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Testimony
HB 147

comment with suggested amended language
Hawaii Rifle Assoc.

- (i) replica firearms incapable of firing ammunition
- (ii) made ~~to~~ or manufactured to the appearance of a firearm.

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| Gary Lee | Individual | Comments Only | No |

Comments: The definition of a "Simulated firearm" is too loosely defined and can be misconstrued to include toy guns (water guns, BB guns, snap cap guns, etc...) and to the extreme, making a gun symbol with your hand.

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RE: H.B. 147; RELATING TO SIMULATED FIREARMS.

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Har, and members of the House Committee on Judiciary, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu submits the following testimony in support of H.B. 147, which includes the use of a simulated firearm in the first-degree offenses of terroristic threatening and robbery.

H.B. 147 amends Section 707-716, Hawaii Revised Statutes to state “A person commits the offense of terroristic threatening in the first degree if the person commits terroristic threatening with the use of a dangerous instrument or a simulated firearm.” Simulated firearms are increasingly more difficult to discern from real firearms and as a result, they are being used to commit serious criminal offenses. The victims in these crimes believe the weapons are real and are terrified that their life is imminently in danger when threatened with one.

It is for this reason; we support the passage of H.B. 147. Thank you.