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# SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO SUBMIT A REPORT  
TO THE LEGISLATURE ON ALL CURRENT STATE GUN CONTROL LAWS,  
HOW THEY COMPARE WITH CURRENT FEDERAL REGULATIONS, DATA ON  
FIREARM DISCHARGES, AND DATA ON GUN CRIME IN HAWAII.

1           WHEREAS, the country has seen numerous high profile  
2 shootings over many decades; and  
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4           WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii has some of the most  
5 comprehensive gun control laws, as well as geography that  
6 affords the State the unique opportunity to effectively enforce  
7 gun control laws within state boundaries; and  
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9           WHEREAS, recent shootings have forced the State to evaluate  
10 existing statutes to ensure that they are as adequate and  
11 appropriate today as they were when originally enacted; now,  
12 therefore,  
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14           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth  
15 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018,  
16 that the Legislative Reference Bureau is requested to compile  
17 and submit a report to the Legislature regarding existing gun  
18 laws and firearm data for Hawaii; and  
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20           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as part of its report, the  
21 Legislative Reference Bureau is requested to include the  
22 following:  
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24           (1) All statutes involving restrictions on:

25                   (A) The ownership and use of certain types of  
26 firearms;  
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28                   (B) Modifications to firearms; and  
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30                   (C) Accessories or ammunition for firearms,  
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- 2 including statutes that address the caliber or rate of
- 3 fire of a firearm or prohibited attachments or
- 4 accessories for a firearm;
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- 6 (2) Statutory penalties for the illegal use or possession
- 7 of a firearm;
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- 9 (3) The various processes that citizens of the State must
- 10 complete with respect to obtaining different types of
- 11 firearms, including pistols and rifles, and obtaining
- 12 a license to carry a concealed weapon;
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- 14 (4) Circumstances in which an individual may be
- 15 dispossessed of a firearm or lose the right to possess
- 16 a firearm, including circumstances involving the
- 17 individual's mental health, conviction for a felony
- 18 offense, or arrest or conviction for domestic
- 19 violence;
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- 21 (5) Data on the total number of instances of violent crime
- 22 in the State over the past decade and, of that number,
- 23 the number of instances involving a firearm, the
- 24 number of deaths attributed to a firearm, and the
- 25 number of firearms deaths caused by an accident or
- 26 accidental discharge of a firearm;
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- 28 (6) With respect to the number of instances of violent
- 29 crime in which a firearm was used, the number of
- 30 individuals that had already been previously
- 31 prohibited from owning or possessing a firearm,
- 32 differentiated by the reason the individual was
- 33 prohibited from owning or possessing a firearm,
- 34 including reasons involving the individual's mental
- 35 health, conviction for a felony offense, or arrest or
- 36 conviction for domestic violence;
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- 38 (7) Aggregate data on the number of registered firearm
- 39 owners in the State and the total number of legally
- 40 permitted firearms; and
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1 (8) A comparison of state statutes, rules, and regulations  
2 to existing federal statutes, rules, and regulations  
3 where parallel comparisons are available; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following entities are each  
6 requested to submit to the Bureau, no later than August 1, 2018,  
7 any firearms-related information relevant to the substance of  
8 the report in order to assist the Bureau in its timely  
9 completion of the report:

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- 11 (1) The Honolulu Field Office of the United States Federal  
12 Bureau of Investigation;
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  - 14 (2) The Honolulu Satellite Office of the United States  
15 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives;
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  - 17 (3) The Judiciary of the State of Hawaii;
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  - 19 (4) The Department of the Attorney General; and
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  - 21 (5) The respective police departments of the City and  
22 County of Honolulu, County of Hawaii, County of Kauai,  
23 and County of Maui; and  
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference  
26 Bureau is requested to submit a report of its findings and  
27 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
28 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
29 the Regular Session of 2019; and  
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
32 Resolution be transmitted to the Special Agent-in-Charge of the  
33 Honolulu Field Office of the United States Federal Bureau of  
34 Investigation; the Resident Agent-in-Charge of the Honolulu  
35 Satellite Office of the United States Bureau of Alcohol,  
36 Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives; the Governor; the Chief  
37 Justice of the Supreme Court of Hawaii; the Attorney General;  
38 the mayors of the respective counties; the police chiefs of the  
39 respective counties; and the Director of the Legislative  
40 Reference Bureau.

