

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2954
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2954 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREARMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the
Hawaii criminal justice data center to access firearm registration
data.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of the Attorney General, Honolulu Police
Department, Hawaii Rifle Association, and three individuals. Your
Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from
the County of Maui Department of the Prosecuting Attorney and
seven individuals.

Your Committee finds that the accurate and timely sharing of
firearms registration information between counties is critical to
ensure the safety of the community. Although each county
currently maintains its own firearms registration information,
there is no active mechanism to share this data. The development
and implementation of a system to facilitate firearms registration
data would enable law enforcement agencies to access critical
information more quickly when they are checking on individuals
involved in an incident to which they are responding.



Your Committee has amended this measure by making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2954, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2954, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety,
Intergovernmental, and Military
Affairs,



CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



