — this proposed measure is overly broad, disproportionate, and threatens fundamental constitutional rights under the Second Amendment and due process principles.

Criminal trespass on agricultural land, as defined in current Hawaii law (HRS §708-814 for second-degree trespass, which often applies to such cases, or related sections), is generally classified as a **petty misdemeanor** or misdemeanor-level offense in most circumstances. It is not a felony, not a crime of violence, and not inherently linked to firearms misuse or dangerousness in the same way as the other categories already listed in HRS §134-7(b) (e.g., felonies, crimes of violence, firearm-related offenses, or illegal drug distribution).

Yet this bill would impose a **severe, potentially lifetime firearm and ammunition prohibition** — equivalent to the disarmament penalties applied to violent felons and serious offenders — for what can often be a relatively minor, non-violent infraction. This is an extreme overreach that does not match the gravity of the underlying offense.

Of particular concern is the bill's application to individuals who are merely **being prosecuted** (i.e., charged but not yet convicted). An accusation alone — before any trial, evidence presentation, or finding of guilt — would trigger an immediate loss of Second Amendment rights. This violates fundamental due process by punishing people based on allegations rather than proven facts. Innocent until proven guilty is a cornerstone of our justice system; this bill turns it upside down for what may be honest mistakes or misunderstandings.

Consider these real-world scenarios where a minor, honest mistake could lead to permanent loss of constitutional rights:

- A hiker or hunter, unfamiliar with property boundaries in rural Hawaii, accidentally crosses onto posted or fenced agricultural land while following a trail or pursuing game, without any intent to steal, vandalize, or harm. Signs may be unclear, overgrown, or absent in places.
- A driver takes a wrong turn on a rural road, ends up on private agricultural property briefly, and is charged with trespass despite no malicious intent.
- A family member or friend visiting a farm inadvertently steps onto adjacent agricultural land without realizing the exact boundary.

In any of these cases, a single charge — even if later dismissed, reduced, or resolved with a deferred acceptance plea — could result in lifelong disarmament. This is not justice; it is punishment without proportionality. The bill lacks safeguards like requiring intent, repeat offenses, or actual violence/damage to trigger the ban.

Hawaii already has tools to address serious agricultural crimes: enhanced penalties for theft/vandalism, enforcement units, and existing firearm prohibitions for felonies and violent crimes. Expanding lifetime bans to low-level trespass offenses risks ensnaring law-abiding citizens — including responsible hunters, sport shooters, and those who rely on firearms for self-defense, subsistence, or livelihood — while doing little to deter hardened criminals who ignore laws anyway.

I urge the Committee to reject S.B. 2576 in its current form. If the goal is to enhance safety on agricultural lands, focus on targeted measures like increased enforcement, better signage requirements, or penalties tied to aggravating factors (e.g., armed trespass with intent to commit theft or harm). Do not erode core constitutional protections over what can be honest, unintentional errors.

Thank you for considering this testimony. I respectfully request that this bill be held or significantly amended to protect due process and Second Amendment rights.

Mahalo

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Submitted on: 2/13/2026 7:37:09 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael I Rice	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I stand in OPPOSITION to this bill as it removes gun rights over a non-violent misdemeanor. While the crimes involved in this bill do reflect badly on a person, they do not rise the level of losing a right over. While certain people can be legally disarmed, it is usually in the case of violent felonies, not non-violent misdemeanors.

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Submitted on: 2/16/2026 3:21:16 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Klayton Kubo	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Support

Klayton Kubo

Waimea, Kaua'i

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Submitted on: 2/14/2026 4:04:38 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David Norris	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I don't see how this has any connection firearms. I strongly oppose this. This is a very large overreach, maybe if they were caught with firearms trespassing but this is illegal and will be challenged in court wasting precious time and money

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/14/2026 4:09:36 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cliff mello	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee:

I submit this testimony in strong opposition to SB2576. While stated as a public safety measure, this bill unjustifiably expands prohibitions on lawful firearm ownership based solely on a conviction for criminal trespass on agricultural land, raising serious constitutional, proportionality, and due process concerns.

SB2576 would prohibit any person prosecuted for or convicted of criminal trespass on agricultural land from owning, possessing, or controlling a firearm or ammunition. This expands firearms disabilities far beyond the historical and constitutional tradition of restricting access based on demonstrated risk of violent conduct.

The United States Supreme Court in *District of Columbia v. Heller* affirmed that the Second Amendment protects an individual right to keep and bear arms for lawful purposes such as self-defense. While the right is subject to certain limitations, those limitations historically have applied only to individuals who present a demonstrated risk of dangerous behavior — such as violent felons — not nonviolent property offenses. Disarming individuals solely based on criminal trespass lacks a historical analogue and fails the constitutional requirement that firearm regulation be consistent with the Nation’s tradition of firearm regulation. *Bruen* made clear that modern firearm regulations must be justified by historical tradition, not broad modern policy preferences.

This bill also raises serious proportionality concerns. The Eighth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution prohibits excessive punishment. Prohibiting firearm ownership — including for lawful self-defense — based solely on a trespass conviction on agricultural land is grossly disproportionate to the underlying offense. Criminal trespass, particularly on agricultural land, does not inherently demonstrate a propensity for violence or danger to public safety that would justify stripping constitutional rights.

From a due process perspective, imposing lifelong firearm disabilities on individuals convicted of a non-violent property offense risks significant collateral consequences unrelated to the initial offense. Courts have recognized that firearm disability schemes tied to nonviolent conduct must be carefully tailored to actual risk. Automatic disqualification based on trespass is both arbitrary and overbroad.

Public safety policy should target the reduction of violent crime and danger to the community. SB2576 instead broadens firearm prohibition based on a non-violent offense that does not demonstrably predict violent misuse of weapons. There is **no evidence** that such a broad restriction meaningfully improves safety outcomes, and it undermines the core constitutional rights of law-abiding citizens without a compelling justification.

Public safety legislation must be constitutional, narrowly tailored, and evidence-based. **SB2576 fails these standards.** It imposes a broad, disproportionate restriction on firearm rights for individuals convicted of a nonviolent property offense, without constitutional or empirical support.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to oppose SB2576.

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Submitted on: 2/14/2026 4:19:20 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joshua Drye	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I highly oppose of this bill. Thank you for your time. Aloha

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/14/2026 4:36:51 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Glenn	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill for its problematic language which clearly violates the civil rights of potentially otherwise lawful individuals.

Misdemeanor trespass is exactly that, a misdemeanor. It's wrong to deny gun rights for a misdemeanor. This would be a clear and in appropriate over reach.

i get wanting to protect ranchers and farmers private property rights but this bill as written, would punish the wrong people.

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/14/2026 4:39:51 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am writing in strong opposition to SB 2576.

I respectfully believe this bill goes too far by permanently taking away a person's constitutional rights based on a trespassing offense. Trespassing, while still something that should be taken seriously, is not a violent crime. Removing a person's Second Amendment rights for a non-violent offense creates a punishment that is excessive and lifelong, and does not match the nature of the violation.

Here in Hawaii, we get one strong culture of fairness, second chances, and rehabilitation. People make mistakes, but they also learn, grow, and become responsible members of the community. Taking away a fundamental right forever because of trespassing does not allow for rehabilitation or redemption. It instead creates a permanent penalty that follows someone for the rest of their life, even if they never commit another offense.

This bill also creates concern about fairness and equal treatment. Laws should focus on violent offenders who pose a real danger to public safety, not individuals who commit non-violent property offenses. Expanding permanent loss of rights in this way sets a dangerous precedent and could lead to more rights being taken away for lesser and lesser offenses over time.

I strongly believe public safety and constitutional rights can both be respected. We should focus on laws that target violent crime and protect communities, while still preserving the rights of law-abiding citizens and those who have made minor mistakes but changed their path.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the and Legislature to vote NO on SB 2576.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/14/2026 4:54:54 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Qwincey Walker	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose Senate bill 2576 because it represents a direct violation of the constitutional rights guaranteed to American citizens. The Constitution protects fundamental liberties, including the right to due process and the right to keep and bear arms, and those rights should not be stripped away over minor, non-violent offenses or before a person has been fully convicted in a court of law. Turning a misdemeanor or simple trespass into a lifetime prohibition undermines the principle that penalties should be proportionate and that individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty. Legislation that expands government power at the expense of clearly protected constitutional freedoms sets a dangerous precedent and erodes the safeguards that protect all Americans.

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Submitted on: 2/14/2026 4:55:47 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Elijah Kim	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB2576. It would make a misdemeanor trespass on agricultural land a firearm-prohibiting offense.

This is a dangerous overreach.

SB 2576 would turn a minor, non-violent trespass charge into a permanent loss of a constitutional right — even in cases involving:

- No violence
- No firearm
- No threat to anyone

Even worse, the bill applies while someone is merely being prosecuted, meaning rights could be taken away before any conviction and before due process is complete.

This is not public safety — it's another expansion of gun control through emotional legislation.

Please stop wasting time, money, and energy on gun control. It is unconstitutional. Instead, focus on education, training, and protecting the rights of homeowners and US citizens to be able to protect and defend themselves.

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/14/2026 4:56:42 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kanaloa H	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose S.B. 2576.

While agricultural safety is a priority this bill is an unconstitutional overreach. It strips residents of their second amendment rights based on a non-violent property crime (criminal trespass). Most alarmingly, the bill applies to those merely being prosecuted denying a constitutional right before a conviction is a direct violation of the presumption of innocence and due process

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/14/2026 5:01:43 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lekeli Watanabe	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Lekeli Watanabe strongly oppose sb2576. A life time ban to restrict someone to own firearms for a simple trespass violation is ludicrous. I ask that you oppose this bill because it is very unreasonable.

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/14/2026 5:02:10 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chester Barayuga	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is ridiculous. I oppose.

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/14/2026 5:04:04 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David Ruiz	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Blatant over reach of power!

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/14/2026 8:07:31 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Randall Lockwood	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB2576 as it tries to further inhibit our 2nd amendment rights. I strongly urge a vote to oppose this measure.

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/14/2026 5:06:20 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gabriel Kekauoha	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/14/2026 5:11:55 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Reid Oya	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing to strongly oppose SB2576 and urge the Committees to defer or kill this measure. SB2576 would add prosecution for—or conviction of—criminal trespass on agricultural land to the list of disqualifying offenses under HRS §134-7(b), permanently (or during prosecution) stripping individuals of their constitutional right to keep and bear arms and ammunition. This is an overbroad, disproportionate, and unconstitutional expansion of Hawaii's already strict firearm prohibitions. Key reasons for opposition:

1. Criminal trespass is not inherently violent or dangerous — Criminal trespass in the second degree (the misdemeanor-level offense under HRS §708-811 often applicable to agricultural land contexts) is a non-violent property offense. It covers unauthorized entry without causing damage, theft, or threat. Equating it to serious disqualifiers like felonies, crimes of violence, abuse of family/household members, or drug trafficking offenses is wildly disproportionate. A first-time, non-violent trespass conviction should not trigger lifetime firearm disqualification.
2. It punishes before conviction and chills due process — The bill disqualifies individuals who are merely being prosecuted (not yet convicted) for trespass on agricultural land. This creates a presumption of guilt, strips Second Amendment rights during the pendency of a case—even if the charges are later dropped, dismissed, or result in acquittal—and raises serious due process concerns under both the U.S. and Hawaii Constitutions.
3. Disproportionate impact on rural and agricultural communities — Hawaii's agricultural lands are vast and often border public areas, trails, hunting grounds, or culturally significant sites. Trespass charges can arise from honest mistakes (poor signage, disputed boundaries, lost hikers, cultural access disputes, or even protesting land use). Disarming otherwise law-abiding residents—many of whom rely on firearms for legitimate purposes such as:
 - o Protection against wild pigs, feral dogs, or other threats common in rural/agricultural areas
 - o Subsistence hunting (pigs, goats, deer) to supplement food security
 - o Sport shooting or self-defense —is counterproductive and dangerous in Hawaii's unique island environment.
4. No evidence of need — There is no demonstrated pattern of individuals convicted of agricultural trespass subsequently committing firearm-related crimes that would justify this sweeping restriction. Existing laws already prohibit firearms for felons, those convicted of domestic violence, fugitives, drug addicts, and others posing clear risks. This bill appears to be solution in search of a problem.

5. Second Amendment violation — Following Bruen (2022) and Rahimi (2024), firearm regulations must be consistent with the Nation's historical tradition of firearm regulation. There is no analogous historical analogue for permanently disarming someone over a non-violent misdemeanor property offense like trespass. This measure fails constitutional scrutiny.

In summary, SB2576 is unnecessary, overly punitive, and infringes on fundamental rights without advancing public safety. It risks disarming responsible citizens in rural areas while doing little to address actual threats. I respectfully urge the Committees to defer or kill this bill.

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/14/2026 5:13:32 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Gibson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose sb2576. Overreach

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/14/2026 5:33:56 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bronson Teixeira	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Senators of the committee, I strongly oppose this bill, it makes someone a felon for a simple trespass.

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/14/2026 5:38:01 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gregory Fogarty	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/14/2026 6:17:11 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Raymond Borges	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Why take someone's firearms if the the firearms were not used in a non violent crime? This is a blatant attempt to dismantle the 2nd amendment...STOP IT!!! If I'm in a park after the hours of operation does that make me a criminal and mean I have to surrender my firearms??? This makes no sense.

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/14/2026 11:56:22 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Debbie Wyand	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB2576. VOTE NO!

This is a dangerous overreach.

This bill would turn minor, non-violent trespass charge into a permanent loss of a constitutional right — even in cases involving: no violence, no firearm no no threat to anybody.

This bill applies while someone is merely being prosecuted, meaning rights could be taken away before any conviction and before due process is complete.

⚠ This is not public safety — it's another expansion of gun control through emotional legislation.

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/14/2026 7:33:46 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alice Abellanida	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/14/2026 8:29:59 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Justin Arnold	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill because a minor trespassing conviction should not Strip away someones 2nd Amendment Rights.This is an egregious overstepping of our rights. UNLESS violence or threats are evidential and confirmed to be true, our constitutional rights should not be violated! What happend to innoence until proven guilty?!

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/15/2026 7:36:05 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shyla Moon	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly oppose.

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/14/2026 9:22:38 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
RICHARD HOLIBAUGH	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello, and thank you for reading my testimony. I urge you to oppose SB 2576, as this legislation will negate due process. The merits of the bill have good intentions; however I have issue with "Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to prohibit persons **prosecuted** for or convicted of the crime of criminal trespass on agricultural land from owning, possessing, or controlling a firearm or ammunition". As I read a citizen may be subject to the loss of a fundamental right. It seems as though there may be the possibility of applying this law with too much scope. For example, say a hiker, tourist, military member, etc, gets lost and ends up on agricultural lands and is arrested for criminal trespass on agricultural lands. Just by being prosecuted, such will lose their right to own, possess, or control a firearm or ammunition.

Bill SB2576 does have good intentions, however seems to me there needs to be several factors in order to suspend ones ability to own, possess, or control a firearm or ammunition. Perhaps if the trespasser on agricultural lands was carrying a firearm--might be a different story.

While I feel this bill does have some merits, I don't know how you can remove a fundamental right for being prosecuted for criminal trespassing--which could lead to a plea deal for a lesser offense and may still results in the loss of rights.

Thank you for reading my testimony.

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/14/2026 9:39:21 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christian A	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. It goes against our 2nd amendment rights.

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/14/2026 9:41:19 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
GENER MACARAEG	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB2576.

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/14/2026 9:55:17 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
MICHAEL ING	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/14/2026 10:39:43 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bruce F Braun	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is a gross overreach of state law.

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/15/2026 6:54:44 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shon Van Zandt	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly oppose

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/15/2026 7:38:00 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Isaac Moon	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly oppose.

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/15/2026 7:38:04 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Craig Kashiwai	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. It infringes my Constitutional rights from a minor, nonviolent trespass charge.

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/15/2026 8:03:25 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
James Revells	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/15/2026 8:13:41 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tony Kawaguchi	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Although I agree, that Gun violence is an important goal, this proposal and others like it, will not prevent criminals from acquiring guns.

Law enforcement officials know that illegal guns are available every day of the week to criminals, who do not follow the legal process to acquire.

Creating more barriers to legally acquire a gun only restricts law abiding citizens Who want to protect their families against criminals.

We will do a delivery date new laws should focus on criminals Who import and sell illegal weapons

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Submitted on: 2/15/2026 10:08:26 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brian Ley	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Brian Ley GMAC commishioner district 4, and I strongly oppose SB 2576.. have the punishment fit the crime. you are treating a misdemeanor crime as a felony. taking away gun rights from people over a simple trespassing. the consistent attack on gun owners needs to stop. why not start locking up the criminals we have? they are the ones creating the majority of the crimes. once again Brian Ley and I strongly oppose SB 2576

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/15/2026 11:06:43 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bryson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

this bill is an overstep of government and should be opposed.

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SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/15/2026 10:45:08 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
john bettinger	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill should not be passed because it is not constatutinal and can damage a persons rights if passed !

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/15/2026 12:14:00 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
ANDREA DEMELLO	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I opppse this bill as it violates my constitutional rights. Mahalo

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/15/2026 12:18:13 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sean J deMello	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill as it violates my constifional rights

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/15/2026 12:19:01 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kenneth Pascarelli	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a concerned Hawai'i resident and law abiding citizen and I am asking to oppose this bill. It is overreach of our rights, and not about public safety. This bill could make a minor non violent trespass conviction with no due process cause someone to lose a constitutional right.

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/15/2026 12:37:08 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Koamalu Koehnen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this Senate bill because it represents a direct violation of the constitutional rights guaranteed to American citizens. The Constitution protects fundamental liberties, including the right to due process and the right to keep and bear arms, and those rights should not be stripped away over minor, non-violent offenses or before a person has been fully convicted in a court of law. Turning a misdemeanor or simple trespass into a lifetime prohibition undermines the principle that penalties should be proportionate and that individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty. Legislation that expands government power at the expense of clearly protected constitutional freedoms sets a dangerous precedent and erodes the safeguards that protect all Americans.

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Submitted on: 2/15/2026 2:08:26 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Martin Dixon	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is overreaching. Far too severe a punishment for what is by itself a nonviolent crime. I see absolutely no benefit to this and it just looks like another attempt to add restriction to firearms ownership and possession in an already overly restrictive state. I oppose this bill.

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/15/2026 3:34:13 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Scott Gauvin	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I don't want to give up my rights

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/15/2026 4:00:25 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jeffrey King	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, the legislature needs to stop wasting valuable time looking for ridiculous ways to further restrict guns. You've already way overstepped your authority with all your previous unconstitutional infringements on our rights. Any legislator who supports or votes for this should be considered unfit for public office.

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/15/2026 4:34:43 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Richard Domingo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB2576

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Submitted on: 2/15/2026 5:55:01 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
NOAH DRAZKOWSKI	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This takes a non-violent, minor action into an offense that will remove your right to keep and bare arms. This is not only unconstitutional, it is also unprecedented in any state. This bill only seeks to control guns and strip away the right of the people.

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/15/2026 6:14:41 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Eric Hammond	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Eric Hammond, and I live in Laie, born and raised.

I STRONGLY OPPOSE this bill.

As someone who has spent a good portion of my life working in agriculture and farming, I understand very well the frustrations of agricultural theft, especially when it comes after long hours of sweat and literal blood.

I've had crops and supplies stolen numerous times.

I also do a lot of hiking and occasional hunting. Sometimes I have inadvertently trespassed onto private property without realizing it. The few times I've been informed, I apologized profusely and respectfully removed myself from the private property.

It happens very easily here in Hawaii, with so much land not being fenced or with fences not being maintained.

Also, Hawaiian gathering rights allow access to less than fully developed or undeveloped private property. Hunting is one of those activities.

And with this bill, if I accidentally trespass or others practicing their access rights trespass with a firearm, now we will lose our ability to practice our Second Amendment right?

Equating losing a right with a misdemeanor trespassing charge is ridiculous. Turning a misdemeanor into a felony to remove a right is even more ridiculous.

I understand this bill partly has to do with the despicable murder of Duke Pia. Those guys should be dealt with harshly. But there are several strong laws already in place for that!

Enforce the laws we have, not make up dangerously stupid new laws. I say dangerously stupid because far too many of you legislators are so quick to disregard and permanently remove our Second Amendment right.

Would you make such laws for free speech? Or other rights?

It's equivalent to saying we have too many parking tickets near polling places, so if you get a parking ticket, you can no longer vote.

Huh?

I know voting is a privilege and not a right, but I use it to make my point.

Please kill this ridiculous bill and choose instead actually to enforce the laws we have on the books now. They are adequate if you use them. Stop being lenient on actual crime.

Thank you for your time.

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/15/2026 7:17:58 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chase Cavitt	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing today to express my opposition of SB2576 and explain why this bill ignores due process and is a dangerous precedent to set for constitutional rights. As a rancher in Hawaii, I am certainly one of the people this bill aims to help, yet I can see many reasons right up front of why it could very likely hurt me and many others more than it's intended goal to help. I will do my best here to explain as to why I oppose this bill.

First off this bill removes a constitutional right from a citizen to own a firearm or ammunition (yes ammo is included in the second amendment as it is a necessity in order to operate the firearm that is protected) without due process in the courts and all over what would be considered a misdemeanor offense. As a rancher I can tell you sometimes you have to hop a fence to save an animal. I see my neighbors goats trapped for full day with their head stuck in a fence and cannot get out. I tell them it's there and sometimes they do not see the message and the goats life is in danger. I do have permission to hop this particular fence but someone in a similar situation may be forced to choose to let a animal die because they are worried about losing their constitutional rights for simply moving less than 5 feet to save a life. If they jump that fence, it is videoed or an owner sees, they could then contact police and have that individual criminally trespassed. That alone would remove this individual's rights to own a firearm FOREVER. There are literally thousands of scenarios where an unsuspecting, not bad acting individual or even someone completely ignorant of having done any wrongdoing could be trespassing and have their lives altered forever as the result of legislation like this.

Two boys on a hike could step onto another landowners land and get caught. They could have done nothing wrong other than being in the space that they were and police could be called. A criminal trespass could take place. Do they deserve to lose their potential choice to ever exercise their constitutional rights as a result of a mistake in their youth? This bill gives no distinction between intent and affects caused by potentially a simply mistake or lack of understanding. It has no cutouts for age and reason. This is a dangerous bill and a precedent that should be avoided when drafting potential laws.

There are criminals who poach, who do harm to our communities and are bad actors and there are laws for those individuals that are often not even used and despite harsh punishment

possibilities for those crimes, they clearly don't prevent these actions. This bill oversteps due process and takes away rights before it's even determined if it is actually necessary to remove that right from someone. If someone currently commits a felony on someone's land and is poaching, they can already lose their rights. My point is that someone walking on someone's ag land at 18 years old because they are stupid isn't the same thing as someone using a firearm to shoot an animal on that land without permission. The distance between the two actions is drastically important and that should not be ignored when drafting laws like this, which permanently remove constitutional rights, without due process, as the result, if it were passed.

As a licensed Hunter and Rancher I am seeing how unaware of the actual issues the people who drafted this bill are. Most of the poachers I hear of on Maui are using bows and arrows, or hunting with dogs and knives for boar and yes there are those who use firearms (many of which they obtain illegally and have no hunting license). They are often claiming gathering rights as their defense and they do not harm others intentionally but they do sometimes have a negative effect. Most of these people are good people but are still committing a crime and there are laws that can handle those crimes. I think they should be encouraged to do right and not use a scare tactic to make them think properly. I teach people about legal hunting processes and encourage others to learn. I think a community effort and outreach to encourage, teach and give access to legal hunting opportunities will help dissuade more poaching and harmful illegal tactics than this bill could lead to. Preventative education, positive reinforcement for following legal hunting paths and community outreach programs that educate youth and all citizens would have a far greater reach.

If someone is criminally trespassing and their firearm rights are removed, what good will it do if they are illegally hunting land with a bow and arrow, crossbow or with dogs and knives? This bill is an anti firearms rights bill, hiding behind the screen of protection of ag land. I do not trust the authors have good intentions, as it doesn't prevent future damages and only focuses on one tool.

As a ranch manager who oversees 30 horses and around 100 head of sheep and varying numbers of cattle I do not feel that this bill would make me or my livestock safer. I see so many potential ways this would only hurt unsuspecting individuals and still not prevent criminals from those breaking these laws. Just last month a couple men were arrested for poaching at night on ag land that they were trespassing on at night here on Maui. They already broke many laws when doing so that are being used to charge them. The man with the rifle was a felon in possession of a firearm and it was legally removed when he was caught. He was also hunting at night without a license or approval from DLNR for eradicating feral animals at night. This man and another were contacted by police and he were charged with multiple felony offenses. This bill treats someone who simply makes a small mistake, lawfully only a misdemeanor, THE SAME WAY it treats someone like the man who had an illegal gun, was already a felon, was illegally hunting at night and trespassing. These are not the same and due process would be ignored.

The fact that this bill would take away a right while someone is simply being prosecuted without any final hearing is beyond comprehension. No convictions could happen and they still lose their rights. This cannot be constitutionally sound and it's morally wrong.

Recently I had a bad guest who was a nuisance once on a horseback trail ride and I asked them to never return. If they come back I would contact the police and ask for a trespass to be drafted. So if they came back again after that because they are dumb does that mean they should lose their constitutional rights? I don't think so. I can't begin to see how this bill is even allowed to go this far. I understand they think they are helping but skipping due process and turning a misdemeanor into something that takes away a constitutional right is absurd, and even more so if it does this without a hearing.

I ask you to please vote no on SB2576 and work with ranchers to protect our lands in ways that doesn't harm unsuspecting individuals. This bill is a dangerous precedent and should not be heard any further. I appreciate the legislative body attempting to help us who utilize and value our ag lands and ask you to please not ignore our perspective when voting on something like this.

Mahalo,

Chase Cavitt

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/15/2026 7:45:13 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jacob Rathje	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 8:02:05 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Martin Humpert	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 8:48:32 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marcus Tanaka	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose.

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 12:08:14 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tina Lia	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill violates my constitutionally protected rights.

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 1:00:33 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Timothy Miyao	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Honorable Members of the Agricultural and Environment Committee,

Please oppose SB2576: Criminal Trespass; Agricultural Land; Penalty; Firearm.

The Eighth Amendment of the United States Constitution protects citizens from unduly harsh or excessive penalties. SB2576 would strip a person of his/her Constitutional right for a non-violent infraction or misdemeanor offense. The penalty would not be proportional to the offense.

Thank you for all you do for the people of Hawaii!

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 2:26:55 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nicholas Zehr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee:

I strongly support protecting Hawai'i's farmers and ranchers from theft, vandalism, and dangerous confrontations. Agricultural crime is a serious issue, and tragedies such as the death of Cranston "Duke" Pia underscore the real risks faced by those who steward our land. Farmers deserve meaningful protection and responsive law enforcement.

However, SB2576 takes an overly broad and constitutionally problematic approach by permanently stripping individuals of the right to own or possess firearms based solely on a charge or conviction for criminal trespass on agricultural land.

First, the bill imposes a firearm prohibition not only upon conviction, but while a person is merely being prosecuted. A person accused, yet not convicted, would lose a fundamental constitutional right based on an allegation alone. This raises serious due process concerns and departs from the principle that penalties should follow adjudicated wrongdoing, not pending charges.

Second, criminal trespass on agricultural land can encompass a wide range of conduct, from dangerous armed poaching to nonviolent boundary disputes or misunderstandings about access. Treating all such cases as equivalent to felonies or crimes of violence for purposes of firearm prohibition lacks proportionality. Permanent loss of a constitutional right should be reserved for clearly violent or demonstrably dangerous offenses.

Third, existing law already provides tools to address armed trespassers and poachers, including enhanced penalties for crimes involving firearms, assault, theft, and property damage. If the

concern is armed and dangerous conduct, the Legislature could narrowly tailor penalties to trespass committed while armed, or to repeat or aggravated offenders, rather than categorically expanding firearm prohibitions to all prosecuted or convicted individuals under this statute.

Public safety and constitutional safeguards are not mutually exclusive. We can protect farmers, deter agricultural crime, and hold violent offenders accountable without adopting measures that are overbroad, disproportionate, and vulnerable to legal challenge.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to reconsider or substantially narrow SB2576. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/13/2026 11:54:15 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Johnnie-Mae L. Perry	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, Johnnie-Mae L. Perry, Support

2576 SB RELATING TO TRESPASS.

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 1:53:22 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michele Atamian	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Michele Atamian, and I am submitting testimony in strong support of SB2576.

I am actively involved in agricultural and ranch operations in Hawai'i, where the safety of our land, livestock, and families is a daily concern. Ranchers and farmers across the state continue to experience increasing incidents of trespassing, poaching, and unauthorized entry onto agricultural lands. These are not harmless occurrences; they create real safety risks for landowners, leasees, workers, animals, and neighboring communities.

Agricultural properties are not recreational spaces. They are active work environments that may involve livestock, equipment, fencing, water systems, and remote terrain. Unauthorized individuals entering these areas put themselves and others at risk. Many ranchers have encountered trespassers who disregard locked gates, signage, and private property boundaries.

Recent incidents in our own leased land(s), highlight how frequently individuals attempt to access private agricultural lands without permission. These situations put ranchers in difficult and sometimes dangerous positions, forcing us to confront unknown individuals while protecting our operations.

SB2576 proposes prohibiting individuals prosecuted or convicted of criminal trespass on agricultural land from owning, possessing, or controlling firearms or ammunition. I believe this measure is reasonable and necessary.

The forfeiture of firearm privileges sends a clear message that agricultural trespass is not a minor violation; it is a serious offense with real consequences. For ranchers who already face theft, poaching, and property damage, this type of deterrence can help prevent escalation and reduce the likelihood of violent encounters.

Farmers and ranchers are stewards of large, often isolated areas. Law enforcement response times can be lengthy due to geography, underscoring the critical importance of prevention and deterrence. By strengthening consequences for unlawful entry onto agricultural lands, the Legislature affirms that our agricultural community deserves protection and respect.

This bill does not target lawful firearm owners; rather, it focuses on individuals who have demonstrated a willingness to violate private agricultural property rights. That distinction is important.

For the safety of ranchers, agricultural workers, and our broader rural communities, I respectfully urge the Committee to support SB2576. Establishing meaningful consequences for criminal trespass on agricultural lands will help protect those who work tirelessly to sustain Hawai'i's agricultural future.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB2576

Committee on Agriculture & Environment (AEN)

Wednesday, February 18, 2026 | 3:15 PM

Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Bridget Kapahu. I am a fourth-generation rancher and active member of Hawai'i's cattle industry. I am writing in strong support of SB2576.

Ranchers across Hawai'i continue to face persistent trespassing and poaching on agricultural lands. This is not a minor nuisance — it is a serious safety issue.

Agricultural lands are active work environments. There are livestock, heavy equipment, fencing, water systems, and employees working in remote areas.

At Maukele and other ranching operations across the state, we have experienced:

- Armed poachers entering grazing lands
- Fence cutting and property destruction
- Livestock harassment and loss
- Safety threats to workers in isolated areas
- Ongoing legal and operational costs to address repeat offenders

These incidents are not isolated. They are repeated and, in some cases, escalating.

For many trespassers, especially those entering agricultural lands with firearms, the current penalties are not acting as a sufficient deterrent. SB2576 provides a meaningful consequence. The forfeiture of the ability to own, possess, or control firearms following prosecution or conviction for criminal trespass on agricultural land sends a clear message:

Agricultural lands are not recreational zones. They are workplaces and food production sites.

The loss of firearm privileges would serve as a strong deterrent for individuals who knowingly enter agricultural lands unlawfully, particularly those doing so to poach. It prioritizes the safety of ranch families, employees, and legitimate hunters who follow the law.

Hawai'i is already struggling with limited agricultural land access and increasing pressure on ranch viability. Ranchers should not have to simultaneously defend their livelihoods from repeated trespassing while trying to feed our communities.

SB2576 strengthens protections for agricultural producers and reinforces the seriousness of unlawful entry onto working lands.

I respectfully urge the Committee to pass SB2576.

Mahalo for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Bridget Kapahu". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B".

Bridget Kapahu

4th Generation Rancher

NK Livestock

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Submitted on: 2/17/2026 2:39:43 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jerry Ilo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly oppose. I understand the intent as I am very involved with ranching and farming. This however goes way too far.

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/17/2026 12:32:46 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Frank Schultz	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

[Senate Bill 2576](#) would expand Hawai‘i’s prohibited persons list by adding a non-violent offense, resulting in the loss of Second Amendment rights for individuals who pose no threat to public safety.

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/17/2026 12:15:07 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
davin asato	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Davin Asato and I am a resident of Kahului, Maui. I am writing to express my **strong opposition** to SB 2576, which seeks to permanently or temporarily strip individuals of their Second Amendment rights based on a trespass charge or conviction.

While I support Hawaii’s farmers and ranchers and acknowledge that agricultural theft is a serious issue, I oppose this bill for the following reasons:

- **Disproportionate Penalty:** Criminal trespass is often a non-violent offense. Stripping a constitutionally protected right—possession of a firearm—for a trespass violation is an extreme and disproportionate penalty that does not necessarily address the root cause of agricultural theft.
- **Due Process Concerns:** The bill applies to those merely *being prosecuted* (charged), not just those convicted. This undermines the "innocent until proven guilty" standard by imposing life-altering restrictions before a person has had their day in court.
- **Broad Interpretation:** "Trespass on agricultural land" can sometimes be a matter of unclear boundary markings or accidental entry. Under this bill, an honest mistake could lead to the immediate loss of self-defense rights.
- **Redundancy:** Hawaii already has strict laws regarding the illegal use of firearms and theft. We should focus on enforcing existing criminal penalties rather than creating new firearm prohibitions for non-violent offenses.

I respectfully urge the committees to **hold this bill** and protect the constitutional rights of Hawaii’s citizens. Mahalo for your time and for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,

Davin Asato

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Submitted on: 2/17/2026 9:35:24 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brandon Allen Kainoa Leong	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Oppose SB2576

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Submitted on: 2/16/2026 3:53:17 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ananda Fojtasek	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I do not support this bill. I feel the bill is an unfair and overly harsh penalty on the people of this state. It does not take into account accidental and unknown circumstances that may contribute to an individual being charged with trespassing.

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Submitted on: 2/16/2026 4:47:36 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chester Holt	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill because of the extreme penalties for minor offenses.

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Submitted on: 2/16/2026 9:23:30 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ryan Bell	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I do not support SB2576

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Submitted on: 2/17/2026 10:40:17 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mr. & Mrs. O'Neill	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hawaii State legislature

We strongly oppose this very poor legislation.

Regards, Steve and Linda O'Neill

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/17/2026 10:47:15 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chris Millen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this proposed bill. Thank you

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Submitted on: 2/17/2026 10:54:20 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Yvette Makahanaloa	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is wrong this bill and you shouldn't vote for it. To ban people because of a none violent violation work trespass this is wrong. And remember we voted you him and we can vote you out and that votes come in real soon. Thank you Yvette

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/17/2026 10:59:57 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keola T. Keahiolalo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I agree to trespassing but not continuing with the control of a firearm as one may actually be legally able to carry a firearm and may not even know of trespassing and you will penalize such a person for this. Treat the crimes accordingly. You are leaving too much wiggle room for restricting guns from owners. No violence should happen and any rancher or farmer or land owner should have the protection of guns to protect their land. However removing firearms from other citizens is not ok. This bill serves to start that abolishment and I do not support that.

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/17/2026 11:13:08 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

#1st argument in opposition to this unconsitutional statute: The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people. This means, you can not make laws that undermine the existing rights of the people. Get it?

#2nd argument in opposition to this unconsitutional statute: A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, **shall not be infringed**. This statute is infringement. Get it?

#3rd argument in opposition to this unconsitutional statute: The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people. Government is derived by the consent of the governed. Not the other way around. You can not come into your position and take away rights. That is treason. Get it?

Stop it. NOW. The People of Hawai'i will no longer stand for your introducing unconstitutional legislation and thinking that it is ok to even entertain, let alone pass into "law". Marbury vs. Madison clearly states what is null and void. Meaning the people will not comply with anything unconstitutional EVER. Do you get it now?

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/17/2026 11:23:48 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dr Marion Ceruti	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE SB2576 because it is a clear violation of the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. It attempts to expand the list of people who are prohibited from owning firearms by adding non-violent offenses to the list. These people pose no risk to public safety. It certainly will be struck down in federal court if passed. Please, kokua, save everyone the time and expense of federal litigation, which will cost the tax payers millions of dollars that could be spent on important community needs. This is a losing proposal.
Vote NO on SB2576.

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Submitted on: 2/17/2026 11:41:53 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ramiro Noguerol	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose.!!

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Submitted on: 2/17/2026 11:41:36 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keith Unger	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Ranchers continue to face trespassers and poachers with firearms. Only a strong deterrent such as SB2576 will stop these incidences from continuing to occur.

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Submitted on: 2/17/2026 1:22:39 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jason Moniz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Trespass, livestock theft and illegal hunting are chronic ongoing problems that livestock producers and other farmers face. Most of these incursions involve perpetrators in possession of firearms. This presents serious safety issues for the agricultural producer, their family members and employees. We are all well aware of the tragic loss of Cranston Duke Pia because of these types of crimes that impact agriculture.

Our farm and ranch operations are typically in rural areas farther away from rapid law enforcement response. Therefore, more serious penalties and such as forfeiture of firearms and the ability to continue possessing firearms will be a strong deterrence for trespass and other crimes on agricultural land.

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Submitted on: 2/16/2026 4:47:31 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
William Jacintho	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

STRONG SUPPORT for any language to deter any, and all trespassers.

Thank you for working on this issue and addressing the problems the livesotck industry face daily. It is getting out of control and very dangerous for owners, workers, as well as the community around the areas.



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February 18, 2026

HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

TESTIMONY ON SB 2576
RELATING TO TRESPASS

Conference Room 224 & Videoconference
3:15 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice-Chair Richards, and Members of the Committee:

I am Brian Miyamoto, Executive Director of the Hawai'i Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,800 farm family members statewide and serves as Hawai'i's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate, and advance the social, economic, and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

The Hawai'i Farm Bureau supports the intent of SB 2576, which adds criminal trespass on agricultural land to the list of offenses that may result in restrictions on firearm ownership and possession.

Farmers and ranchers across Hawai'i continue to face serious challenges related to unauthorized entry onto agricultural lands. Incidents involving theft, vandalism, livestock harassment, illegal hunting, and confrontations on remote properties create real safety risks for agricultural producers, their families, and their employees. Many farms and ranches operate in isolated areas where law enforcement response times may be extended, increasing vulnerability.

HFB supports policies that strengthen deterrence and reinforce the seriousness of trespass on agricultural lands. Protecting agricultural producers from dangerous and unlawful conduct is essential to maintaining safe working environments and stable food production.

At the same time, as this measure moves forward, HFB encourages careful consideration of implementation details to ensure clarity, proportionality, and consistency in enforcement. Clear communication regarding the application of firearm restrictions and the underlying trespass provisions will help ensure that the measure effectively enhances safety while maintaining public confidence.

Hawai'i's farmers and ranchers deserve safe conditions in which to operate, and meaningful deterrence against unlawful trespass is an important part of that effort.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of the intent of this measure.

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Submitted on: 2/17/2026 4:22:15 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David Fukuzawa	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Honorable Senators:

I respectfully oppose SB 2576.

Sincerely,

David Fukuzawa

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/17/2026 4:26:07 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jeffrey White	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Jeffrey A. White oppose SB2576.

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/17/2026 6:53:20 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brandon Kang	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

There should be very limited circumstances in which constitutional rights should be allowed to be suppressed by the government, Criminal trespass alone seems insufficient. It should be restricted to first degree criminal trespass at most which is also more specific to the issue which the bill proposes to solve as an armed trespasser is one of the circumstances which would allow a first degree charge.

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Submitted on: 2/18/2026 3:39:15 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Pearson Ahuna	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose

SB-2576

Submitted on: 2/18/2026 8:31:36 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ramon Maui Quizon	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment,

I am Ramon Maui Quizon, a resident of Mililani Mauka, Hawaii, and member of the NRA-ILA Hawaii, testifying as an individual in strong OPPOSITION to SB 2576, Relating to Trespass.

This bill would expand Hawaii’s prohibited persons list by adding the non-violent offense of criminal trespass on agricultural land, resulting in the permanent loss of Second Amendment rights for individuals who pose no threat to public safety. Criminal trespass is often a misdemeanor tied to minor disputes or misunderstandings, not violence. Punishing it with a lifetime firearm ban is disproportionate and unconstitutional, as it doesn’t address actual risks like felonies or crimes of violence already covered under existing law. This could unfairly impact hunters, farmers, or others without enhancing safety.

Please vote NO on SB 2576.

Thank you,

//signed//

RAMON MAUI QUIZON

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Submitted on: 2/17/2026 10:06:47 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Anna Marie Odom	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I deeply oppose this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/18/2026 8:49:03 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/18/2026 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brian Isaacson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

An individual should not lose a basic constitutional right for a non-violent offense, as they are not a threat to public safety. Punishment should be appropriate to the offense, not excessive or non-applicable.