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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	OCC Legislative Priorities	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/1/2018 9:39:44 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dean Sensui	Hawaii Goes Fishing	Oppose	No

Comments:

While accessories such as "bump stocks" have no legitimate purpose, it should be noted that lighter trigger assemblies are an essential part of target shooters' setups.

Factory triggers are often set at 6 pounds, much too high for accurate shooting that allows for humane hunting, and for competitive shooting. This includes pistols, rifles and shotguns. The higher trigger pull weights are set only for liability reasons. Even scholastic riflery competitions held among our high schools allow triggers to be set down to 3 pounds.

This bill needs to be amended to allow the legitimate modification of triggers so they can be set below unnecessarily high factory-set levels.

As a long-time shooter, I have put thousands of rounds through a variety of firearms and air guns. I have yet to see a properly adjusted or modified trigger wear out.

Thank you for taking the time to consider these thoughts.

Aloha,
Dean Sensui.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Trevor Tamura		Oppose	No

Comments:

As a law abiding citizen who owns firearms, I find this bill to be over-bearing. I urge that other measures be looked into that punishes crime and not law abiding citizens. I'm sure this bill came to because of the atrocities committed by an evil person last year, but Senator Feinstein herself admitted that no law would have stopped it. People need to stop demonizing the tool and start demonizing the criminal.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Orr		Oppose	No

Comments:

This law is unclear. Gun laws need to be specific in their wording and purpose. This law would restrict someone from having a rubber band because it could be wrapped around the trigger of a rifle and aid in more rapid firing! Adjustable (trigger pull weight) triggers found on most modern guns would render them illegal and make thousands of Hawaii gun owners criminals. Stop this bill! Hawaii legislature is trying to ban bump stocks that have not been shown to be used in the Las Vegas shooting. The shooter also used an elevator to transport the weapons and ammunition up to his room...are you going to ban elevators? Let's use some common sense here. Use your time as a legislator to pass bills that would help Hawaiians like taking care of homeless people, or the methamphetamine problem or organized gang activity in Honolulu.

Mike Orr, Range Safety Officer and Hawaii resident

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stanley Mendes		Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose sb2046

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cecil E. Haverty		Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
gerald		Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mark Genovese	N/A	Oppose	No

Comments:

Ladies and gentlemen, this bill SB2046 over reaching not well thought out. This is not an issue in Hawaii or on Maui, stick to what you know raising our taxes, building worthless trains that go nowhere.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brett Kulbis		Oppose	No

Comments:

This legislation would make it a crime to own, manufacture, possess, sell, barter, trade, gift, transfer, or acquire a firearm accessory or any other device, part or combination of parts that is designed to or functions to accelerate the rate of fire of a semi-automatic firearm.

Also, SB 2046 would criminalize installing, removing, or altering parts of a firearm with the intent to accelerate the rate of fire. The **broad and overreaching** provisions of SB 2046 could criminalize firearm modifications such as competition triggers, muzzle brakes, and ergonomic changes that are commonly done by law-abiding gun owners to make their firearms more suitable for self-defense, competition, hunting, or even overcoming disability.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Markos Cabaong		Oppose	No

Comments:

As a law-abiding Second Amendment supporter in Hawaii, and voter, I urge you to please oppose Senate Bill 2046.

SB 2046 would make it a crime to own, manufacture, possess, sell, barter, trade, gift, transfer or acquire a firearm accessory or any other device, part or combination of parts that is designed to or functions to accelerate the rate of fire of a semi-automatic firearm. In addition, SB 2046 would also criminalize installing, removing, or altering parts of a firearm with the intent of accelerating the rate of fire.

The broad and overreaching provisions of SB 2046 could criminalize firearm modifications such as competition triggers, muzzle brakes, and ergonomic changes that are commonly done by law-abiding gun owners to make their firearms more suitable for self-defense, competition, hunting, or even overcoming disability.

These restrictions will do nothing to curb violence nor keep criminals from obtaining or using such devices, and only serve to automatically and arbitrarily make LAW ABIDING CITIZENS criminals overnight for no reason at all. In addition, it does not address the root cause of gun violence, which is mental illness and psychiatric medications.

Again, please consider opposing Senate Bill 2046 and please consider our Constitutional Right.

Sincerely,
Markos Cabaong

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Submitted on: 2/1/2018 7:09:19 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
jorge		Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill could easily make an honest, law abiding gun owner into a felon, simply by installing a replacement target trigger in their gun. The bill is vague and leaves interpretation of what is illegal to the law enforcement agencies.

Let the ATF deal with the bump stock issue, not the Hawaii Legislature.

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Submitted on: 2/1/2018 10:10:21 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Peter B. Abraham	N/A	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. First, it will do nothing to stop violence or reduce crime in any way. Second, it will only make criminals out of the law abiding. You who sit in representation of these lawful citizens need to ask yourselves who does this bill serve?

This bill is flawed to such an extent that the authors should be ashamed of themselves. Most of the devices that will be made illegal under this bill are devices that are used by hundreds of thousands of shooters here in Hawaii to make their firearms more accurate. Increased accuracy makes firearms inherently safer. As a handgun instructor, I can attest to the ability of good quality triggers to help increase safety. In short, these triggers save lives and prevent injury.

I urge every member of this committee to take a good long-hard look at the wording of this proposed legislation, for it only punishes the law abiding. Honestly, I am exasperated by the continued assault on the rights of law abiding citizens. And I will stand for it no longer.

Vote no on this bill and any bill like it.

Yours Truly ,

Peter B.Abraham

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Submitted on: 2/1/2018 11:10:14 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Normand A Cote		Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha PSM,

I strongly oppose SB 2024. This bill will turn many law abiding gun owners into felons who have modified triggers for valued reason such as shooting more accurately at a competition.

Another vague all encompassing bill aimed at harming the law abiding citizen.

Respectfully,

Normand A Cote

Law Abiding Citizen

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Submitted on: 2/1/2018 11:52:14 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sean Marion		Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB2046.

This bill, as written, is atrocious. This goes far beyond simply a 'bump-stock' ban. Attempting to regulate rate of fire in a SEMI-automatic firearm is ridiculous will accomplish nothing. In turn this bill criminalizes thousands of law-abiding citizens and military personnel, who have already modified their firearm by modifying the trigger.

Trigger modification are very common for rifles and handguns. Often, the intent is simply to reduce trigger pull weight and improve operational smoothness. Modifying a SEMI-automatic firearm into a FULL-automatic firearm is already illegal, and only attempted by an extremely fringe criminal minority.

Hawaii is already one of the most regulated states when it comes to firearm ownership. I strongly believe this bill, and any further regulations, will not improve public safety at this point. Bills like this only oppress good law-abiding citizens and military personnel while further burdening our police force.

Thank you,

Sean Marion

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard Butuyan		Oppose	No

Comments:

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The broad and overreaching provisions of SB 2046 could criminalize firearm modifications such as competition triggers, muzzle brakes, and ergonomic changes that are commonly done by law-abiding gun owners to make their firearms more suitable for self-defense, competition, hunting, or even overcoming disability.

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Richard B.

Outstanding person of the community and Hawaii resident.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shawn Hazelgrove	Private Citizen	Oppose	No

Comments:

Good Afternoon,

My name is Shawn Hazelgrove. I own a company on the mainland that manufactures steel targets for outdoor shooting. This is our 3rd year in business. I have customers all across the United States, including military and law enforcement. I spend a lot of time shooting long range and interacting with customers at outdoor ranges. I currently live in Hawaii and would be impacted by this poorly worded and constructed bill. I have owned numerous firearms since before I could drive a car. I am qualified in the military on the M11 service pistol, the M500 shotgun, and the M4A1 carbine. I also hold a valid Florida concealed carry license and have completed both the Indiana and Florida hunter education classes. I was a member of the Florida Fraternal Order of Police Outdoor Range for 5 years prior to moving to Hawaii.

It appears to me that this bill is coming after bump stocks because of the Las Vegas murders. Noticed I did not use the words "gun violence" or "mass shooting." It took a mentally deranged and ill person to carry out those terrible crimes. Remember, it takes a person behind the weapon to carry out a shooting.

Just so we can stick to the facts here, bump stocks do not modify a trigger. They go onto the butt stock of semi-automatic firearms. Semi-automatic firearms will only fire at the rate that the shooter is capable of pulling the trigger. Take a look at some of the world famous competition shooters that participate in cowboy action shooting with lever action rifles and revolvers. They can shoot faster and more precisely than most shooters with modern semi-automatics. It takes training and practice to get that good. I would encourage you to take a look at Jerry Miculek who has numerous world records with revolvers.

This bill is far too vague. I would like to see the facts and statistics that Mr. Karl Rhoads used in order to formulate his bill. Will this bill ban common aftermarket triggers that target shooters commonly use that are manufactured for semi-automatic firearms of all types? Companies such as Timney, Giessle, Zev, Bravo Company, Agency Arms and numerous others. What about going from a curved trigger to one with a flat face? What about changing out a 7 pound trigger spring to one that is 5 pounds? Or, a single stage factory trigger to a two stage competition trigger? None of these make a gun shoot faster. They increase the feedback and feel to the shooter. Remember, it takes a

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person's input every time on the trigger for each round. They do not change the way a gun fires. A lighter trigger pull can help with younger shooters or women who might anticipate the recoil and pull the gun off target. They are also better for long range shooters who use breathing techniques when hunting or practicing. Much like runners do not want to run in combat boots, those of us who shoot for fun or competition do not want a trigger that takes 12 pounds to pull back. The trigger is one of the most commonly modified items on a firearm because it is manipulated each time a round is fired. I am concerned about who will be the judge and expert on trigger modifications when it is very clear that politicians and those who support this bill have no knowledge or experience with firearms. Who will say what is legal and what is not? Will that be the police chief, the governor, the Attorney General? Or will it be up for discussion each time I try to register a new or used firearm? Will my Timney trigger that is 4 pounds be banned over my stock trigger that was 7 pounds? What about adjustable weight triggers?

There is a large market for firearms accessories. There will always be companies looking to skirt around the law and create a legal product, with concurrence from the ATF. Most of these products stem from already existing federal or state laws. Take a look what is happening in places like California and New York. Companies are creating new products to get around the recently passed laws. Technology will stay ahead of the law. They are trying to ban items based on appearance and how scary they look instead of keeping gun out of the hands of criminals and the mentally ill. Not to mention, hunters, target shooters and those who carry for self-defense and are legally allowed to own guns are the ones who are punished and forced to buy new products to get around these new laws.

It is actually fortunate that he used a bump fire stock because of how inaccurate they make a firearm. There is a reason that target shooters do not use them for precision shooting. Had the murderer actually taken the time to aim, he would have killed more people. He also had no formal training and was just spraying bullets, hitting many people with ricochets.

My point is this: quit trying to focus on the firearms and firearms parts and address the mental health issue in this country and state. The Las Vegas murderer killed himself when law enforcement arrived. The Newtown murderer did the same. As did the Columbine murderers. And the 1991 Killeen, TX murderer, the Virginia Tech murderer and the March 21, 2005 murderer in Red Lake, MN. April 3, 2009 - In Binghamton, New York, Jiverly Wong kills 13 people and injures four during a shooting at an immigrant community center. He then kills himself. The majority of all of these mass murderers have several things in common. They rarely live because they kill themselves. They also have mental issues and sought treatment for them, such as the Virginia Tech student, the Sandy Hook murderer and Stephen Paddock in Las Vegas. They never should have had access to firearms to begin with. Most of them have little social contact and have strange tendencies such as wearing 20 pairs of socks in one day as Adam Lanza did. How about holding the US Air Force accountable for not putting the most recent Texas murderer into the correct databases for his violent domestic assaults? We

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have the tools and laws on the books to stop the next killer. It is time we enforce them and work on the mental health in the country. Mental health care is the most declining field of medicine since the 1960s, while the use of prescription medicines and outpatient mental health care has skyrocketed.

I oppose this bill and any others like it. Do not punish the law abiding citizens of this state. Open the dialogue and get a firearms expert to help out. You don't take your car to the veterinarian 's office do you?

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Seth Addison		Oppose	No

Comments:

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R		Oppose	No

Comments: