

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2488**

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 3054
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 3054 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREARM REGISTRATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require that
every person who permanently moves a firearm out of the State to
contact the appropriate county police department to notify it that
the firearm has been moved out of the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Office of the Mayor of the County of Hawaii and two
individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to
this measure from the National Rifle Association of America,
Hawaii Firearms Coalition, and one hundred ninety-seven
individuals.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii is widely recognized for
having some of the strictest gun safety laws. This has allowed
the State to enjoy having the lowest deaths by gun per capita in
the nation. However, your Committee finds that based on a recent
study conducted by the Legislative Reference Bureau, there is no
accurate data on the number of firearms currently in the State.
This is in part due to the State having no reporting mechanism for
when a firearm is moved out of the State. Your Committee believes
that it is prudent to have accurate data regarding how many



firearms are in the State to ensure the safety of residents and visitors in the State by holding all firearm holders accountable and having the means to hold firearm holders accountable. This measure will help the State make firearms holders accountable by requiring any person who is permanently moving a firearm out of the State to notify the appropriate county police department within a certain timeframe.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have made failure to notify the appropriate county police department that a registered firearm was permanently moved out of the State a petty misdemeanor; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments 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. 3054, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3054, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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


CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



