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Comments:

I strongly support this bill. Firearms instructors provide a vital service to the community. It is only right that we exempt them from liability when in the proper disposition of their functions as an instructor. These instructors are quite often volunteers, and provide this vital function without compensation. Protection from unjustified liability would encourage instructors to continue performing their services, and therefore benefit the community.

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From: Brandon Leong [mailto:b.leong1851@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2012 2:16 PM
To: Rep. Henry J.C. Aquino
Cc: Rep. Ty Cullen; Rep. Ken Ito
Subject: House Bill 679

Dear Representative Henry Aquino, Chairman

My name is Brandon Leong. I am an NRA Certified Instructor for Pistol, Rifle, and Shotgun.

Currently I volunteer and I'm a board member with a Nonprofit organization called LIFE (Lessons In Firearms Education) that holds monthly pistol training classes at Koko Head Shooting Complex. LIFE is one of the few organizations that offer a pistol training course that is a requirement by law in order to purchase a pistol in the state of Hawaii. I am writing you today to let you know that I support and respectfully ask that you support HB 679 introduced by Representative Ken Ito. All of the instructors that teach with LIFE are all unpaid volunteers. All of the firearms that are used in our instruction are not owned by the organization, they are owned by the individual instructor. We are not volunteering to get paid, we do it because we have an interest in the sport of firearms shooting and hunting. We also feel that we have a duty as responsible gun owners to pass on and teach new and future gun owners safe gun handling and use. As instructors we are always on alert to keep our students and fellow instructors safe from harms way during our classes. While we are proactive and everything we teach is done so to prevent a negligent discharge, unfortunately they can occur. While passing HB 679 will exempt NRA instructors from the liability of personal injury or property damage during instruction it will not diminish the professionalism and safety awareness that we expect out of all of our instructors within class or while they are on their personal shooting time. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at 808-258-1569 or you can email me at b.leong1851@gmail.com.

Aloha,

Brandon Leong