STAND. COM. REP. NO.

Honolulu, Hawaii

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S.B. No. 2845 RE: S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2024 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2845 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREARMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- Prohibit a person from selling ammunition to a person under the age of twenty-one; and
- Prohibit a person under the age of twenty-one from (2) owning, possessing, or controlling ammunition.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from two members of the Hawai'i County Council, Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Indivisible Hawaii, Brady Campaign to End Gun Violence, Everytown for Gun Safety, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America Hawai'i Chapter, Students Demand Action for Gun Sense Hawaii Chapter, Indivisible Hawaii Healthcare Team, and over fifty-five individuals.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the National Rifle Association, Pu'uloa Rifle and Pistol Club, Hawaii Rifle Association, Hawaii Firearms Coalition, and over two hundred individuals.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Honolulu Police Department and one individual.

Your Committee finds that while the State has some of the strongest gun safety laws in the nation, state laws restricting the sale, ownership, and possession of ammunition do not currently align with other gun safety measures. Additionally, numerous states, including Arizona, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont, have set a minimum age requirement for ammunition sales. Your Committee further finds that setting a minimum age requirement to purchase, own, or possess ammunition that conforms to the existing minimum age requirement to purchase, own, or possess a firearm in the State will help to ensure the safety of residents and reduce incidents of gun violence in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding language to exempt individuals who are less than twenty-one years of age who are engaged in hunting or target shooting pursuant to section 134-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes; 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 and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2845, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2845, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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

GLENN WAKAI) Chai

The Senate Thirty-Second Legislature State of Hawaiʻi

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
WAKAI, Glenn (C)		V			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)		V			
FUKUNAGA, Carol		L			
RHOADS, Karl		V_			
AWA, Brenton					
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Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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