

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1558

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 09 2021

RE: H.B. No. 31

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 31 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREARMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to raise the maximum age of minors for which safe storage of firearms is required from sixteen to eighteen years.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition and five individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Firearms Coalition, National Rifle Association, and twenty-one individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of the Public Defender.

Your Committee finds that an estimated four million six hundred thousand children and adolescents in the United States live in homes with at least one unsecured firearm and that the presence of unsecured firearms in the home increases the risk of unintentional and intentional shootings. Furthermore, the United States Secret Service and the United States Department of Education report that in sixty-eight percent of deadly school shootings, the attacker obtained the firearm from the attacker's home or that of a relative. In addition, over seventy-five percent of firearms used in suicide attempts and unintentional firearm injuries among children and adolescents were stored in the



residence of the victim, a relative, or a friend. This measure raises the age for which safe storage of firearms is required in a home to prevent minors from having access to firearms and possibly causing injury to themselves or others.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 31, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,



KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-First Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB31	JDC	3/30/2021		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)	✓			
ACASIO, Laura	✓			
GABBARD, Mike			✓	
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
LEE, Chris	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt			✓	
TOTAL	5	0	2	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Karl Rhoads</i>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes