



**WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE, 2016**

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**ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:**

S.B. NO. 2954, S.D. 1, RELATING TO FIREARMS.

**BEFORE THE:**

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 1, 2016

**TIME:** 9:05 a.m.

**LOCATION:** State Capitol, Room 016

**TESTIFIER(S): WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY.**

(For more information, contact Liane Moriyama, Administrator,  
Hawaii Criminal Justice Data Center, at (808) 587-3110)

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Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General supports this bill.

The purpose of this bill is to allow the Hawaii Criminal Justice Data Center (HCJDC) to view firearm registration data in order to facilitate a firearms-registration-sharing initiative amongst the county police departments.

Currently, there is no centralized database of statewide firearms registration information. If a check needs to be done, police departments must call each other to request a check be conducted of each county's files. Through the Hawaii Integrated Justice Information Sharing program portal, the HCJDC is working on a consolidated query which will allow a person who is authorized to view firearm registration information to sign-in once and search all counties' firearm information at the same time. As is, the statute would not allow the HCJDC staff working on this to view the data, which severely hampers development, testing, and maintenance of this application.

The development and implementation of this capability will enable law enforcement agencies to query firearm information more timely when checking on individuals involved in any incident to which they are responding, traffic stops they are making, or warrants they are serving. It will not only enhance officer safety, but public safety, in general.

We urge you to pass this bill as written. Thank you for the opportunity to share our comments.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brendon Heal	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The law already requires that a convicted felon surrender all firearms or have them confiscated. Police departments have access to such knowledge and should be using such public databases to do their background checks and process. Thus, keeping weapons out of the hands of criminals. Databasing private firearms owners, who have no criminal record, nor conviction of felonious activities, should not be treated as a criminal. Logging and data basing, of law abiding citizens, on the grounds of 'being a gun owner' is a huge infringement of said law abiding citizen's privacy, is VERY unconstitutional. Please focus laws on catching, prosecuting, and punishing CRIMINALS, not the law abiding gun owners. I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS LEGISLATION. Thank You

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Brian Isaacson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Sharing data across counties and making that data uniform should provide positive benefits for law enforcement.

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Dara Carlin, M.A.	Individual	Support	No

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David Brilliant	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gordon Fowler	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This idea behind this bill has potential, but as written, an individual who is merely arrested may have his rights taken from him without due process. The confiscation of firearms and or denial of registration needs to be based on CONVICTION only. It is only after a person is adjudicated, found guilty by a jury of his peers, may sanctions be taken. To have it otherwise is blatantly un American. Thank you and Aloha Gordon Fowler

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jason shin	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jay	Individual	Oppose	No

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john w farrar	Individual	Oppose	No

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joshua	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kenneth Kelson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This would allow unauthorized access to registered firearms database prior to any due process of law.

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Keola	Individual	Oppose	No

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scott shimoda	Individual	Oppose	No

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steven a kumasaka	Individual	Oppose	No

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