

**BILL057(22)**  
**Testimony**

**MISC. COMM. 515**

COUNCIL

## **COUNCIL Meeting**

Meeting Date: Nov 29, 2022 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 60

Oppose: 196

I wish to comment: 44

Name: Richard Stange	Email: richardstng83@gmail.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 18, 2022 @ 05:05 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I'm a public school teacher in Hawaii. I think it is crazy to allow people to carry guns all over the place. I wouldn't feel safe in my neighborhood anymore. I wouldn't feel safe in Hawaii anymore. For the life of me, I can't understand why the republicans want guns anywhere near schools.</p>		
Name: Justin Hiraoka	Email: Justinhk@hawaii.edu	Zip: 96814
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 19, 2022 @ 07:46 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>This law is unconstitutional. New York tried to have a similar law and a judge has suspended its effects. Please don't waste taxpayers money on an illegal law. Crime is increasing and danger to hawaii citizens gets worse every day. All this law would do its create "kill" zones. Zones where criminals know the people are unarmed and defenseless. The people of Hawaii finally have the right to defend their lives and those they love, please don't make us all defenseless again. This law, effectivly is a carry ban.</p> <p>Thanks,</p>		
Name: ARABELLA ARK	Email: arabellaark@icloud.com	Zip: 96748
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 20, 2022 @ 07:29 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Please do not endorse allowing citizens to carry concealed weapons. To do so would be to publicly encourage the kind of random gun violence we hear about every day on the mainland. Please keep Honolulu as gun free as possible. I have lived on O'ahu, Maui, and Molokai for over fifty years. I do not want to fear for my safety and the safety of my family when we visit Honolulu in the future. Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>Arabella Ark Kaunakakai</p>		
Name: Chanara Richmond	Email: chanaracaseyrichmond@gmail.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 20, 2022 @ 01:48 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>A gun-ban zone is a place where law-abiding citizens are sitting ducks. Places where innocent people are most likely to be targeted by criminals who don't obey the law. Guns don't kill people. Criminals kill people. Bill 057(22) will benefit criminals and harm law-abiding citizens.</p>		
Name: Deirdre Madrid	Email: deirdre.madrid@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 20, 2022 @ 04:16 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Gun free zones are unconstitutional in 1995 SCOTUS ruled in United States v. Lopez, that "gun free zones" are unconstitutional. "Sensitive Places" are nothing more than a new name for gun-free zones and are therefore unconstitutional. Establishing gun-free zones attract those who are willing to break laws to harm unarmed people. They do not benefit the innocent.</p>		
Name:	Email:	Zip:

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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 20, 2022 @ 04:33 PM

Testimony:

I do not see the need for people to get their jollies off by carrying a firearm in public, concealed or otherwise. The Supreme Court did a major disservice to US. citizens and others physically in the country. What I will do, as shown on many crime shows, is if I see a gun I will immediately SCREAM GUN, and continue to scream it. We are not safe with people carrying firearms in public.

I do agree with every restriction in the proposed ordinance and any others that may be added. I object to the deletion of any restrictions.

One thing that does not seem to be covered is apartment buildings. While they are residences, most have elevators. I would be terrified is someone riding in an elevator, with me, a very enclosed space, is carrying a loaded firearm, unless said person is a law enforcement officer. There is no escape from a shut elevator. This needs to be addressed. There are maybe 1,000 residents where I live and there is no protection for us in the common areas. This must be rectified.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

I also object, as I and others have done at the legislature, to items introduced by request. The name(s) of the requester(s) need to be listed. Otherwise, there is no transparency in government. Who knows, maybe it is the mayor, the governor, a legislator, a prosecutor, an industry group. etc. We need to be told up front. And if the requester doesn't want their name known, then the measure should be shelved.

Lynne Matusow

Name: Charles Rushforth	Email: rushfortht@aol.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 20, 2022 @ 05:49 PM

Testimony:

In case you have never read it: AMENDMENT II to the Constitution of the United States. (Pretty Simple)

"A well regulated Militia being necessary to the security of a Free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed."

Do you understand the word INFRINGED? There is no other logic involved about whether I deserve to have a gun under whatever criteria you propose. Guns for hunting are not part of the discussion. Muzzle loaders versus today's guns are not part of the discussion. The focus of this "Right to keep and maintain Arms" is the security of a Free State (The Rule of Law). As most public servants - military and others, vow: "I swear to support and defend the Constitution of the United States from all enemies of the United States, both foreign and DOMESTIC!

It is clear that the intent of Bill 57 is to make it impossible to carry arms in the Honolulu City & County. You are proposing to create a checkerboard, 'Ouiji Board' of real estate and facilities that no normal person could possibly keep track of. Great Law huh? You are also demanding restriction on freedom of movement of a significant portion of Hawaii's citizens.

Apparently your desired net effect from Bill 57 is to criminalize all weapons carry in your area of responsibility. No normal person could possibly keep track of all your categories of terrain and facilities. You do, of course understand that most gun crimes are perpetrated by criminal outside the law. Yet, you propose to criminalize the behavior of normal citizens, with an obscene list of prohibited places in the City and County that creates instant criminals of any unwary citizen? If you insist, here's an idea, Why don't you amend HB57 to require well marked fences around all no gun areas? Constitution be damned! Now that would really make sense???

Meanwhile, the government is perpetrating upon the public, large numbers of those committing all sorts of misdemeanors and felonies by allowing persons with many dozens of offenses on "the street" to perform more carnage on our population and visitors. Shame on the lot of you. I'm deeply offended by the priorities of your leadership and yours if you vote for this travesty you



presume to call legislation. "For the good of the people" you are legislating that they risk heavy jail time if they dare to defend themselves and loved ones against well armed criminal assailants. I'm gonna throw up!

For your edification: IF you do not know that the worst carnage from guns in the United States is regularly documented as within "NO Gun Zones," (check it out) you do not deserve to sit as a representative of all the people. How dare you attempt to destroy the Constitutional Right of us citizens to keep and bear arms.

Here's one for those that tell us they have only the best public interest at heart. "We must ban all guns in any way we can??"

Example: In Switzerland the national law mandates that all citizens of age have guns and all must be trained to use them.

Result? One of the lowest gun crime rates in the world. How could that possibly be? Explain that if you can?

It puts a bad taste in my mouth that I feel compelled to send this to you, our public servants!

Name: Chasity Ito	Email: chasityito@gmail.com	Zip: 96797
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 20, 2022 @ 10:03 PM

Testimony:

People should be able to defend themselves and others, especially in places where there are those who are vulnerable. For example, law abiding citizens who choose to bear arms for self defense could save lives in places like schools or parks. If a person who intends to commit a crime knows no one can stop him or her in a particular place because it is "sensitive" or "gun-free", that person will be more brazen and reckless. We need to let the good guys carry firearms for self defense. Bad guys will not respect "gun-free" zones, instead, they may see it as an opportunity. Carrying a firearm is a huge responsibility, and the good guys who are willing to bear that responsibility may be those who are willing to defend themselves, their families, loved ones, and the vulnerable that don't have the means for self-defense.

See below, as others are able to better articulate the reasons Bill 57 should be opposed:

In 1995 the SCOTUS has ruled in United States v. Lopez, that "gun free zones" are unconstitutional. "Sensitive Places" are nothing more than a new name for gun-free zones and are therefore unconstitutional.

As Justice Thomas has stated, "We know of no other constitutional right that an individual may exercise only after demonstrating to government officers some special need. That is not how the First Amendment works when it comes to unpopular speech or the free exercise of religion. It is not how the Sixth Amendment works when it comes to a defendant's right to confront the witnesses against him. And it is not how the Second Amendment works when it comes to public carry for self defense."

Restricting law abiding citizens in the types of firearms they can own, magazine capacities, methods of carry, places in which they can carry, etc. will not make the public safer.

In the landmark SCOTUS decision in NYSRPA vs. Bruen, the court reaffirmed a citizen's right to BEAR arms in public, and stated that the "sensitive places" doctrine cannot be used as a blanket prohibition on weapons carry.

Name: Alice Abellanida	Email: jesusnokaoi@msn.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 21, 2022 @ 03:40 AM

Testimony:

I am strongly opposed to this bill. It is an egregious violation of the 2nd amendment which clearly states that our rights shall not be infringed. Having an armed citizenry is a deterrent to crime. Criminals, who do not follow the law, will be less emboldened, if law abiding citizens are armed. This abominable piece of legislation needs to be dead on arrival. I urge you to vote NO.

Mahalo!

Alice Abellanida  
Waianae

Name: Allison Anderman	Email: aanderman@giffords.org	Zip: 20005
Representing: Giffords	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 21, 2022 @ 08:03 AM

Name: Catherine Orlans	Email: corlans@outlook.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 21, 2022 @ 08:56 AM

Testimony:

I would like to suggest that this bills definition Sec.40-F.2 for protecting citizens First Amendment expressive activities be updated to outlaw concealed carry within 1,000 feet (instead of 100) of the outer edge of any group of 15 or more people (instead of 25) in a public place. I would feel safer as a resident if this is increased. I would only feel as safe as you could be with people walking around with guns for no reason anyway.

Lastly, as a mother of a son with autism, an invisible disability, I would like the council to consider these residents in their population when discussing this bill. We all have rights and our rights to live peacefully should not be overlooked for the rights of people with big egos and lack of empathy. I do not want Hawaii turning into the USA continent with residents getting gun happy and trying to do the job of trained policemen and women. I have seen over and over again in the media, residents killing or man-handling people with disabilities. More awareness for diversity is needed in our community with this bill. Therefore, please increase funding for mental health services and beds available to our residents. And also please reconsider introducing new laws to protect the most vulnerable populations.

Name: Stephen Britto	Email: shuffle-same-0g@icloud.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 21, 2022 @ 12:45 PM

Testimony:

To all government officials, thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

I oppose Bill057(22) as it violates the US Constitution and serves no "protection" to the people of this state. The fact of the matter is that you council members as well as every law-abiding individual (including law-abiding gun owners) abhor violence of any kind against other fellowmen. This is why we as a society agree to laws that we already have on the books to hold accountable those who would commit such crimes of violence. The irony to the proposal of such bills as 057(22) is that when an individual or group acts out such violence in the places proposed, you recommend violence of action to stop those individuals or groups by calling the police. So in essence, you would have to agree that it takes an act of violence to stop an act of violence. I believe that the 2nd Amendment at its core is just that, a person's right, if they so choose, to defend themselves and others by confronting violence with violence in any place and time that is deemed necessary by the individual defending themselves.

The US Supreme Court has made it clear that law enforcement agencies are not required to provide protection to the citizens who are forced to pay the police for their "services." In the cases DeShaney vs. Winnebago and Town of Castle Rock vs. Gonzales, the supreme court has ruled that police agencies are not obligated to provide protection to citizens. In other words, police are well within their rights to pick and choose when to intervene to protect the lives and property of others — even when a threat is apparent.

A professor and associate dean at the University of Florida School of Law, Darren L. Hutchinson said, "Neither the Constitution nor state law, impose a general duty upon police officers or other government officials to protect individual persons from harm — even when they know the harm will occur,". "Police can watch someone attack you, refuse to intervene, and not violate the Constitution." The Supreme Court has repeatedly held that the government has only a duty to protect persons who are "in custody," he pointed out. Imagine that!

This is like COVID all over again except with guns. This bill is an attempt to "protect" the public just like the nonsensical COVID bills that were passed. However, as we already noted above, government officials have no constitutional obligation to protect the people. BILL057(22) applies no logic by submitting that gun-free zones keep the public safe. The fact of the matter is that criminals don't follow rules or laws like these and gun-free zones only make for better targets because there is no threat to them in

these areas. Make no mistake that BILL057(22) creates exactly that, a gun-free zone.

Moreover, In 1995 the SCOTUS ruled in United States v. Lopez, that "gun-free zones" are unconstitutional. "Sensitive Places" are nothing more than a new name for gun-free zones and are therefore unconstitutional.

As Justice Thomas has stated, "We know of no other constitutional right that an individual may exercise only after demonstrating to government officers some special need. That is not how the First Amendment works when it comes to unpopular speech or the free exercise of religion. It is not how the Sixth Amendment works when it comes to a defendant's right to confront the witnesses against him. And it is not how the Second Amendment works when it comes to public carry for self-defense."

This argument can go on forever and I know that it will because we have individuals in government that believe they have an obligation to protect the people they serve. But is this really serving when a bill like 057(22) is proposed? If you really want to serve the people of this state by protecting something, then protect their GOD-given inalienable rights as stated in the constitution. There's no other better service you can provide. It's not your job to protect the public from the boogieman and the evil that lurks in the shadows. Your job as a government official is to see to it that government stays out of the way of the people to obtain life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and insure that the people have the freedom to protect these things in the manner, time, and place they see fit. I believe BILL057(22) will cause more lawsuits due to its unconstitutionality.

Thank you.

Name: Philip Rapoza	Email: prapoza@hawaii.edu	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 22, 2022 @ 05:10 AM

Testimony:  
I am opposed to this unconstitutional policy

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Representing: University of Hawaii	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 22, 2022 @ 07:59 AM

Name: Dennis Gregory	Email: surfrrr1235@gmail.com	Zip: 96740
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Nov 22, 2022 @ 11:15 AM

Testimony:  
O boy! Now we get to carry guns just like the big bad Mainland.  
Forget Puna as the Wild West, if we go down this twisted path of carrying handguns, the whole island will be the Wild West.  
This adolescent attraction to handguns is dead serious. Every other beef will turn into a gunfight. Now when people fight it's just a few punches, if you give people guns, it won't be just a black eye, it will be a black shroud.  
If somebody slugs Junior, you don't think he'll pull out his gun, he will. So will a lot of others.  
Putting guns in the hands of the public is dangerous, irresponsible and unnecessary. The only ones who should have guns are the military, police and hunters.  
Do you really want people carrying guns around? It will only add nervousness and distrust to your day? Everyone you see could have a gun in their pocket.  
It will poison our aloha spirit.  
There are very few guns used in crimes in our county anyway. On our island of 150,000 people, in all of 2020 only 5 guns were used in robberies. The same year 10 were used in assaults, most were friends and family.  
So there were maybe 2 to 6 people who had to "protect themselves" from some stranger. That's the number of people that fit into a car on the road. Should we arm thousands of citizens over 6 people? I think not.  
Protecting yourself with a gun is mostly a myth. It is so rare that when a citizen actually protects himself with a gun, it's national news. He's a big hero.  
And now in our county there's a sensible list of places, like churches and airports, where you can't have a gun. The council is being pressured into whittling down the list, people feel they need their guns everywhere. Better have your pistol ready.

Who knows what armed muggers are hiding in the library?

What dangers lurk in churches and daycare centers? Better frisk the reverend, he could be packin'.

Face it, if you need a loaded handgun in church, a daycare center or a hospital there's something wrong with your brain and you shouldn't have a gun in the first place.

You want loaded guns in a bar full of drunks? or at an airport? There's an IQ problem here, too low to own a gun.

Discussing the new gun law, Councilman Matt Kanealii-Kleinfelder said the list was "pretty much every place in the county." Matt, now you're getting it. It's supposed to be every place in the county. It makes things safer.

Councilwoman Heather Kimball fundamentally disagreed that the county is safer packing heat. She's right, listen to her.

County council, please don't whittle down the list of sensitive places, make it longer. Have the list include any place outside your front door.

But if you must, make it as restrictive as possible. Peoples' lives are at stake.

Guns don't end trouble, they start trouble, everytime, no matter who carries them.

Dennis Gregory writes a bi-monthly column for West Hawaii Today and welcomes your comments at makewavess@yahoo.com

Name: Juli Shaindlin	Email: julitseitz@hotmail.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 22, 2022 @ 12:24 PM

Testimony:

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and members of the committee,

My name is Juli Seitz Shaindlin, I live in Honolulu, and I am testifying today in support of Bill 57.

Guns do NOT belong anywhere near our kids - at schools, parks, or other places where children play. Parents should not have to wonder whether someone is carrying a gun every time we go into a local business, restaurant, or when we take our family to the zoo. The idea that concealed guns could be in these places makes me feel less safe in our community. My son and I have a snack with friends at a mall after school several times a week. Its incomprehensible that I've had to think and plan an exit route/strategy and hiding place if there is ever an active shooter situation, as we have all seen many times on the mainland. We do not need more places in our community where people can carry a concealed, deadly weapon.

I appreciate that the Mayor has proposed this common-sense ordinance, I hope the Council will pass it and that the state will follow Honolulu's lead by passing statewide legislation to address this issue.

Thank you,

Juli Seitz Shaindlin

Name: Susan Pcola-Davis	Email: susanp60@yahoo.com	Zip: 96797
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 22, 2022 @ 03:30 PM

Name: Viktor Savchenko	Email: neolo@usa.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 22, 2022 @ 03:56 PM

Testimony:

Firearms should be strictly illegal and without exceptions.

Name: Matt Lau	Email: mattcalling@gmail.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Nov 22, 2022 @ 04:04 PM

Testimony:

I am not only in support of this bill but need to include other sensitive places like hospitals, funeral homes, etc... Unfortunately, my

ideal list includes everywhere but that will not happen

Name: Rita Kama-Kimura	Email: seeknfind@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 22, 2022 @ 04:13 PM

Testimony:

To Honolulu City Council Members;

I am writing in opposition to... H57 "Relating to the Public Carry of Firearms"

I believe the purpose of the conceal and carry licensing is to give law abiding citizens the right and ability to defend themselves when out and about. Sadly it is well known that crime in our beautiful home of Hawaii appears to be rising and there is still a shortage of law enforcement men and women.

Still trying to figure out the logic of announcing to the world, should this bill pass, those areas which would remain vulnerable!

So now you want to tie the hands of law abiding, trained, certified, licensed gun owners to defend themselves and/or the public should the time come, when you know darn well criminals don't and never have followed the law!

I prefer the idea that if I am out and about and something should happen, that there is a chance someone who is carrying is there to help. I strongly urge you to oppose the passing of this bill.

Respectfully

Rita Kama-Kimura

Name: Teresa Parsons	Email: tapanc06@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Nov 22, 2022 @ 04:19 PM

Testimony:

Regarding carrying firearms in public places:

While I support responsible gun ownership, I do NOT think weapons should be carried in public (open or concealed). Weapons have no purpose in the following locations:

Hospitals, long term care, or any other medical practice/activity; State or City/County offices; shopping malls, schools, grocery stores, or other large public gathering spaces including parks and stadiums; ANY location where alcohol is sold or served.

All of these locations have documented instances of active shooters/mass shootings in America. We don't need weapons in these settings.

Personally, I think very few citizens have the Training to be responsible with a weapon in public.

Thank you for taking my testimony. I am a 30-year Active Duty Army combat Veteran and Nurse Practitioner. I've seen what weapons can do in the hands of the poorly trained. Our ERs do NOT need more business. Keep weapons at home, require licensing, training, and liability insurance to own firearms.

Name: Barbara Gomes	Email: bgomes@hawaiiantel.net	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 22, 2022 @ 04:35 PM

Testimony:

Dear Chair, Vice Chair & members of this committee,

My name is Barbara Gomes and I live on the Windward side of Oahu. I am testifying today in support of Bill 57.

I am an involved citizen, a mother, and a teacher. Please, please help keep Oahu one of the safest places to live in our country. We have been very fortunate to raise our children in such a safe place. One of the main reasons for our safe environment is our strong gun safety restrictions. Please do everything you can to keep guns out of all public areas. Mahalo for your consideration

of this critical bill!

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Barbara Gomes

Zip Code 96734

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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 22, 2022 @ 04:47 PM

Testimony:

I support bill 57 and the need to create sensitive places where firearms are not allowed.

Name: Jane Gallagher Felix	Email: jane@liamfelix.com	Zip: 967343419
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Nov 22, 2022 @ 04:51 PM

Testimony:

Aloha Councilmembers,

My husband and I would strongly encourage you to maximize the number of sensitive areas that a concealed gun can be carried while a resident is out of their home. We are always grateful that we live in Hawai'i; but never more so than when we hear of yet another shooting occurring on the mainland. While we can tolerate the idea of carefully vetted individuals keeping a gun in their home, we are extremely disappointed that the Supreme Court ruling has forced the concealed carrying of guns to be permitted here in Hawai'i. Until such time as our country imposes greater control over guns and their owners, we hope that Hawai'i will make owning and carrying a gun outside of the gun owner's property as limited as possible.

Mahalo for your consideration of our wishes.

Aloha, Jane and David Felix

Name: Nancy Taylor	Email: taylorn005@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 22, 2022 @ 04:55 PM

Testimony:

I do not think that firearms should be allowed outside the home in Hawaii. This seems to me to be contrary to everything Hawaii is. We are a community of aloha and firearms in no way enhances aloha. I vehemently oppose any legislation that will make our communities less safe for our residents or visitors and firearms outside the home endangers us all.

Name: Janice Takemoto-Gentile	Email: jtakemotogentile@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 22, 2022 @ 05:05 PM

Testimony:

PLEASE KEEP OUR KEIKI AND FAMILIES SAFE FROM GUNS BY EXEMPTING AREAS WHERE FAMILIES AND CHILDREN FREQUENT: PARKS, RESTAURANTS, THEATERS, STATE FAIRS, CARNIVALS, BEACHES, SCHOOLS, CAMPING AREAS, BEACHES, AUDITORIUMS, AMUSEMENT PARKS, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, FARMERS MARKETS, GROCERY STORES, MALLS AND SHOPPPING CENTERS, HIKING TRAILS.

Name: Josie Bidgood	Email: josie.bidgood@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Nov 22, 2022 @ 05:28 PM

Testimony:

I have always taken pride in the fact that Hawaii has strict gun laws and our citizens seem to think this is fine.

I support the efforts to keep guns off school properties, churches and all other places of worship, public beaches, parks and recreational areas and any other place that people would have an expectation of going and being safe from guns.

Thank you.

Josie Bidgood  
Kahaluu

Name: Jason Moore	Email: jasonohua@yahoo.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Nov 22, 2022 @ 05:32 PM

Testimony:

There should be no designated "No Carry" zones... private property locations can and should make their own decisions as to where and if they allow anything or anybody on their own private property. Public or governmental property belongs to the people and citizens of the United States of America, and as such, there should be NO specific areas that will be a No Carry Zone.

Name: Thomas Wheeler	Email: tom@opalfields.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Nov 22, 2022 @ 05:34 PM

Testimony:

We have a crisis with drug & alcohol-addicted mentally ill people commandeering the streets of our city's and state's most important economic district - Waikiki. Our precious visitors spend thousands of dollars and travel thousands of miles to have the vacation experience Waikiki offers. We simply CAN NOT afford the damage to our brand that is levied by these few people who are so offensive to our visitors and everyone in Waikiki.

This is a crisis that is causing incredible damage to our economy and threatens the safety and security of everyone in Waikiki.

Why do we let these few people continue to terrorize the most important part of our community? When is this going to stop? It is the government's responsibility to not allow this to continue.

If you want to define "sensitive" places - let's start with that and give our law enforcement and social services the power they need to end this once and for all. ARE GUNS IN SENSITIVE PLACES REALLY A PROBLEM?? IS THIS WHERE THE TIME AND ENERGY OF OUR LEGISLATIVE PROCESSES SHOULD BE? REALLY??

Name: Mariah Yoshizu	Email: mariah.smith13@gmail.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 22, 2022 @ 06:11 PM

Testimony:

I support Bill 57 to create "sensitive spaces" outside of the home where guns will not be allowed. Guns should not be carried outside of the home unless for game hunting, but ESPECIALLY in high traffic public areas. Please help protect our community and keep our parks, schools, public transport safe from potential harm.

Thank you.

Name: Barbara Mayer	Email: bamayer@gmail.com	Zip: 96795
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 22, 2022 @ 08:07 PM

Testimony:

I **\*\*WHOLEHEARTEDLY\*\*** SUPPORT Bill 57. Guns of any sort should not be permitted in "sensitive places", e.g. schools, parks and on public transportation.

Frankly, I would like to see gun-carrying prohibited in a lot of other places, as well.

Name: Guinevere de la Mare	Email: naia_007@hotmail.com	Zip: 96734
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Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Nov 22, 2022 @ 08:12 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I fully support the 170-year ban on firearms in Hawaii. People should not be allowed to bring firearms to schools, parks, public transit, or any other gathering spots. Our keiki should be safe at school, our 'ohana should be able to gather without fear. Mass shootings are a public health emergency in the USA—just look at the children murdered in Uvalde and the hate crimes committed against LGBTQ folks in Colorado Springs and Black Americans in Buffalo, NY. No individual should have the right to own an assault rifle or bring any firearm into a public setting. You want guns? Shoot them at a range. Get a permit, just like driving. Lock them up in your own home to “protect your property.” Statistically you’re far more likely to kill yourself or a family member, especially a woman, but that’s your “right.” The 2nd amendment does not give you permission to own an assault rifle or take the lives of children and innocent citizens. Guns do not belong in public, despite what the NRA lobby pays you to believe.</p>		
Name: Kathy Saiki	Email: meatstinks@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 22, 2022 @ 08:25 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I oppose Bill 57 which would prohibit firearms at sensitive places. This will make sensitive places targets for those who want to commit mass killings. Easy prey--people will be sitting ducks! They will have no defense. We hear a lot of violence on the mainland at places where firearms are prohibited. Columbine High School, Colorado in 1999 is an example, it was a gun-free zone and there were two students who opened fire killing 13. If someone at these places had a firearm, they could thwart the killers. Hawaii is not unique--we are late. What happens on the mainland eventually works its way here. Isn't the reason for conceal carry for protection? It doesn't make sense to ban firearms as all it does is point out potential targets.</p>		
Name: Heidi Shimada	Email: heidi.shimada@gmail.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 22, 2022 @ 08:27 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I was shocked that the Supreme Court ruled in favor of making communities less safe. I'm glad the City Council is working on legislation to protect our community.</p> <p>Having clear gun laws helps both law enforcement and the public feel safe.</p>		
Name: Keith Watanabe	Email: ampeep@yahoo.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 22, 2022 @ 08:48 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Colorado House Minority Leader Patrick Neville was a student at the high school in Columbine CO at the time of the 1999 shooting. He had proposed legislation to end gun free zones &amp; allow teachers to defend our students. Although the Colorado House didn't pass the legislation, he had received support for his ideas, including former Columbine classmates.</p> <p>Many students supported the bill, but “because of the anti-gun opposition, which is so organized and well-funded, has been so vitriolic about it, they’re scared to come out.”</p> <p>“I think ending gun free zones would deter these from happening because the person is going to think twice and they’re going to know that they aren’t going to go in unopposed. They’re going to face fierce opposition once they hit that school door. They’re going to think twice and not even do it in the first place.”</p> <p>So called “sensitive places” will point out places where deranged individuals know they will be unopposed when they want to cause harm.</p>		
Name: Charles Gill	Email: charlesgill1050@gmail.com	Zip: 96817



Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Nov 22, 2022 @ 09:39 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Dear Honolulu City Council,</p> <p>Regarding Bill 57 (2022)</p> <p>Please ask the Corporation Counsel of the City and County of Honolulu for their Opinion regarding the Constitutionality of Bill 57. Then share Corporation Counsel's Opinion with the Major, City Council, and the Public.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p>Charles Gill</p>		
Name: Gretchen Gould	Email: gretchen.gould@stanfordalumni.org	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 22, 2022 @ 09:41 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I do not think guns have any place in public places where people should feel safe from firearms. Actually, I do not think the public should be allowed to carry guns, concealed or not ANY PLACE. Guns kill and hurt people and that is not what anyone in the public should do. When YOU have a gun, chances are very good that you will get hurt with that same gun!! Guns are not for protection; they are for police and service members only.</p> <p>I support the bill, but think it should go MUCH further.</p> <p>Mahalo for the chance to express an opinion.</p> <p>Gretchen Gould, Kaneohe on behalf of myself and my children and grandchildren</p>		
Name: Kevin Kacatin	Email: ukazzh@gmail.com	Zip: 96782
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 22, 2022 @ 11:54 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Aloha,</p> <p>I wish to express the utmost OPPOSITION to BILL057(22) RELATING TO THE PUBLIC CARRY OF FIREARMS that essentially prohibits self defense by citizens. The endless "list" of "sensitive places" is an absolute insult to those that have experienced assaults, threats, and daily uncomfortability in MANY public places in Honolulu County by criminals that have been free to target unarmed innocent citizens thanks to government overreach that prevents citizens from being able to defend themselves in public.</p> <p>Ultimately this will lose in the court of law and this "dog and pony" show is a waste of taxpayer time as it appears the City and County of Honolulu would rather make a POLITICAL position than do what is proper and ethically correct.</p> <p>Again, I oppose BILL057(22) RELATING TO THE PUBLIC CARRY OF FIREARMS as a citizen of the City and County of Honolulu that no longer wishes to be "easy prey" for the growing population of criminals on the island of Oahu that have reaped the rewards of a local government that would rather kowtow to POLITICAL agendas than encourage and support citizens to exercise their natural pre-existing rights.</p>		
Name: June Ruiz	Email: iune.k.ru@gmail.com	Zip: 96797
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 05:34 AM
<p>Testimony:</p>		

Aloha Mayor Blangiardi and the City Council, I would like to request that all government buildings, agencies, and offices where services are offered to the public should be added to the list of where individuals cannot conceal and carry. Let's use yesterday's (11/22/22) shooting at a Walmart store in Virginia as an example of how a gun owner may have used a firearm to murder his employees and then himself. People who own guns legally may use their firearms in a crime of passion and kill people. That could very well happen in Hawaii, especially when certain individuals retaliate against government workers because they were asked to leave for disruptive behavior. And let's not forget about road rage. We may see an uptick of shootings on our roads and highways because gun owners will claim they're firing their weapon in self defense rather than call law enforcement.

Mahalo,  
June Ruiz

Name: nancy perry	Email: nancyperry808@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 06:58 AM

Testimony:  
I don't think gun should be carried by anyone except the police and the military. Guns are for killing.

Name: Lisa Vlachakis	Email: lisaleach32@hotmail.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 07:02 AM

Testimony:  
Law-abiding citizens are not going to be shooting people at schools, parks, and on public transportation. All this does is criminalize those who want to carry protection. Please research the perpetrators of recent shootings, all carried out by people who were known to authorities, who should have been in jail, who should not have been allowed a gun if the laws already on the books were followed. Let's focus on keeping criminals behind bars instead of on the streets if you want to reduce the increase in violence. Enforce the laws already on the books. What's the point of new laws, if you don't enforce the old laws? All this does is make law-abiding citizens an easy target.

Mahalo for your consideration, Lisa

Name: Bernardo Soriano	Email: bern.soriano@gmail.com	Zip: 96701
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 07:28 AM

Testimony:  
I oppose BILL057(22). It is a known fact violent crimes have been increasing. Police cannot be in all places at all times. They are admittedly understaffed. If bill goes through, is the HPD going to provide additional officers at each of the stated sensitive places to ensure public safety at all times? Even with appropriate staff, police respond to and document the after effects of violent/deadly crimes more than they prevent violent/deadly crimes from happening. As a law abiding citizen, we have a right to defend ourselves and our loved ones against deadly force/potentially violent crimes in and outside the home. By placing restrictions on areas where a law-abiding citizen can conceal carry, it presents a greater opportunity for violent criminals to attack knowing that law-abiding citizens will not be able to sufficiently defend themselves. Even with strict gun laws and sensitive places such as schools, gun violence is still occurring. Criminals pay no attention to the law. It is fairly obvious that restrictive gun laws are not decreasing violent crimes from occurring. Law abiding citizens have a right to protect themselves and their loved ones and deserve to feel safe when going out into the public. Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony.

Name: Lory Ono	Email: kealelani@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 08:19 AM

Testimony:  
This Bill makes good sense, and I support it. Mahalo!

Name: Kevin Carney	Email: usn6125@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 08:50 AM

Testimony:

I am a responsible gun owner, trained in the handling of guns by my father when I was a child. I have also received extensive training on both hand and long guns from the US Navy prior to my retirement and then more training in order to purchase my handgun here in Honolulu. I am not opposed to training or background checks. But I am strongly opposed to all the concealed carry restrictions proposed in this bill. The extent of the restrictions leads me to think that the bill would be easier to understand if it listed the places where concealed carry is acceptable! This bill is obviously intended to discourage our citizens to apply for a concealed carry license by totally restricting their daily lives.

I travel often to the states of Georgia and Washington where my children have taken up residence and where concealed carry is legal, and I have seen men and women of all ages carrying a weapon in public. The most unusual was a woman pushing a baby stroller with a gun on her hip as she entered a big box store. My point is that law abiding citizens across our great country carry guns while performing their daily business of life. Law abiding citizens do not go berserk just because they have a weapon on their person.

I respectfully request that this bill be deferred to allow more input in hopes of arriving at less restrictions to our civil right. Mahalo.

Name: Kamakani De Dely	Email: kamakaniolu@hotmail.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 10:14 AM

Testimony:

I support the conceal carry and 2nd amendment of our god given right to protect ourself. I also oppose of any place that's sensitive not to be allowed to carry as those will be hot spots for criminal activity.

Name: James Logue	Email: jameslogue412@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 10:39 AM

Testimony:

I oppose the idea of "sensitive" places because I truly believe in the U.S. Constitution regardless of how others may "feel". You constitution grants citizens certain rights and one of those is the right to bear arms. It doesn't say the right to bear arms except in sensitive places or government property.

In reality, people should have the right to carry where ever they go unless a private business posts otherwise. Bus stops, for example, are dangerous places and there have been plenty of incidents that happened at city bus stops to include a recent shooting of a young woman at a bus stop.

As the former Union Steward for my state office worksite I've had to listen to complaints from employees about how our parking lots were unsafe due to thefts, break-ins and intimidation in the parking lots attached to the office. On employee had a knife pulled on her as she confronted a thief breaking in to her car. Another employee had confronted someone breaking in to his car in our state property parking lot and ended up being dragged by the criminal with his own car.

I would argue that due to the inability of the Honolulu Police Department to properly staff patrol officers, that the people should have every single means to defend themselves should it be necessary. We can look around and see that crime is increasing and it is a fallacious argument to say that "more guns means more violence" because by "more guns" you're stating "more legally owned guns" due to the pure fact that criminals will have firearms regardless of laws.

For these reasons, I oppose this bill and hope the Council will do the same as each elected officials swore to uphold the Constitution of the United States.

Mahalo

Name: Roarke Clinton	Email: roarkeclinton@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 10:49 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I support Bill 57 to restrict guns in certain areas (sensitive spaces) throughout Oahu. People carrying guns around will only beget more people feeling like they need to also carry guns for protection. We should do our best to limit where guns can be carried so that what might otherwise be fistfights don't turn into sad bloodshed.</p>		
Name: Eric Schiff	Email: eschiff5@gmail.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 10:53 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I strongly support Bill 57 as drafted.</p>		
Name: Kim Koa	Email: kimkoa@live.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 10:53 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I support the conceal carry and 2nd amendment of our god given right to protect ourself. I also oppose of any place that's sensitive not to be allowed to carry as those will be hot spots for criminal activity.</p>		
Name: Ryan Willis	Email: willis19.r@gmail.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 11:59 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Water follows the path of least resistance.</p> <p>Criminals don't follow laws, that is what makes them criminals.</p> <p>Criminals are going to exploit the so called "sensitive places" and only see them as soft targets with no resistance.</p> <p>These exact ordinances in Bill057(2022) were plagerised from New York's CCIA laws and have already been litigated in the following cases:</p> <p>Christian v. Nigrelli – Judge Sinatra Jr., US District Court Western District of New York</p> <p>Antonyuk v Nigrelli – Judge Suddaby., US District Court Northern District of New York</p> <p>Hardaway v. Nigrelli - Judge Sinatra Jr., US District Court Western District of New York</p>		
Name: Andrew Lum	Email: lum.andy@gmail.com	Zip: 96782
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 12:48 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I opposes this bill as it unduly can and will criminalize those who are able to obtain a concealed carry permit. With the vast amount of areas not allowed, if there are no clear markings denoting such, there can and will be many involuntary infractions. Are we also to assume, that criminals, or those with criminal intent, have also applied and been granted concealed or open carry permits will also abide by this new bill? I believe it is disingenuous to think that this bill will do anything but hinder those who take time to follow the law and penalize them instead of the criminals who should be punished. To think that this bill will pass and not immediately be challenged in court is also misguided, and will frankly be yet another in a long line of wastes of time and money by the C&amp;C of Honolulu.</p>		
Name: Marcus Tanaka	Email: changemyoil66@yahoo.com	Zip: 96814

Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 01:06 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Let the state make a law. You will lose in court if you pass anything besides what the SCOTUS ruled already on in Heller. And you have no sovereign immunity unlike how the state does.</p> <p>There is some confusion from those who don't agree on CCW. They think CCW holders and criminals/crazy people are the same. THEY ARE NOT THE SAME.</p> <p>CCW holders are law abiding citizens and even commit less crimes than police officers do. CCW holders also use their firearms for defense of themselves or others more often legally than police do. A recent 2020 study has 300+ times a CCW holder used their gun to stop a violent crime, compared to 200+ times police did (nationwide).</p> <p>Active shootings also happen over 90% of the time in gun free zones. This is verifiable on the FBI.gov website. Criminals and active shooters want you to pass this bill because they will not have to fear or worry about an armed CCW holder being there to stop what they're doing. They can hear the police sirens come and know they still have time to continue to commit their crimes.</p>		
Name: Joseph Palimoo	Email: joensummer18@gmail.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 01:21 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I oppose this bill because it infringes on my rights to bear arms and defend and protect myself everywhere I go. Stand by your oath to protect the constitution.</p>		
Name: Carolina Carreira	Email: going2carolina@yahoo.com	Zip: 96782
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 01:28 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>As a woman and mother of young children who is a responsible law-abiding citizen and a legal owner who will be seeking a concealed carry permit, I am appalled at Councilmember Water's ignorance in proposing bill 57. You fear what you do not understand, sir. You seek to "ensure the safety of our keiki, kupuna, and all residents" yet your proposed action will cause just the opposite. Gun-free zones paint proverbial targets on the back of our most vulnerable citizens (women, children, the elderly). Those who seek to do harm will not let your "gun-free" label stop them and will undoubtedly target those zones where they know there is less chance of someone stopping them. A perfect example of this would be a mass shooting in a Colorado Springs movie theater in July of 2012. The gunman was aware the movie theater was a gun-free zone and despite there being a police presence in Colorado Springs, 12 people lost their lives and 58 people were injured before police were able to respond. Compare that incident to an attempted mass shooting in Greenwood, Indianapolis at a shopping mall this past July, 2022. Elisjsa Dicken was trained and armed with a handgun and when an armed gunmen arrived with over 100 rounds and begin firing on the crowd, Elisjsa shot and killed the gunman. 3 people died that day but "many more people would have died... if not for a responsible armed citizen that took action very quickly within the first two minutes of the shooting," (Greenwood Police Chief James Ison).</p> <p>Mr. Waters and other persons against concealed carry permitting need to wake up to the fact that it is not responsible law-abiding citizens that you have to fear. All those who are seeking to conceal carry are prepared to go through all the education, training, background checks, and utter rigamarole that the state seeks to put us through in order to practice our right to keep and bear arms under the U.S. Constitution. Our state has a police force that is spread thin and we all KNOW that violent crime against our most vulnerable citizens grows rapidly by the day. Mr. Waters and his proposed bill denies the right to defend myself and those I love and bill 57 will penalize only the responsible law-abiding gun owner. It will EMPOWER criminals and those seeking to do harm.</p> <p>Finally, I IMPLORER Mr. Waters and all the councilmembers as well as any other legislators or those who hold political office (such as Jill Tokuda), to take a gun safety course that educates and familiarizes a person with firearms. You cannot make laws about something you have zero understanding of. You cannot make laws without seeking counsel/wisdom from those who are experts in the field of firearms. To do so is to remain willfully ignorant which makes the worst politicians and the worst laws.</p>		

Name: Joseph Palimoo	Email: summernjoe95@yahoo.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 01:33 PM
Testimony: I feel that criminals have more rights then law abiding citizens.criminals do not follow laws they break laws.they will continue carrying weapons ie firearms/knives/bats/etc in sensitive places whether there's laws or not.i oppose this bill..		

Name: Joshua Yamashiro	Email: jyamashiro@yahoo.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 01:44 PM
Testimony: I oppose bill 057.		

Name: Poni Autele	Email: kanakauso@gmail.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 01:46 PM
Testimony: Limiting places to concealed carry where most people and myself go on a daily basis, how do we protect ourselves from being harm from criminals if we are NOT allowed to carry is specific places? I, myself spend my evenings at the park doing my normal walks. Im in the Waianae area so things like that happens frequently especially to our kunpna's. Limiting our rights to carry in specific places will just put us law abiding citizens in danger and keep us from living our daily lives.		

Name: Bradd Haituka	Email: bonefishless@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 01:51 PM
Testimony: I oppose this bill as it is a violation of the 2nd amendment of the constitution, and is in violation of the recent ruling in the new york vs bru		

Name: Kimo Galon	Email: kimogalon@yahoo.com	Zip: 96826
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 01:55 PM
Testimony: To whom it may concern, I oppose Bill 57. This bill only affects law, abiding citizens, who are legally licensed to carry firearms concealed. We saw it halloween night when kids armed with knives and axes roamed the streets of Waikiki. This bill does nothing for the criminals who don't care what the laws are. This bill will keep us from carrying concealed firearm, virtually everywhere and does nothing for our safety, but put us in greater danger. When will this state realize that you cannot keep treating law abiding gun owners as criminals. I've had people break in to my residence when my family was home sleeping. I've witnessed HPD car chases pass my house on two occasions with who knows what kind of criminals are fleeing. Someone was shot one block away from my residence. What if that shooter went on a spree when I was at the same park with my family..... why is it that the criminal can carry his firearm and I'm left abiding the law in danger. Crack heads and punks running amuck in my neighborhood with no pushback from police. Instead they let them roam our neighborhoods. And yet you do nothing to help the community. HPD still needs to fill 400+ positions. Hawaii's democratic leadership is failing this state and the collapse of this state is in your hands because you will not listen to the people and make changes to better our state. "An armed community is a polite community"  Kimo Galon		

Name: Stephen Canham	Email: swc1837@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 01:59 PM
Name: Trevor Saiki	Email: saikitrevor@gmail.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 02:33 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I oppose bill 57</p> <p>The second amendment -A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.</p>		
Name: Alexander Garcia	Email: 5050vato@gmail.com	Zip: 96823
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 02:37 PM
Name: Erik Sunio	Email: e_sunio@yahoo.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 02:43 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>This bill goes against our rights and everything the 2nd amendment stands for. There's no way this bill can pass.</p>		
Name: Luka Dayton-Smith	Email: kaulelehi@gmail.com	Zip: 96727
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 02:48 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I oppose Bill 057, and I don't think that people trying to protect themselves and others should punished at the risk of possibly helping save lives.</p>		
Name: Brian Dy	Email: brian22dy@yahoo.com	Zip: 96818
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 02:50 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I oppose the bill.the right to bear arms shall not be infringed.</p>		
Name: Linda Norrington	Email: Lnsail1@yahoo.com	Zip: 96753
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 02:54 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>As a Hawaii resident, nurse, senior citizen, mother, and grandmother, I wish to speak out in opposition to the expansion of open carry gun laws in my State. While living on Maui, I visit Oahu and care about the regulations governing firearms. Hawaii has long had one of the lowest rates of gun violence and deaths and we need to act to preserve that record. More guns in public spaces does not equal less gun death and in fact only increases the likelihood of it. Adding guns into spaces serving alcohol is a recipe for more violence. The argument that the gun carrier will help protect others has been proven a false narrative in the many recent mass shootings. The most recent of which saw an unarmed person be the hero that stopped the killings. Our children deserve protection from guns being carried into schools and we all deserve to feel safe from gunfire in public spaces where no one can tell</p>		

how is a “good guy with a gun” versus the armed shooter and all are put at risk. Say NO to more gun presence in our communities!

Mahalo for your consideration of my plea.

Name: Linda Norrington	Email: Insail1@yahoo.com	Zip: 96753
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 03:04 PM

Testimony:

Testimony Text: As a Hawaii resident, nurse, senior citizen, mother, and grandmother, I wish to speak out in FAVOR of Bill 57 in opposition to the expansion of open carry gun laws in my State. While living on Maui, I visit Oahu and care about the regulations governing firearms. Hawaii has long had one of the lowest rates of gun violence and deaths and we need to act to preserve that record. More guns in public spaces does not equal less gun death and in fact only increases the likelihood of it. Adding guns into spaces serving alcohol is a recipe for more violence. The argument that the gun carrier will help protect others has been proven a false narrative in the many recent mass shootings. The most recent of which saw an unarmed person be the hero that stopped the killings. Our children deserve protection from guns being carried into schools and we all deserve to feel safe from gunfire in public spaces where no one can tell how is a “good guy with a gun” versus the armed shooter and all are put at risk. Say NO to more gun presence in our communities! Mahalo for your consideration of my plea.

(Please disregard my prior submission “against” bill 57, where I mistook the bills intent - I am strongly in Favor of this bill!). That was made clear in the actual statement. Mahalo.

Name: Kyle Perry	Email: kyleperry97@yahoo.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 04:04 PM

Testimony:

The restrictions pending passing are unconstitutional in the eyes of federal courts in the US and state court sin New York and New Jersey. This being Hawai'i does not change that fact. The proposed rules are over-burdensome and do nothing to protect the public anymore than not having restrictions would. The only people benefiting from this proposed rule are the criminals already illegally carrying firearms and makes those who don't wish to carry and those who want to at higher risk because they know we will have to choose between a felony conviction or being injured, stolen from, or killed. It placed everyone citizen in undue and unnecessary harm and danger and should not be passed. The burden placed on firearm owners who wish to carry would become a defacto gun ban and would illegally and immorally limit where we can carry. This measure SHOULD NOT be passed.

Name: Samuel Aquino Jr	Email: samuelaq@gmail.com	Zip: 96797
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 04:31 PM

Testimony:

Hello,

I am writing this comment in OPPOSITION to this bill, Bill 057, as it is a clear infringement of our 2nd amendment right which is granted to us by the US Constitution and which was also recently upheld by the SCOTUS. This bill would only further restrict law abiding citizens from protecting themselves against brazen criminals who disregard these gun laws regardless. Bills like Bill 057 only turn potentially protected citizens into “easy targets” and will not deter crime in the State. I strongly oppose this bill and beg that the state reconsider it.

Thank you for your time and consideration,  
Samuel Aquino Jr

Name: Sage Ulep	Email: sageulep808@gmail.com	Zip: 96797
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 04:41 PM

Testimony:



I oppose bill 57 it's infringement to the second amendment		
Name: Michelle Flippo	Email: dol808phin@gmail.com	Zip: 96797
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 04:43 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>The purpose of being able to carry a weapon is for protection in any and all situation. By limiting the places in which I can carry a gun, prevents me from protecting myself. The government or police cannot guarantee that a criminal will not bring a weapon in those "sensitive areas". On the mainland with the resent shooting, it happened at those sensitive places, schools and stores. If people are allowed to carry their guns then it can help prevent mass casualties be stopping the criminal. Therefore I oppose this bill and it should not be passed.</p>		
Name: Frederick Takahashi	Email: takahashimark@yahoo.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 04:54 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>This bill is unconstitutional and outrageous. How do we protect ourselves if we can't cart anywhere</p>		
Name: Gavin Lohmeier	Email: onederful100@aol.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 05:09 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>strongly oppose this bill that restricts firearm carry in public.</p> <p>gun free zones do not work. they will not deter criminals from having firearms in a gun free zone, it only restricts law abiding citizens from defending themselves in these areas. having a sign on the front door of a gun free zone will not make a criminal leave a gun free zone. many shootings on the mainland occur in gun free zones, so this is an example that they do not work. if a criminal has already decided to commit murder at a certain place, having a sign on the front door will not deter them from committing murder in that place. it is silly to think that having a sign on the door will deter criminals.</p> <p>July earlier this year, 2022 in Greenwood Indiana an armed citizen saved the day at a mall by killing an armed shooter that just opened fire into a crowd killing several people. if it wasn't for the armed citizen, many more would have died that day. the mall was a gun free zone, but good thing the armed citizen did not listen to that. he was praised by his actions by local police and politicians alike. proof that gun free zones do not work.</p> <p>sincerely, Gavin Lohmeier, concerned citizen and Second Amendment supporter</p>		
Name: Chad Cummings	Email: Nalo_b@yahoo.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 05:24 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I strongly disagree with this bill. It effectively takes away my right to defend myself wherever I am. It will not affect any criminal at all only law abiding citizens! Doesn't our laws say carrying a firearm was illegal all this time? Yet criminals have been carrying wherever they want to and murders have been happening all this time. People are being robbed, raped, murdered all over hawaii. So me not being able to carry a firearm on me everywhere I go tells me that people who introduce these types of bills are saying we can only protect our lives at certain places. These types of bills only go against LAW ABIDING CITIZENS period. If criminals followed laws and bills like this wouldn't we be crime free?</p>		
Name: Brendon Heal	Email: heaviescc@gmail.com	Zip: 96707-4300
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 05:27 PM

Testimony:

This entire bill is completely unconstitutional and in direct contempt of the SCOTUS decision.

Near exact enactments has already been struck and enjoined by federal judges in New York.

"Legislative enactments may not eviscerate the Bill of Rights. Every day they do is one too many." -Hardaway 2022 WL 16646220, at \*19

Name: Craig Kashiwai	Email: ck43@appliedtech.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 05:30 PM

Testimony:

I oppose this bill as it violates my Constitutional rights as a law abiding citizen.

Name: Joel Berg	Email: d2bergler@hotmail.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 05:41 PM

Testimony:

The State of New York has already seen these locations struck down. Please do not waste our states limited resources implementing laws and subsequently paying lawyers to unsuccessfully defend these regulations when we have so many other problems that the money could be better spent on.

Name: Mallory De Dely	Email: kmdedely@gmail.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 05:43 PM

Testimony:

I support the conceal carry and 2nd amendment of our God given right to protect myself. I also oppose of any place that's sensitive not to be allowed to carry as those will be hot spots for criminally activity.

Name: Spencer Legaspi	Email: spencerlegaspi@yahoo.com	Zip: 96797
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 05:43 PM

Testimony:

Would like to carry firearm in more public places. Camp grounds, public trails, public beaches. Due to self protection for me and my family.

Name: Ashley De Coligny	Email: ashley.decoligny@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 05:54 PM

Testimony:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and members of the council,

My name is Ashley de Coligny, I live in Kaneohe, and I am testifying in support of Bill 57.

I am a mother of two, and like every other parent, I will do everything in my power to keep my children safe. Guns absolutely do not belong in schools, parks, or anywhere where children play. And it's just common sense that they don't belong in bars or anywhere where alcohol is served. Let's keep Hawaii safe for our keiki, and for all of us. Without this ordinance, we would be fearful of guns being carried in our beloved public places and local businesses, and the thought of a mass shooting happening in Hawaii is simply devastating. That's not our Hawaii. I think we can all agree on preventative, common-sense safety measures,

and I am thankful for the leaders proposing them. Please, please, please, put the safety of our families and keiki first, over the wishes of a few gun enthusiasts. You will save lives. Thank you so much.

Name: arakawa ryan	Email: ryana@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96701
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 05:59 PM

Testimony:

Most of this bill is unconstitutional and is an attempt to circumvent the SCOTUS Bruen decision. Many states have already tried this and the courts have repeatedly struck these schemes down. Stop wasting our time and taxpayer dollars and comply with the law.

Name: Galen Pao	Email: gpao563@gmail.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 06:16 PM

Testimony:

I, Galen J. Pao want to go on record opposing Bill057(22).

It is unconstitutional and has been struck down in other states.

Mass shootings has occurred in these gun free zones. Those with ill intent know this going into these places. It has been seen time and time again that law enforcement cannot and has not responded in time to save lives.

Seconds matter. Consider trusting law-abiding citizens who have been vetted and permitted to carry firearms to protect themselves, their loved ones, and fellow citizens from injury or death.

It is time to acknowledge that restricting law abiding citizens their rights to carry firearms for protection only enables and emboldens the criminals we are trying to stop from committing these heinous crimes.

Respectfully submitted,  
Galen J. Pao

Name: Charde Garcia-Kaaiai	Email: charde.kaaiai@gmail.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 07:04 PM

Testimony:

Aloha Council,

My name is Charde and I am opposed to Bill 057(22) because it infringes upon the right to conceal carry by extremely limiting the locations, places, and spaces in which one is allowed to conceal carry.

It seems as if the C&C of Honolulu is trying to skirt around the very right the Supreme Court ruled must be upheld for law abiding citizens.

Criminals do not follow the law or rules and therefore this Bill will not truly apply to them. Instead, it will limit the ability for law abiding citizens to protect themselves (or others) because these citizens would not be allowed to conceal carry in most places on Oahu; such as the law abiding citizen who catches the bus to/from work early in the morning or late at night.

I understand some places may not be appropriate to conceal carry such as court houses and hospitals, however, the proposed places in this Bill is quite excessive and needs to be reevaluated.

Mahalo for your consideration and time. Aloha.

Name: Kirk Kama	Email: kirk.kama@gmail.com	Zip: 96701
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 07:11 PM

Testimony:

There is no doubt why the creators of the Bill of Rights wrote the 2nd Amendment, to prevent the government from interfering and preventing citizens from protecting themselves, their o'hana, and their community from individuals that do not abide by the laws. I was a police officer and when a violent crime was reported, I was NEVER able to prevent injury to the victim in any gun related injury. How many good people must die so you can exert overbearing rules to our communities?

Name: Lorenzo Delacruz	Email: lorenzod@wpower.info	Zip: 96819
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 07:19 PM

Testimony:

Recruitment was already down before you decided to vaxxx the cops and now they are having health problems in the middle of a violent crime spike. With all the international chaos and uncertainty it's not unthinkable that a food/fuel shortage could cause you to lose control of the city. We are your only backup when it comes to maintaining law and order but you are treating us like deviants and criminals. Why? Who told you that we are your enemy? How many hoops do we have to jump through to prove that we are not the ones you have to worry about?

Name: Richard Holibaugh	Email: richard.holibaugh@gmail.com	Zip: 96782
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 07:21 PM

Testimony:

Good Morning, and thank you for taking the time to read my written testimony. I oppose Bill 57. I would like to propose this question: why is it so utterly important to pass a bill in 2022 when according to the opening of paragraphs of Bill 57 legal restrictions on public carry have been in place in Hawaii for 170 years? The license to carry law has been on the books (HRS) for awhile; however the police chief's of each county would rarely issue a concealed carry permit. Since the US Supreme Court decision this past year, the counties have no legal choice but to issue--now it appears some of the counties will enact more legislation to subdue the Constitutional rights of a very small percentage of the population. Please consider the following: legislation concerning "sensitive places" was already enacted in NY state, where a federal judge scaled back the list of sensitive places within the legislation. In 2021, according to the Giffords Law Center, an anti-gun organization, their website stated "Although Hawaii does not specifically require applicants for licenses to carry firearms to complete firearms safety training, firearms safety training is a pre-requisite to obtaining a permit to purchase or possess a pistol or revolver under state law". Why are things changing now? In my opinion, Bill 57 and the new Rules of the Chief of Police are all roadblocks being placed in order to subjugate a Constitutional right. The population of Oahu is approximately 1 million people. According to HPD there are currently 600 concealed carry permits in the pipeline. That is such an insignificant amount of the population do we really need more regulation? As a current federal law enforcement officer who supervises pre-trial and convicted offenders, I personally know how many offenders in the District of Hawaii have committed firearms offenses at the federal level. All you need to do is read the daily HPD arrest logs and read how many are arrested and charged locally for gun offenses. By enacting Bill 57 you are giving the upper hand to criminals who do not obey laws. Concealed carry permit holders in the state of Hawaii will be legal gun owners, who will be vetted through the permit process.

I thank you for your time.

Name: Cheryl Tanaka	Email: localaznchick05@aol.com	Zip: 96814
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 08:28 PM

Testimony:

This bill will leave me and other women defenseless against a rapist or anyone else who wants to do me harm because no criminal would obey this and they have guns. The only place i will be able to defend myself would be the public sidewalk. Why do you want to disarm the non-criminals?

Other states tried this and are losing in court. If this passes, i will volunteer to be a plaintiff for a lawsuit and we will win due to the recent supreme court ruling. The city doesnt have immunity like how the state does.

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Ross Mukai	rossmukai@gmail.com	96822
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 08:39 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I oppose this bill. The city is wasting public money by choosing to defend untenable positions on constitutional issues. How much of our money do you plan to waste on appeals to the next lawsuit with obvious outcomes based on NYSRPA precedent?</p>		
Name: Chase Pacupac	Email: pacupac808@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 09:23 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Honolulu City Council,</p> <p>The invalidating of Hawaii's existing laws requiring a special need to concealed carry a gun is a HORRIBLE thing for Hawaii! I am born and raised in Hawaii and for the first time in my life, I have fear for my family, friends, and myself getting shot in a place of peace, love and harmony. We are not the mainland! Hawaii has always been a place of happiness, not fear. More guns ALWAYS leads to more gun violence, that is a well documented fact. States with looser gun laws have the most gun related homicides. Trauma from gun violence will have a significant negative effect on our collective mental health and the future of our islands. There is absolutely NO NEED to carry a gun in public here.</p> <p>More guns in public spaces will lead to increased fear and tension for residents. Mass shooting events will begin to happen here. Our keikis will grow up with fear, anxiety and depression due to this. People will die. And for what? Is it worth it? Hawaii should again be leaders in the United States, as we are with combatting climate change, and put our foot down now and say NO to more guns. Let's be the example. We don't have to settle for the constant gun violence the rest of America accepts. Please vote YES on Bill 57 and expand the sensitive locations to include all public and private spaces. ALL PUBLIC and PRIVATE SPACES! Screw the Supreme Court's ruling. This is a life and death issue that deeply affects our safety and our lives. Please keep us residents safe.</p> <p>Thank you Chase Pacupac</p>		
Name: Alika Valdez	Email: buseslol12345@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 23, 2022 @ 11:47 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Hi my name is Alika Valdez. And I oppose BILL057(22). I oppose this bill because regardless if people feel safe or not people still need to protect themselves. What do we need to do survive? Tommy Waters I'm asking you this question as well. Mr. Waters what should we do to survive in all of State of Hawaii when someone is physically going to kill, murder, rape us especially with a gun or any form of weapon? That my question that I need you to answer to us. And this is why I see people leaving Hawaii and never coming back for good and even for vacation because Mr. Waters you are disabling people to survive and you are disabling me to survive and also we the people feel disabled to survive. I need to survive we all need to survive. Be honest Mr. Waters do you really want us to die and suffer more than normal? Please help us! And I noticed people from all over the mainland are aware of what the state of Hawaii is doing to us and people moving in to Hawaii. I've seen many bill boards almost all 49 states warning people to not move to the state of Hawaii. Previously it was Texas and now it's Hawaii. I've even asked people all around Hawaii to Kauai that moved from the mainland or other country "Why did you move to Hawaii and what do you think about moving to Hawaii this year if we're to move in this year?" Most of the people say I want to move to Hawaii to have a good life, beaches, the wild life, food. But now people are waking up and most of the people were admitting that they regret moving to Hawaii because they didn't do their full research or they believed what other people think about Hawaii and the safeness out in Hawaii. So Mr. Waters what do you need us to do in order to survive? Help us better understand? Tommy Waters.</p>		
Name: Soleil Roache	Email: soleil@activeselfprotection.com	Zip: 96744
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Oppose	Nov 23, 2022 @ 11:48 PM
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Testimony:  
 I strongly oppose this bill as it will:

1. Do nothing to stop criminals from committing crimes in these sensitive areas. In fact, this bill will ensure that criminals know exactly where they can carry out crimes where no one there will be armed to resist them.
2. Prohibit law abiding citizens from exercising their constitutionally protected right to carry a firearm for protection. It will also make them a criminal for committing no other crime than simply crossing an imaginary line.
3. Disproportionately affect lower income individuals who, for example, are more likely to use public transportation.
4. Cause an uptick in vehicle break-ins and stolen firearms as criminals will be looking to steal firearms that law abiding citizens have stowed in their vehicle when visiting these sensitive places.
5. Increase firearms accidents due to the unnecessary administrative handling of firearms required to don and doff one's firearm when visiting these sensitive places.
6. Create confusion as parts of the bill are very vague, such as "places frequented by children."
7. Place unreasonable burden on concealed carriers just trying to navigate their daily life without violating the restrictions around all of these sensitive places.
8. Arguably be yet another de facto gun ban for many in Hawaii because they, for example, work at one of these sensitive places.

Rather than trying to "protect the public" from lawfully armed private citizens who are not inclined to ever use their firearms for nefarious purposes, allow private citizens to protect themselves and others wherever they need to go throughout their day. The bad guy gets to pick the time and the place they will attack and private citizens cannot count on the police to protect them. In fact, research shows that, statistically, armed private citizens are best able to mitigate the loss of innocent life quickly because they are there right when an imminent threat of death, great bodily harm or a forcible felony happens. If they are armed, they don't need to wait for a good guy with a gun (police) to show up. They ARE a good guy with a gun. Estimates of annual defensive gun uses vary depending on the questions asked, populations studied, timeframe, and other factors related to the design of the studies. The report Priorities for Research to Reduce the Threat of Firearm-Related Violence indicates a range of 60,000 to 2.5 million private citizen defensive gun uses each year.

Also, according to National Subject Matter Expert Ed Monk of Last Resort Firearms Training (see link below), in active killer situations, when an armed private citizen is present when the attack begins and they choose to intervene, we see the victim count in those attacks drop to single digits 17 out of 19 times. That's an 89% success rate, which is far higher than any other strategy against active killers out there. And the faster an active killer is stopped, the sooner first responders can get in there and start rendering aid to victims so that even fewer innocent lives are lost.

Active Shooter Interdiction with Ed Monk: <https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLkjkKbdZgxVDIBflaD6V17K4aLgJw9qNK>

Name: Jarren Soong	Email: jarrensoong@yahoo.com	Zip: 96795
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 24, 2022 @ 01:28 AM

Testimony:  
 Years ago my 4 friends and I were being mobbed by 15 guys at the beach. We had to defend ourselves with our fists. Some of us were severely injured as you could imagine. If we had CCW we could've easily prevented many things especially bodily harm and PTSD. Obviously these guys got away because law enforcement took 10-15 minutes to arrive on the scene. It seems like criminals, including the panel of people I'm addressing at this moment can exercise their rights of breaking the law but law abiding citizens like myself cannot even exercise my rights of law like CCW. Do the right thing.

Name: Son Silva	Email: sonsilva808@gmail.com	Zip: 96707
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Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 24, 2022 @ 02:02 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>This bill is clearly a violation of our 2nd Amendment rights.</p> <p>A similar proposal was struck down in New York repeatedly and it should be struck down here also.</p> <p>If this is approved, then all of you are truly guilty of not acting on the behalf of the people you were elected to serve.</p> <p>We have the right to lawfully protect oneself, our families, our personal property and our homes. This bill and it's unreasonable parameters severely and unreasonably handicaps our right to do so.</p> <p>Thank you. Please vote no to this bill.</p>		
Name: Brealand Tam	Email: blupacificllc@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 24, 2022 @ 02:32 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>We as the people of the USA shall have the right to bear arms at any given time to protect or freedoms and rights. God bless</p> <p>You guys are stupid for Eve introducing this bill.</p>		
Name: Ramya Swami	Email: rswami@bradyunited.org	Zip: 20001
Representing: Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 24, 2022 @ 05:06 AM
Name: Eric Hernandez	Email: ech55555@yahoo.com	Zip: 96783
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 24, 2022 @ 05:11 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>This I just another attempt to restrict a law abiding American his God given and constitutional right. The criminals will not respect and follow these same laws and rules and areas you try to restrict us with. So we and our families will be completely defenseless in all these areas.</p>		
Name: Michele Nihipali	Email: nihipalim001@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96717
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 24, 2022 @ 07:13 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Dear City Council Members,</p> <p>Guns don't belong at schools, parks, or other places where children play, but without this ordinance that's exactly what will happen.</p> <p>I don't want to wonder whether someone is carrying a gun every time I go into a local business or when I take my family [to the zoo / to the aquarium / on the bus]. The idea that concealed guns could be in these places makes me feel less safe in our community. It's just common sense that guns don't belong in bars and restaurants where alcohol is being served.</p> <p>I appreciate the Mayor proposing this common-sense ordinance and I hope the Council will pass it.</p>		

We support this draft ordinance and are grateful to local leaders in Honolulu who understand the importance of keeping firearms out of locations where the risk of harm is particularly high.

We hope the ordinance passes and that the state will follow Honolulu's lead by passing statewide legislation to address this pressing issue.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

Michele Nihipali  
54-074 A Kam Hwy.  
Hauula, HI 96717

Name: Lisa Imai	Email: Lisakirie@gmail.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 24, 2022 @ 08:47 AM

Testimony:

I am writing to express my support for this bill! Thank you for your consideration.

Name: Benel Piros	Email: soripleneb@gmail.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 24, 2022 @ 09:00 AM

Testimony:

I oppose this matter due to it being a direct violation of the 2nd amendment, criminalizing Law abiding Citizens (who follow the Law) and providing more criminals opportunities to commit more crime.

Name: Jesse Sapp	Email: jesse@hawaiiantel.net	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 24, 2022 @ 09:35 AM

Testimony:

This bill is an attempt to circumvent the second amendment. Concealed carry permitted people are already scrutinized enough and vetted as a law abiding citizen already. Why infringe on their right to protect themselves and others? A criminal won't listen to the rules anyway and would bring a firearm into these places suggested to be limited. I can see federal buildings, state buildings, courthouses, but if you're suggesting ALL the places listed better to put a metal detector at every place to ensure no one has a firearm. Most active shooter situations on the mainland are neutralized by a law abiding citizen who was either open carry, or convicted carry before law enforcement could respond. Enacting legislation to restrict law abiding citizens that have training and certifications to carry a firearm limit this possibility. Do not restrict the second amendment rights of law abiding citizens.

Name: Dallin Hee	Email: hee808man@gmail.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 24, 2022 @ 09:47 AM

Testimony:

I stand in opposition to Bill 57. I defeats the purpose of being able to conceal carry in the first place. Citizens should be able to carry their firearms in all places to be able to defend themselves. Recently, the Supreme Court had struck down New York's sensitive places bill, ruling that it was unconstitutional and went against the Supreme Court's ruling in the New York State Rifle & Pistol Association Inc. v. Bruen case.

In Bill 57 the list which describes sensitive places has locations ranging from private business, hotels, parks, schools, etc. Almost all of those locations were the locations of where violent crime took place. Therefore, I believe it is important that citizens should be able to carry firearms in those locations where violent crime occurs.

In conclusion, I strongly oppose this bill. It will not keep the public safe. I think it is targeting the wrong people, firearm owners and those who wish to carry firearms for protection. Crime will never go away and will never decrease, it will only get worse and people should be able to face that with their right to bear arms. This bill should be done away with and more efforts should be put



into making it easier for citizens to carry.

Name: William Lono	Email: willskillz96795@outlook.com	Zip: 96795
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 24, 2022 @ 10:00 AM

Testimony:

I OPPOSE against Bill 057(22) relating to Public Carry of Firearms in sensitive areas. The State of Hawaii is already making law-abiding citizens jump through hoops just to Conceal Carry and now you're trying to restrict us from where to protect ourselves. State of Hawaii needs to follow suit with states who currently have there's in place.

Name: Bryston Tanigawa	Email: brystont1@hotmail.com	Zip: 96797
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Nov 24, 2022 @ 10:33 AM

Testimony:

Aloha thank you for allowing the opportunity to comment on this very important piece of legislation. As we all know the recent Bruen decision has caused a lot of havoc especially in states that never intended to allow carrying of firearms in public for self defense. However now that the decision has dropped and the Supreme Court has made their ruling it is deeply disappointing to see the state continue to defy the courts ruling and deny Hawaii citizens their constitutional rights. the supreme court has made it clear that states are not to make "sensitive places" so broad that you basically are prohibited from carrying anywhere. I work in Waikiki and it seems every night there's some sort of stabbing or mugging and when walking to the shell where I park at night there isn't a policeman in sight. I have a family to provide for and protect and I don't understand the logic behind prohibiting me, a law abiding citizen, from exercising my right to self defense. I hope to never ever use my firearm in self defense. In fact my first instinct to any sign of trouble would be to call the police, but what happens when the police don't show up in time? Since the state wants the responsibility of keeping me safe Will the state take care of my family if something happens to me?

Thank you for the opportunity to give testimony on this issue. Please follow the supreme court ruling and save our state from unnecessary tax dollars being spent on law suits that have already been struck down in other states. Open up conceal carry so that I may protect my family and myself that's all I want.

Name: David Reaume	Email: drwyandotte@gmail.com	Zip: 96819
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 24, 2022 @ 11:20 AM

Testimony:

This bill is unconstitutional and defeats the purpose of carrying a firearm for self defense.

Name: Gordean Kauihou	Email: gordeankauihou@gmail.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 24, 2022 @ 11:56 AM

Testimony:

I support the conceal carry and 2nd amendment of our god given right to protect ourself. I also oppose of any place that's sensitive not to be allowed to carry as those will be hot spots for criminal activity.

Name: Judith Cucco	Email: myjet2@gmail.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 24, 2022 @ 12:10 PM

Testimony:

I approve limiting the public carry of firearms as stated in Bill 57 to create "sensitive places" where guns will not be allowed, including schools, parks and on public transportation.

I would approve a more restrictive measure eliminating the public carry of firearms if it were deemed to be legal.		
Name: James Bersson	Email: jamesbersson@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 24, 2022 @ 01:32 PM
Testimony: Strongly support this Bill.		
Name: Jonagustine Lim	Email: jon@limpacific.com	Zip: 96818
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 24, 2022 @ 03:17 PM
Testimony: I strongly oppose this unconstitutional bill BILL057(22) and urge council members to oppose this bill. Thank you!		
Name: William Carreira	Email: will.carreira@gmail.com	Zip: 96797
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 24, 2022 @ 04:10 PM
Testimony: I am writing to STRONGLY OPPOSE Bill 57 that sets limits on where legally armed citizens may carry concealed arms. With the exception State and Federal courthouse buildings that have armed security to provide protection, I am wholly against limiting the areas that citizens may carry arms concealed. Criminals or those who wish to do harm to others do not follow laws. Implementing laws where people are not allowed to carry concealed to protect themselves in defined areas tells these criminals that they will not encounter any people shooting back if they decide to start shooting people. It has been proven, the only way to stop someone with a gun from causing a mass shooting is for there to be an armed person, immediately there at the scene engaging the shooter. YOU cannot guarantee my safety in these areas, only I can. Please strike this bill down.  Respectfully, William K. Carreira Waipahu, HI		
Name: Jun Shin	Email: junshinbusiness729@gmail.com	Zip: 96814
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 24, 2022 @ 06:13 PM
Testimony: Aloha Members of the Honolulu City Council,  I am in STRONG SUPPORT of Bill 57. I can't believe it has come to this, but just like with the end of Roe v. Wade, I think the weakening of our gun laws further show the need to keep organizing and keep fighting, never assuming that any of our historical gains will always be around without a struggle. After seeing the country go through 3 mass shootings leading up to the Thanksgiving holidays alone, this legislation is needed, especially in areas that are supposed to be kid/family-friendly spaces. As a UH Mnoa student and also a part-time worker, the bus has served as my main form of transportation for a couple years now. I can tell you that personally, I would feel very unsafe if guns and any other weapons were allowed on the bus. Regardless of personal intent, I would be scared of that weapon going off.  Here's the thing, I personally don't like guns. I want strong background checks, a ban on AR-15's, a ban on assault weapons, public pressure on gun manufacturers, implementation of universal healthcare (including mental-healthcare), more community and less isolation, etc. However, I also know there are those who do the work of learning and practicing gun safety, I do have respect for that so I want to make that clear in my testimony.		

BUT with the further relaxation in our gun laws, my understanding is that there will be less assessment of whether or not the person who brings a gun on the bus, to the park, near a school, etc is fit or is actually trained in safely taking care of that gun. We would be asking already over-worked teachers and bus drivers to take on additional roles as gun-safety monitors for the safety of their students and their passengers, I think that is very, very wrong given that they already have to serve as safety monitors/public bouncers on a day-to-day basis anyway. Please PASS this bill. We in Oahu need to learn from the mass shootings on the continent and not choose to repeat history in the islands that we call home.

Mahalo for your consideration,

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Council District V  
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Name: Mark Davis	Email: irishlad7377@gmail.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 24, 2022 @ 08:44 PM

Testimony:

First of all I understand the need to believe that the idea behind the measure is based on that certain measures should be put in place to ensure safety for all people. That being said it is a historic fact that most shootings in the United States come from areas designated as safe places. The very idea that one thinks a criminal would follow the law is laughable. Hence the word criminal. There are many instances where a good person stopped an evil shooter in their tracks and let's not forget that's the reason behind carrying a weapon is to protect. I would say that even if you do this criminals will always take advantage of this situation. Knowing no one will stop them and it takes several minutes for police response will create opportunities for higher death counts. This equates to nothing less than putting a muzzle on a person's rights no more no less than telling someone they can't practice free speech or their religion. You have a duty to uphold the Constitution.

Name: Jenny Wallace	Email: jennywallace02@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 24, 2022 @ 09:05 PM

Testimony:

Guns bring death and our people don't need the risk of others carrying guns. I don't want to see a school shooting in Hawaii. I want us all to be safe from gun violence.

Name: Gordean Asing	Email: gkauiasing@hotmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 25, 2022 @ 06:35 AM

Testimony:

This bill effectively prevents law abiding citizens from protecting themselves, their places of business, and worship, and from exercising their 2nd Ammendment rights under the US Constitution. It also allows the City of Honolulu to over reach their jurisdiction by including Federal and State spaces. I respectfully oppose this bill.

Name: Akua Auwae	Email: choakua@yahoo.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Nov 25, 2022 @ 07:14 AM

Testimony:

Aloha,

As a youth tackle football coach it's my responsibility to protect the 100+ kids we coach. Not being able to carry a firearm at a park will stop us from keeping these kids safe. Drugs attics, aggressive vagrants, irate individuals are commonly seen at our parks. There isn't much HPD or the city/state can do about it. We've had multiple incidents with irate "high" vagrants waiving knives and scary the kids at our parks. The parents drop of there kids to practice trusting that we can protect them from harm. We can't do that if we don't that if you pass this rule. Just imagine some unhinged person shows up to the park with a gun and starts

shooting..... that person would have 100+ kids plus 50+ adults to shoot at without any resistance. That's a horrific sight to think of but now imagine law abiding citizens able to give that resistance while the kids and innocent bystanders are able to get away.

Mahalo

Name: Jason Wolford	Email: jasontwolford@gmail.com	Zip: 96761
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 25, 2022 @ 08:08 AM

Testimony:

The United Supreme Court has ruled that you can not make every place a "sensitive place" New York State has tried this and has been ruled unconstitutional 3 times now and is in the courts. This bill is just going to cost taxpayers more money as you try and infringe on peoples rights.

Banning on transportation you are saying if your to poor to own vehicle you cant have your right to defend your self with a tool that may be needed if your much smaller out numbered or at such a physical disadvantage compared to the attacker. I f you are a single mom working two jobs and need to take the bus home at midnight after working your 2nd job as you try and make ends meet.

Also if you do have a vehicle you cannot just leave your gun in your vehicle to enter a sensitive place you will be in violation of state law and now be committing a crime the entire state laws about firearms needs to be written to avoid many conflicts and turning law-abiding citizens into criminals.

Name: Noah Draskowski	Email: noahdraskowski@hotmail.com	Zip: 96761
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 25, 2022 @ 08:39 AM

Testimony:

I oppose this bill as written as it violates the 2nd amendment and does not protect law abiding citizens. Sensitive places should only be limited to places police officers are not allowed to carry firearms. This bill only infringes on law abiding citizens to exercise their constitutional right.

Name: Mark Onnagan	Email: nagannokram@gmail.com	Zip: 96732
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 25, 2022 @ 09:40 AM

Testimony:

I believe this Bill should not pass. Why is the law abiding citizens always get treated like criminals. We should be able to protect ourselves and our loved ones anywhere. Do you think criminals will follow this new bill!? The criminals don't care about any sensitive places.

Name: Rodney Rego	Email: hotrodrogo@aol.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 25, 2022 @ 09:48 AM

Testimony:

I oppose this bill in support of CCW it's unconstitutional broadness infringements are covering areas that need to be allowed for CCW. I do not support this bill introduced by Tommy Waters.

Name: Michael Rice	Email: michaelirice@outlook.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 25, 2022 @ 10:08 AM

Testimony:

My name is Michael Rice and I stand in Opposition to this Bill.

This bill as it stands is blatantly unconstitutional and will not survive a legal challenge. Similar bills have already been struck down on the mainland or have had injunctions against them showing that they will lose on merit.

Many of the prohibited places mentioned the City has no jurisdiction over, such as State and Federal property, as well as private property, and there are some vague definitions of the prohibited places.

The outright prohibition on public transport would also prevent many who rely on the bus and eventually the rail to get to work. For those who have the option of private transport, that will lower ridership for public transport, for those who have no option it denies them their rights.

I myself extensively use public transport on Oahu, driving causes me stress and anxiety. Not only that but I enjoy riding The Bus and hope to ride The Rail when it begins operations. I live all the way out in Makaha, on a few occasions I've missed the last Express bus of the day and have had to use the 40, which stops about a mile from my home, or the other option of waiting for an hour for a special bus to come along and drop me off closer to my home. I'm a large, rather intimidating guy myself and I've felt afraid walking home and waiting at certain bus stops. This isn't even accounting for incidents that take place on the bus itself.

Name: Stephen Yuen	Email: outdooryuen@yahoo.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 25, 2022 @ 10:15 AM

Testimony:

I oppose this bill 057(22), with regards to public carry of firearms into so called sensitive places.

The supreme court has already ruled that only specific areas can listed as sensitive places such as schools or court houses.

Also the supreme court has ruled that it is unconstitutional for businesses or private dwellings to be considered sensitive places and illegal to carry a firearm onto said premises unless specifically allowed by said premise(s).

If this bill goes into effect it will challenged wasting tax payer money as it will be struck down.

Also, this only affects law abiding citizens, reducing our capacity to protect ourselves from criminals who will carry their firearms regardless of what laws are passed or in place.

Name: Deborah Nehmad	Email: debnehmad@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Brady Group, Hawaii chapter	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 25, 2022 @ 10:16 AM

Testimony:

I will be submitting my testimony at the hearing

Name: Iris Kim	Email: iris.kim@k12.hi.us	Zip: 96813
Representing: on behalf of Keith T. Hayashi, Superintendent, Hawaii State Dept. of Education	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 25, 2022 @ 11:05 AM

Name: Rodney Hatanaka	Email: wirecounter@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 25, 2022 @ 12:24 PM

Testimony:

I oppose this bill. It is a violation of the 2nd Amendment of the Bill of Rights. Specifically, "the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed" does not qualify "sensitive places" as excluded from this right, in fact there are no qualifiers to "shall

not be infringed." The Hawaii State Constitution contains this exact same verbiage.

Parts of a similar law in New York was recently ruled as unconstitutional by a federal judge. This bill is unconstitutional. Please oppose this bill, vote against it, and fulfill your oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America and the Hawaii State Constitution.

Name: Mike K	Email: bigair39@hotmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 25, 2022 @ 12:48 PM

Testimony:  
I OPPOSE this bill as it attempts to subvert the constitutional right of citizens to bear arms.

Name: Susan Salm	Email: suzeandrod@hawaiiantel.net	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Nov 25, 2022 @ 01:21 PM

Testimony:  
It seems that the Supreme Court would like American citizens to continually live in fear and danger. I am absolutely opposed to enabling any more guns in any form in Hawai'i! Under States rights can the State not fight this ruling?

It is so much easier to prevent the proliferation of guns than remove them from people who already have them.

Name: Mark Masunaga	Email: markm5225@gmail.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Nov 25, 2022 @ 02:52 PM

Testimony:  
Dear Council members,  
Please vote no on bill 57. I am an honest law abiding citizen. This bill will prevent gun violence crimes. It will restrict good citizens from protecting themselves.  
I am 63 years old. Sadly Hawaii is not the same place I remember as a kid. Crime and violence is worse than ever and is getting worse. In the past I was not interested in obtaining a firearm. That has changed due to feelings unsafe. Many people feel the same way. I am disabled in case of a violent assault I would be unable to protect myself and cannot flee. I am the perfect target for bad guys.  
Since becoming a gun owner I have found the 2nd amendment community be be safety conscious and law abiding . We are not the people to worry about. Criminals do not respect the law. Any new bills won't stop them. Bad guys will continue carry guns and commit crimes anywhere they want. They know honest citizens will not be able to carry just about everywhere. They will know people will be unable to protect themselves. In a critical situation seconds count , even timely police response will probably be too late. Remember the girl who nearly stabbed to death at Kahala Beach? Recently a man was assaulted with a weapon just outside his condo , the symphony on ward. I know the owner of Teds jewelry in Kaimuki. He had to seek cover behind the counter as armed robbers shot at him while robbing the store. We all want a safe community but this bill will make it illegal for responsible citizens to carry just about everywhere , while the bad guys will take their guns anyplace to do whatever they want. Do not essentially disarm the public and deprive them of the right to defend themselves.

Name: Kevin Cole	Email: kjcole52@yahoo.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 25, 2022 @ 04:50 PM

Testimony:  
Aloha,

I am against Bill 57 (2002) as it is a hinderance to persons exercising their Constitutional Rights and is fraught with potential problems that render it illegal.

If a person has a concealed carry permit and has a weapon on them, why are they forbidden from going into a school or child care establishment to get their own kids? This does not make sense. Such license holders already have a myriad of background checks and training. They are not the threat, quite the opposite in fact.

Public transportation? This would be a disincentive to people taking the Bus or the Rail. A person's rights do not end with a bus pass or train ticket.

This ordinance sets up law abiding citizens to become victims of the system. Go to a park, be forced by law to leave a pistol in your car, is that a violation of the concealed carry law?

We all agree that public safety is a paramount concern. However, I believe that this proposed law is not the best approach to enhancing the security of the citizens of Oahu and is indeed an obstacle to a Constitutional Right.

V/R

Kevin J. Cole, Col USAF Ret.

Name: Lloyd Lique	Email: cjf_gear@yahoo.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 25, 2022 @ 05:04 PM

Testimony:

This is opposing bill05. This bill essentially restricting CCW carry only to ones residence and place of business, is violating the intent of the SCOTUS decision.

If all of these places are proposed to be restricted, then where can a citizen legally CCW carry? The answer is essentially nowhere. In these restricted no gun zones, seconds matter when there is a mass shooter. There is no way law enforcement will be able to respond in time to save lives.

It is time to acknowledge that a responsible and vetted CCW holder can protect themselves and others around them and also be an effective first line defense against these criminals.

These measures in bill057 only enable and embolden criminals and do not protect the public but instead, actually puts them at the mercy of a criminal with a gun.

Name: Joseph Alejandro	Email: shajoe69@yahoo.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 25, 2022 @ 06:43 PM

Testimony:

Good evening,

Most, if not, all of the places listed in this bill is basically one step outside our homes. What purpose do the concealed carry laws serve if we law abiding citizens cannot carry firearms wherever we travel to protect our own lives or others against criminals who do not follow the laws in the first place? Law abiding citizens cannot be painted with the same broad brush as criminals. In fact, criminals exploit majority of these places listed in this bill to do harm to innocent unarmed citizens. Please reconsider voting on this bill. It is contradictory and unconstitutional while infringing on our rights to protect ourselves.

Thank you

Name: calvert de coligny	Email: guerricde@me.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 25, 2022 @ 06:46 PM

Testimony:

We shouldn't take any chances when it comes to possible tragic outcomes when it comes to places where our children and loved ones congregate. Common sense and community history has shown that private citizens do not need guns at these places.

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Paul Kim	pauladamkim@yahoo.com	96701
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 25, 2022 @ 07:26 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I oppose this measure. Legal precedent has struck down many national anti-carry cases in the US. Hawaii law should be amended to reflect this. As it stands, it is prohibitively difficult to obtain a concealed carry permit to well-qualified individuals, and gun laws in general are so prohibitive as to prevent law abiding citizens of exercising their right to self-defense. This bill further pushes law in the other direction to make things MORE prohibitive and MORE difficult. This is contrary to the spirit of the Constitution and national legal precedent in 2022.</p>		
Name: Carolina Jesus	Email: carolinapray@protonmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 25, 2022 @ 07:32 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>The founders of this nation understood the importance of citizens being allowed to own and carry fire arms. In looking at other nations in which the citizens were "disarmed", these nations were taken over by tyrannical governance. The citizens have no means of resisting. We Americans are still permitted to "bear arms" and I believe this is a deterrent to our nation being invaded by hostile nations. It may also prove to be a deterrent to our own government from turning against its own citizens. Any laws which further restrict the 2nd Amendment I regard with caution.</p>		
Name: Elna Nagasako	Email: nagasako2a@gmail.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 25, 2022 @ 07:33 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and members of the Council,</p> <p>My name is Elna Nagasako and I live in Makiki. I am testifying in support of Bill 57.</p> <p>Although I was born and raised in Hawaii, I trained and practiced as a physician in Missouri, a state with much looser gun laws and a much higher rate of gun deaths. I want to convey two lessons about what it was like to live in a place where concealed guns are present in many everyday settings.</p> <p>First, concealed guns take situations that used to end with angry words or thrown fists and turn them into deadly events.</p> <p>In Missouri, gun deaths are about seven times more common than in Hawaii. Missouri was recently in the news due to a mass shooting at a school in St. Louis, but many of the shootings occur in everyday situations that escalated. In Missouri, shootings have occurred during arguments in bars, workplace disputes, and in fights over parking spaces.</p> <p>As you deliberate the sensitive places legislation, please keep in mind that concealed gun laws don't just involve people on their best behavior protecting themselves. They also apply to people who are angry, emotional, or intoxicated, for whom a gun will turn a bad situation worse.</p> <p>Second, having guns in places where they shouldn't be imposes burdens on the whole community.</p> <p>Given the high level of gun access in Missouri, as a physician, when I went into my clinic, I would review where the exits were, note which rooms had furniture too light to effectively bar the doors in case an active shooter situation occurred, and note where the trainees and patients were, in case I needed to evacuate them.</p> <p>If concealed or open carry were allowed in Missouri in hospitals, the situation would have been complicated ten-fold, and would have turned me from my patients' ally to someone having to evaluate them as threats.</p> <p>In Hawaii, if we do not designate sensitive areas where guns don't belong, we are asking our moms, dads, kupuna, and keiki to have to wonder whether someone is carrying a gun every time they go to school, go shopping, or go to a family picnic at the beach and to assess others as threats rather than as "aunty" or "cousin".</p>		



I believe in honoring the Second Amendment, and I also believe that with rights come responsibilities, including keeping our community safe in places where we work, learn, and play.

Please support Bill 57.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Elna Nagasako  
Makiki (96822)

Name: Carolina Jesus	Email: carolinapray@protonmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 25, 2022 @ 07:50 PM

Testimony:  
In the past year we all have heard of several "mass shooters" who were immediately "taken down" by armed citizens who were in the crowds. It is obvious that we should have more armed citizens, not less, serving as a serious deterrent to violent criminals of all sorts. If we have more armed citizens in the community, and violent criminals continue to be "taken down", this will most certainly bring the crime rate down quickly. Many more responsible citizens should train to bear arms and deter violent crime in this way; just by living their daily lives sprinkled amongst the unarmed citizenship of every community.

Name: Adam Lipka	Email: adamrlipka@hotmail.com	Zip: 96786
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 25, 2022 @ 10:38 PM

Testimony:  
Bill 57 in its current form would create an undo burden on law abiding citizens who wish to carry a firearm for self defense legally. It also would essentially define everywhere as a "sensitive area" effectively making the permit to carry useless since even with the permit firearms could not be carried anywhere. I oppose this bill and respectfully ask that it not be passed into law.

Name: Cherish Adamson	Email: cherishadamson123@outlook.com	Zip: 96753
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 25, 2022 @ 10:50 PM

Testimony:  
I am opposed to this bill. Our 2nd amendment constitutional rights have already been restricted enough. This bill is 100% unconstitutional.

To further restrict the most law abiding citizens in Hawaii (those with their concealed carry license) would be like taking a giant step backwards.

It would be unfair, unwise, and a huge slap to the face of those who have passed the rigorous testing, paid the exorbitant fees, and have completed the multitude of back ground checks to obtain a licenses to buy back their 2nd amendment right to defend themselves.

Individuals who have obtained their concealed carry licenses in Hawaii are NOT criminals and should not be treated as such.

We need LESS restrictions for the most law abiding citizens. Not more. Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony.

Name: Brett Kulbis	Email: chair@oahugop.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Honolulu County Republican Party	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 25, 2022 @ 11:21 PM

Name: Austin Gapsis	Email: austingapsis@gmail.com	Zip: 96790
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 25, 2022 @ 11:38 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Homeless, drug use, no good jobs, all good homes and locations are owned by foreigners. Hawaii has been gutted and sold to the highest bidders. No hope for the people too stuck to jump ship.</p> <p>Please don't take away my rights to protect myself In All locations. The police force is running at a fraction of its intended capacity. More people retiring than starting. The idea that they can protect people is ludicrous. At best they'll take a report after you've been raped robbed or killed.</p> <p>Don't think of this as being for the worst man. Think of this as being for the most vulnerable women in our population. Don't ban carry in any location. It may feel like you've done a good thing but the reality is you've made everyone a potential victim.</p>		
Name: David Lau	Email: vicness151@yahoo.com	Zip: 96701
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 26, 2022 @ 04:31 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>This bill is unconstitutional. There are already cases on the mainland with similar verbiage attempting strip an individual's right to bear arms (conceal carry) in public for self defense. This bill is targeted at law abiding citizens and will have zero affect on criminals who don't follow the law. This bill is ironically being written by individuals who are also "not following" the law. The US Supreme Court clearly has ruled on this issue and if Bill 057 moves forward, it will struck down in a court of law. I strongly oppose Bill 057. This bill does nothing to keep the citizens of Hawaii safe and violates an individual's right to self defense.</p>		
Name: Chadron Araki	Email: chadronaraki@gmail.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 26, 2022 @ 06:27 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>To the City council members,</p> <p>What is being proposed is in violation of the 2022 Bruen decision by SCOTUS. But more importantly, it will now identify for criminals where the low risk, high reward places for the criminals to do their nefarious acts. Because it is well known that criminals don't obey the law and the "sensitive" area will now present no or very low resistance. Facts show that over 95% of mass shooting occur in gun free zones. Will you, HPD or the Mayor guarantee everyone's safety in these areas? Will a person or person's loved one be able to sue and hold you and/or the C&amp;C of Honolulu accountable should they get hurt or lose their life in these areas? Unless you can make those types of promises, it would be better to not pass anything instead. Mahalo!</p>		
Name: Blaine Stuart	Email: findbgs@gmail.com	Zip: 96720
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 26, 2022 @ 07:44 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Firearm restrictions on "sensitive places" must follow the history, text and tradition of firearms restrictions at the time the second amendment was ratified in 1791. Bill 57 fails this test. If passed it will be largely enjoined. Guarantee.</p>		
Name: Will Caron	Email: willcaronforhawaii@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 26, 2022 @ 07:53 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>It's ridiculous that we even have to be here, testifying on a bill to keep guns out of schools, parks,</p>		

Name: Techie Lau	Email: techielau@yahoo.com	Zip: 96701
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 26, 2022 @ 08:12 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I oppose this bill. No one is above the law. As citizens, as well as law makers, all need to follow the law. Anti-gun bills like 057 is clearly unconstitutional. Bill 057 is written as if law abiding citizen intend to use carry permits to commit crimes, when clearly, the second amendment was written to protect each citizen's right to bear arms, not commit crimes. The Supreme Court has correctly ruled that the citizens of America have a right to self defense in and outside of our homes. The citizens of America should not have to ask for permission, or be limited to exercise this right. Bill 057 is purely an infringement to the United States Constitution and has no merits on which to stand.</p>		
Name: Will Caron	Email: willcaronforhawaii@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 26, 2022 @ 08:58 AM
Name: Dora Johnson	Email: OAHU808@HAWAII.RR.COM	Zip: 96826
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Nov 26, 2022 @ 09:54 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>There is absolutely no reason for anyone to legally carry guns unless their job requires it. If this bill allows for concealed or exposed guns, then you can expect a "wild west" attitude to start. There is so much anger and racist hate in people today. They display rage when simple things happen. I was recently sitting in traffic, and a young man, 2 lanes over from me, was playing extremely loud music in his car. I turned my head and looked at him with no expression on my face that would make anyone angry. When his eyes met mine, I immediately turned away which is what we are taught to do. For whatever reason, he got angry. I heard him screaming and looked over to see him attempting to push his vehicle over towards me. The stopped traffic prevented him from doing that. Luckily, I was at a corner, so I turned right to get away from him before the traffic started moving. He did not have enough time to catch up with me. I actually wondered what he would have done if he had a gun or any weapon. Many crazy people like him are out there, and they are dangerous. Putting a gun in the hands of anyone who wants one just because they register does not mean they are safe and responsible people. Lots of mentally ill people have no criminal record. If this bill is approved, then you can expect to see what continues to happen on the mainland. Don't do this to Hawaii. We deserve better than this, and we should not have to go shopping or go out to eat in a restaurant and worry about people carrying guns. And if you think you can put restrictions on where they are not allowed to carry guns (schools for example), and expect them to follow that, then you are only fooling yourself. Crazy people with a gun will do crazy things.</p>		
Name: tony lee	Email: ling0821@hotmail.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 26, 2022 @ 10:27 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Similar laws are falling and ruled unconstitutional in New York, California , and New Jersey!</p>		
Name: Jerry Ilo	Email: ILOJERRY@GMAIL.COM	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 26, 2022 @ 10:53 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Aloha Council Members,</p> <p>I wanted to express my strong opposition to Bill 57. In its present form it is a ban on legally carrying a firearm pretty much anywhere. It is a direct infringement on the 2nd amendment. Legally armed citizens that have gone through the process to obtain a CCW permit are not the people that we need to worry about. I implore the Council to instead look at ways to prevent crimes involving illegal firearm usage instead of coming up with new ways to punish legal gun owners.</p>		

Sincerely,  
Jerry Ilo

Name: Irene Kloepfer	Email: maheshihawaii@yahoo.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Nov 26, 2022 @ 11:42 AM

Testimony:

As a senior, I don't feel safe knowing there will be many ones around me carrying concealed weapons. To drive a car, I need a license - entailing taking a written and physical examine in the car to make sure I know how to operate a car. I also need registration and insurance for the car in case I injure someone. Cars were not made to kill, tho inadvertently they do and these days some on purpose kill people. Guns were made to kill. Period. I believe all the above need to be gotten to carry a gun and a mental/emotional test to make sure this person is not unbalanced. And assault weapons including the stock to add to a gun for rapid continuous firing should be illegal. Ammunition should also be licensed in the above. I'm 75. When males got into an argument when I was younger, they beat each other up. No one was killed either the 2 or any innocent bystanders. Now they just shoot each other, and anyone else they feel like. When the 2nd amendment was passed, you got 1 shot before you had to reload. Very different And what happened to states rights, where are the rights of citizens to not carry weapons being protected. Mahalo

Name: Jericho Cruz	Email: iloveeebabinka808@gmail.com	Zip: 96782
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 26, 2022 @ 11:46 AM

Testimony:

Aloha Chief Of Police,

As from myself and the 2A community, I oppose the bill that is currently being proposed. The bill that is trying to be passed does not give us the right to carry in places where crime mostly happens. That includes malls, parks, and other public locations that does not make sense to ban. Government buildings, courts, and hospitals are reasonable, but not malls, parks, or anywhere that is open to the general public. For instance, if I was going to the mall with my family, I would want to feel protected and defend myself or family if any instance any of us can get harmed. If I went for a jog or a walk at the park, I would want to be self armed in case I need to defend myself. I deserve the right to defend myself and property wherever I go. Thank you for your time and please consider this proposal.

Name: Jennifer Cabjuan	Email: froijen@aol.com	Zip: 96797
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 26, 2022 @ 12:16 PM

Testimony:

I strongly oppose this bill! It is tyrannical government overreach to my constitutional rights. Write bills that punish criminals for firearm crimes and stop picking on law abiding citizens that have the right to practice freedoms in everyday life. Restrictions are ridiculous and give criminals a map of safe zones to attack unarmed victims. Do NOT pass this bill which is a waste of time and my taxpayer money.

Name: Samantha Preis	Email: windwardqi@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Nov 26, 2022 @ 01:01 PM

Testimony:

Dear City Council,

I urge you to consider the need for firearms in public places at all. I know the Supreme Court has ruled to allow it but please be as restrictive as possible. There is no need for them in shopping malls, schools, churches, parks, grocery stores, etc. Consider the unease it will cause the public to see someone with a gun in public places. Hawaii has not historically been a gun toting community and we are not comfortable changing that in the current climate of mass shootings. Thank you for your consideration.

Aloha, Samantha Preis		
Name: Rock Tang	Email: rocktang@alumni.stanford.edu	Zip: 96814
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Nov 26, 2022 @ 01:18 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Please limit the proliferation of guns in public that has resulted in an epidemic of gun violence plaguing our country. I support restrictions on carrying weapons in public except for hunting purposes. The carrying of automatic weapons in public has no place in a civilized society.</p>		
Name: Jordan Au	Email: jordan-726@hotmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 26, 2022 @ 01:49 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I very strongly oppose Bill 057. As we have seen in many shootings, places that do not allow people to carry firearms are frequently targeted. When people are allowed to carry firearms for self defense they are able to defend themselves when these incidents occur. Making places into so called gun free zones will make things more dangerous. Therefore we should allow people to carry firearms for self protection no matter where we are.</p> <p>Sincerely, Jordan Au</p>		
Name: Carol Philips	Email: carolphilips1@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Nov 26, 2022 @ 01:59 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Since the great majority of gun crimes are perpetrated by men I would like to suggest that gun-free zones include all places that women and children frequent. If necessary you can create "shoot-them-up zones" for people to carry guns. Forgive the sarcasm, but I do think we need to address the elephant in the room, in that women and children rarely use guns to harm people. With that said, I have a story to recount ...A friend of mine shared that when he was in grade school - through high school, he was bullied so badly that if he had access to a gun he would have shot his bullies/schoolmates. It's only a matter of time before we have a mass shooting in a school in Hawaii and then what?</p>		
Name: Peggy Regentine	Email: peggy@hawaii.edu	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 26, 2022 @ 02:32 PM
Name: Susan Li	Email: scrapbooksli@aol.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 26, 2022 @ 04:25 PM
Name: Cynthia Reves	Email: msreves@gmail.com	Zip: 96826
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 26, 2022 @ 04:47 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I am a high school teacher and do not want conceal carry on my campus.</p>		

Name: Beth Anderson	Email: Kailua5@aol.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 26, 2022 @ 07:05 PM
Name: Danny Yamada	Email: d808yamada@gmail.com	Zip: 96782
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 26, 2022 @ 07:13 PM
Testimony: As a law abiding and tax paying citizen it is my right to bear arms where I please at all times.		
Name: Ryan Matsumoto	Email: ryanm.matsumoto@gmail.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 26, 2022 @ 07:52 PM
Testimony: I strongly oppose bill 57 because it will make law abiding citizens criminals if they enter any place deemed "sensitive" per the bill. What if I work late in the evening and catch the TheBus to go and come from work? This bill will make me a criminal if it were to pass. How am I supposed to protect myself where criminals are already armed, in many cases with firearms or replica firearms? Many places that are deemed sensitive in this bill will make me a criminal, because I will not be able to carry in those establishments. What makes it worse, is I would have to store my firearm in my vehicle, in a secured container, and would have to worry about my car getting broken into or stolen. This makes it worse, because now, a criminal has a firearm to continue committing crimes with a firearm. Please do not pass this bill because it's making law abiding citizens criminals.  Thank you,  Ryan		
Name: Frederick Lapilio	Email: flapilio57@hotmail.com	Zip: 96746
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 26, 2022 @ 09:52 PM
Testimony: I oppose this bill. Gun-free zones does not work anywhere. Criminals do not follow the laws. Law bidding citizens are defenseless to criminals with guns.		
Name: Sabrina Young	Email: soljahma@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Nov 26, 2022 @ 10:37 PM
Testimony: I am in support of the public carry of firearms by any persons 18 & over who had not been convicted of any violent crimes or possessions of narcotics. The constitution is our permit to carry & any laws against the carrying of a firearm is an infringement on our 2nd amendment rights. I do NOT support submitting a mental health record as that is a privacy violation. I support carrying firearms in all locations island wide. Crime, especially violent crime is on the rise & violent criminals can & will strike at any location, criminals know no restrictions & do not follow laws, therefore residents must be armed & ready to defend themselves should they be faced with a violent criminal in any given situation. I support teachers & school staff members being able to conceal carry on school campuses if they choose to do so, provided they've been properly trained & certified in proper firearms handling & shooting accuracy. It scared me to death each time I entered my children's school & there were big signs reading "GUN FREE ZONE". That's a free advertisement to criminals, letting them know they can come here & commit a crime & no one on campus has the means to stop them. There have been multiple school shooting scares across the island in the last 6 years & 2 of them were at schools my children of varying ages & grade levels attended. Thankfully nothing came of those scares, but I'd feel much better knowing teachers and staff are properly armed should a student or other individual decide to open fire on campus.		

There have been numerous instances across the nation in open carry, concealed carry states & even some states that have strict gun control laws where a "Good Guy" with a gun stopped a "Bad Guy" with a gun, & Hawaii should be no different. Court Houses are the only location I'm willing to compromise on.

Name: Matt Uchida	Email: muchida@honolulu.gov	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 26, 2022 @ 10:45 PM

Testimony:

As a law enforcement officer, I will not enforce this bill as written as it would be a violation of the recent supreme court decision.

The language in this bill is excessively prohibitive. It goes beyond any reasonable necessity to limit where people carry concealed firearms and lists so many places as to basically circumvent concealed carry law. Most egregious is preventing someone from exercising concealed carry because they are at a first amendment type gathering. So one must choose to only use one right at a time?

I think reasonable places where concealed carry can be limited do exist, here are some examples:

Prisons,

Bars and clubs - Places where alcohol is the primary item to serve

Schools - except for teachers trained to carry

Court rooms

Businesses who set their own rules prohibiting concealed carry

Name: Alison Wolford	Email: mauiali808@gmail.com	Zip: 96761
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 27, 2022 @ 06:20 AM

Testimony:

I oppose to this bill. First I do believe that private businesses have the right to their terms regarding this matter. I feel that many of the places considering to be restricted are public and will effect a large number of people. The one that bothers me the most is regarding public transportation. Limiting transportation services are almost discriminatory as some of the users need extra assistance, limited on monies, etc which should not exempt them of their carrying rights. In researching other cases I believe that with these restrictions will come lawsuits fighting against it, wasting time and tax payer monies.

Name: michael ford	Email: encinitashomes@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 27, 2022 @ 06:23 AM

Testimony:

Bill 57 is a bad idea. the whole point of carrying a weapon is for personal protection, and the protection of those with and around us, REGARDLESS OF WHERE WE MIGHT BE. as we have learned those who seek to engage in murderous spree seem to especially like schools and other places where folks gather like clubs and theaters. and can you blame them? those are places where they can be most assured of minimal resistance to their psychopathy. we never hear of shootings at coffee shops in wyoming or police stations or at gun shows. those who seek to vent their psycho urges know EXACTLY where to open fire. please log my comment as strongly opposed to ANY limitations on the concealed carrying of firearms and on any limitations on those who we might need to step in when we need a prompt armed response. to use this ploy to circumvent the ruling of the Supreme Court is thinly veiled ignorance and will fail at trial. to my many neighbors who carry concealed daily, thank you.

thanks

Name: Zachary Miller	Email: zacharrymm@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Nov 27, 2022 @ 12:31 PM

Testimony:

Dear Honolulu City Counsel,

I strongly oppose all proposed rules as what this does and what you intend for it to do is create a de facto ban on the carrying of a concealed handgun. The citizens of Hawai'i would simply like to go about there business carrying a concealed handgun throughout here day without having to worry whether or not they are illegally carrying or not when they have a permit to do so. This only restricts law abiding citizens from carrying since criminals do not follow the laws. Secondly, as you may or may not know NY state is already tried this and the courts have already struck it down since it goes directly against NYSRPA v. Bruen which mentions that you cannot just make every location a sensitive place. These rules are will only opening the city to more unnecessary time consuming and expensive legal battles that the city will indeed loose. Thank you and please consider leaving this issue to the state and allowing the current laws to remain in place.

Name: Noa Miller	Email: zack.the.bmx.er@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 27, 2022 @ 12:35 PM

Testimony:

Dear Honolulu City Counsel,

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Name: JIM HOCHBERG	Email: Jim@JamesHochbergLaw.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: James Hochberg, AAL, LLLC and also Michel & Associates Attorneys at Law	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 27, 2022 @ 01:17 PM

Name: Lyndel Cabatu	Email: lcabatu@gmail.com	Zip: 96782
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 27, 2022 @ 01:35 PM

Testimony:

I oppose bill 57 because it only affects responsible law abiding citizens who made the commitment to get the requirements for a concealed carry permit. This bill will not create a safe place from criminals, but creates a target rich environment for criminals. I understand it was introduced for public safety, but I feel it will do more harm than good. I also prevents the law abiding citizen from excercising their second amendment right.

Thank you for your time and the opportunity for me to testify

Sincerely  
Lyndel Cabatu

Name: Catherine Lee	Email: ling0821@hotmail.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 27, 2022 @ 02:53 PM

Testimony:  
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Anthony Gonzalez	anthonygonzalez831@gmail.com	96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 27, 2022 @ 03:21 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Firearms are a big deal in the U.S. and have been a problem for the past years. Mass shootings, school shootings, etc. I one hundred percent think that a permit should be required for purchasing any kind of firearms. Upon arrival to a gun store, they should require you to have a copy of any kind of permit you own saying that you have the right and responsibility of purchasing a firearm. Selling guns to people who don't have any kind of verification of a permit or at least something that says they have the right to own one, should not be done. For the protection of them and our country. I also feel like people with dangerous history's, shouldn't be able to have access to any kind of firearm even though they have a permit. It just shouldn't be done, just like I mentioned above, for the protection of the people. Overall, firearms are a serious thing and only responsible human beings that have access and proof to a permit and no criminal record should be allowed to purchase these.</p>		
Name: Rev Samuel L. Domingo	Email: revsamdom@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 27, 2022 @ 03:38 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I write in total support of this bill. I truly would prefer that all of Honolulu County and the whole state be designated a sensitive area.</p> <p>I thank Council Chair Waters and those persons who had a part in crafting this bill in response to the disappointing decision of the US Supreme Court that gives continuing attention to an amendment that no longer serves our country but aides in the slaughter on innocent people.</p> <p>I support the quick passage of Bill 57 and suggest a campaign to communicate the importance of keeping Hawai'i as sanctuary against gun violence.</p>		
Name: Harry Pace	Email: surfgeorge@yahoo.com	Zip: 96771
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 27, 2022 @ 04:45 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Preposterous, absurd, obvious tyrannical authoritarian violation of the natural/God-given right to self-defense as protected by the United States Constitution in the Second Amendment.</p>		
Name: Larry Duclayan	Email: fyafyta@duck.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 27, 2022 @ 05:03 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>These establishments/places being declared "sensitive" are exactly the places where persons of ill-repute and criminal intent have committed unthinkable crimes against the innocent. Law-abiding citizens like myself of this community have the right to defend ourselves, our families and community from harm at any given moment and place to protect and preserve life.</p> <p>The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.</p> <p>Mahalo, Larry Duclayan</p>		
Name: Alvin Dalisay	Email: vindalisay@gmail.com	Zip: 96740
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 27, 2022 @ 05:03 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I oppose this bill because It further prohibits the carrying of firearms of responsible and competent U.S. citizens for self-defense</p>		

on private property or seemingly anywhere for that matter, it is a violation of this proposed bill for any person to... carry on their person a firearm... on the premises of any business establishment or charitable establishment unless the business establishment or charitable establishment, or an agent thereof, has expressly consented thereto. This bill infringes on my constitutional right to bear arms as an American citizen who served this country and it is a violation of Our God given freedom and rights. Thank you and God bless.

Respectfully,

Alvin Dalisay

Name: Eric Kaneshiro	Email: ehkaneshiro@gmail.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 27, 2022 @ 05:14 PM

Testimony:

The U.S. Supreme Court has expanded gun owners' right to carry firearms outside the home. The City & County of Honolulu is now looking into restricting where firearms can be carried outside the home. I support restricting the law-abiding public from carrying firearms where there are security screening checkpoints, e.g. airports and court buildings, in place.

I do not support restricting law-abiding citizens from carrying firearms in places without security screening checkpoints. My reasoning is that without security screening checkpoints, firearm restricted places will be favored by the non-law abiding and criminals because they can operate in a safer environment for themselves and need not take into account the law-abiding armed citizen. The law-abiding armed citizen is not a threat to our keiki, kupuna and unarmed residents.

Name: iric Viscarra	Email: iricviscarra_73@yahoo.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 27, 2022 @ 05:15 PM

Testimony:

Dearest Councilor's,

I respectfully opposed bill 057.this bill is too much unreasonable which is impossible to exercise our rights to carry a concealed firearm and our rights for self defense and to other human being. We all gun owners are law abiding citizens,we treat people w/ respect and dignity and always follow the law. Thank you so much..mahalo!

Respectfully,  
Iric Viscarra

Name: Martin Go	Email: gourmarty@aol.com	Zip: 96720
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 27, 2022 @ 05:28 PM

Testimony:

Law abiding gun owners have never been the problem in Hawaii, or the mainland.

98% of all mass shootings have happened in gun free zones where the victims had to wait for a good guy with a gun, to stop the bad guy with a gun. In those shootings more people died, because they could not defend themselves.

Law abiding citizens are the first responders in any situation.

By disarming them, you make them law abiding victims.

The second amendment should be enforced like it is written, where everyone should have a right to defend themselves, and others in any situation for self preservation. This bill is unconstitutional and nullified by our great constitution.

Maybe one day our politicians will take the time to read it before introducing anymore unconstitutional legislation.

Name: Steele Kawika	Email: forsteele@icloud.com	Zip: 93456
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Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 27, 2022 @ 05:37 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I wish to express my opposition to any restrictions on the concealed carry of firearms by lawful citizens. These proposed restrictions stand in stark contrast to the freedom afforded by the second amendment. You look to restrict citizens from self protection by outlawing a great deal of locations that may require defense of yourself,others and property.</p>		
Name: Matt Hofbauer	Email: hofbauermatt@yahoo.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 27, 2022 @ 05:46 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Aloha</p> <p>I strongly oppose any regulations on the right to carry concealed weapons in any of the listed locations in this proposed ruling. By disarming law abiding citizens, you directly affect the safety of good people. By disarming rightful citizens, you leave only the criminals with illegal weapons left. So-called gun free zones are affectively the most dangerous areas you could create by making them soft targets for actual threats. cities with high populations who have country zones such as Chicago and New York City have skyrocketing crime rates in deadly shootings almost every week these laws do not protect citizens, they only protect criminals.</p>		
Name: Danny Yamada	Email: d808yamada@gmail.com	Zip: 96782
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 27, 2022 @ 05:48 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>As a law abiding, taxpaying citizen it is my legal right to protect myself and my family at all times. I am strongly against this as this is against my constitutional rights.</p>		
Name: Lionel Delos Santos	Email: lioneldelossantos@yahoo.com	Zip: 96701
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 27, 2022 @ 05:54 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Aloha Honolulu city council, I strongly opposed this bill because it will limit the places that can carry and making it impossible to carry any where making place as free gun zone will make criminals to use their illegal guns to commit more crimes .</p> <p>Thank you</p>		
Name: Tim Waldmann	Email: wolfstalker20@gmail.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 27, 2022 @ 06:06 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>as a law abiding citizen i feel you are putting a law into place that again does not work. criminals do not care about laws and will carry in these sensitive areas you want to restrict the law abiding citizens from doing. it has been proven that the police do not have to worry about the good citizens, if i had a conceal carry i would be able to protect the people whom need to be protected immediately not 10 - 15 minutes later when the cop shows up. for example just look at the shooting in Greenwood Indiana, is a perfect case of this. The police force does not need to worry about that Law abiding citizen that has a weapon concealed, but does have to worry about the criminals whom are always carrying and don't follow any laws. so adding a restriction/law is only going to stop the people whom might be able to stop the bad from happening sooner, then having to wait for a officer to arrive. please stop thinking that every individual that wants to conceal carry wants to hurt someone. they do not, they want to protect themselves and others if they can. and the reason the stat for stopping crimes with a good citizen with a gun is so low is they usually do not get reported cause the crime did not happen.</p>		
Name: Christopher Tavajian	Email: tavajian@gmail.com	Zip: 96706

Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 27, 2022 @ 06:09 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I believe it is terrible that the governmentt is trying to violate the 2nd ammendment and the right of citizens to bear arms. The only place gun violence is prevalent is in gun free zones. Criminals will always have guns and carry wherever they want. To leave law abising citizens defenselesz is exactly what these animals want. Please reconsider this terrible bill.</p>		
Name: Nathan Cheu	Email: cheunathan@gmail.com	Zip: 96797
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 27, 2022 @ 06:37 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>With respect, all the places mentioned to have restrictions toward legal carry are the exact places that need to have citizens carry firearms for their own safety.</p> <p>If it happens that one criminal steps into any of these places and no one has a means to protect themselves or anyone else, it's an obvious danger toward any law abiding citizen.</p> <p>If an armed burglar or potential assailant sees a sign on a facility or park or school that says "No Firearms Allowed" vs "We Are Trained And Armed," where will the criminal feel like he/she has a better chance of success?</p>		
Name: Yu Xian He	Email: yxhe01@gmail.com	Zip: 96814
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 27, 2022 @ 06:45 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I oppose this bill because the listed protective sensitive areas that prohibit firearms carry are literally all public places, so it defeats the point of public carry to begin with.</p>		
Name: Donna Lua	Email: liakakaahu@gmail.com	Zip: 96793
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 27, 2022 @ 07:28 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I oppose to bill 057. It is against our constitutional rights.</p>		
Name: Jayson Guzman	Email: jguzman@hawaii.edu	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 27, 2022 @ 07:29 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I oppose the bill. Criminals do not follow the rules. If they did, they would be law abiding citizens. This bill seeks to empower the criminal and take away the capacity and the right for an individual to protect themselves. Having limits on where an individual may carry a concealed firearm takes away the power for a citizen to protect themselves and their loved ones from people who wish to do harm. The bill strips the law-abiding individual from being able to carry a firearm where people congregate, which is where criminals victimize others.</p> <p>It also discriminates against individuals who have to utilize public transportation, or have no way of leaving a firearm behind when entering the proposed "sensitive areas". The people apply for concealed carry permits are those who want to protect themselves and others- criminals who seek out victims will not follow rules in gun-free zones, and these rules will actually aid them in committing crime, as they will know the likelihood of someone else there being armed would be low.</p> <p>A person trained in martial arts is similar to one armed with a firearm- they may be able to use deadly force against an opponent. There are many people out there trained, but they do not go out and use it unless they have to. There are no rules stating "martial</p>		

arts free zone" so why is there a proposal for the discrimination against gun owners?

I have been a registered nurse in Hawaii for over 20 years. I have worked on the hospital units, operating room, emergency room, and the cardiac cath lab. Throughout my career, I have seen the devastation that criminals can cause to individuals, as well as their family. I have seen people come in with cuts, bruises, abrasion, skull fractures, broken shoulders, broken hips, stab wounds, heart attacks, and many more life threatening and disfiguring injuries. The injuries don't stop with the event- many have to endure lifelong rehabilitation from their injuries, not to mention the mental and emotional trauma that accompanies it. The families suffer as well- to see their loved one suffering from a criminal's acts, puts them in emotional, mental and physical harm as well. People have had heart attacks from seeing their loved one victimized. There are also people who experience financial hardships from the acts of the criminal- not just from the loss of money or property, but the loss of income from injuries or death of a person. I have seen what the scourge of society can inflict on law abiding citizens- they do not care about any morals or rules, they only care about their next victim to fund their drug or gambling addiction.

Please- think about seeing a woman get off the bus, after a long shift at work and a trip to the grocery store, be dragged by her purse and to have abrasions on her face and body, to have a broken shoulder, and her husband in mental disarray by his wife suffering, and now having cardiac issues of his own from her trauma. I have seen it first hand. If she or someone else would have been armed to stop the assailant, or just even the deterrence of knowing someone close may be armed, would have prevented such a tragedy.

We are our own first responders. We need to be able to protect ourselves from immediate threats. Same as having a fire extinguisher around- calling the fire department will get them there in a few minutes, but the individual needs to be able to take care of the problem immediately, to protect themselves. Do NOT empower criminals. Calling the police will not make them magically appear, it takes time for them to show up. The ability to carry a firearm empowers the citizen who is just trying to live their life and not fall victim to someone. Imposing these rules are ridiculous and removes the right of an individual to protect themselves.

The police can deter crime since they have firearms. Law abiding people can also do the same. Just because someone has a firearm doesn't mean they will draw it at every instance, nor will they need to. Crime will be less, as criminals know that good guys will outnumber the bad guys. For the officers who leave the police force when they retire and will be subject to the rules of regular citizens- I'm sure they would want to be able to have the security of being able to carry a firearm in all areas.

Please let common sense prevail with this bill. Limiting places where one can carry a firearm will not protect the people, it will empower and embolden the criminals and only provide more victims for them.

Thank you.

Name: Travis Koki	Email: travisk5966@yahoo.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 27, 2022 @ 07:31 PM

Testimony:  
I oppose this bill because it is too restrictive and cannot guarantee mine or my families safety.

Name: Cailyn Abel	Email: Cailyngirl@outlook.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Nov 27, 2022 @ 07:32 PM

Testimony:  
The right to bear arms is an amendment that has been around since the birth of our nation. While I believe it is an excellent amendment to use when you need to defend yourself, it is often abused in many states to cause more harm than good. That is why I am indifferent to this bill, and while it does have its upsides for self-defense, it also has many downsides especially involving one's safety. I can not decide whether to be for or against it because of the many factors considered in this scenario.

Name: chris pang	Email: chrispan001@hotmail.com	Zip: 96701
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Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 27, 2022 @ 07:40 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I oppose Bill 57 I feel it is ridiculous to issue ccw permits but have so many restrictions on where the permitted are allowed to carry a firearm. For example: On the bus, bus stop shelters, and etc. Do you know how many robberies there are that occur at a bus shelter? There are a lot and I have even witness a man being beaten by 5 thugs at a bus shelter.</p> <p>Really, you don't need to put ccw permit restrictions on the good citizens you should be more worried about the: Rapist, muggers, homeless druggies, violent senior citizen robbers, and violent thugs. Do you think the violent druggie thugs are going to be worried about following your permit restrictions, no way. Please be reasonable and have common sense. To restrict the good citizens with ccw permits show a lack of common sense, especially when the police can't be everywhere to help the citizens and the court system are being accommodating to criminals of all levels.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Chris Pang</p>		
Name: Kekoa Poki	Email: thathatter.co@gmail.com	Zip: 96795
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Nov 27, 2022 @ 07:45 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>First off I would like to say that denying us, law abiding citizens the ability to carry a firearm to protect ourselves and our family is an infringement on our second amendment in our constitution. Second off the unlawful criminals that are out in public committing crimes have no care for the law or registration of firearms, nor do they care about the taking of any safety training courses to carry a firearm, but yet they still walk around with firearms on their person at all times waiting for when their unlawful acts needs a weapon. So are you our government officials just going to keep your citizens in danger unable to protect ourselves from those that come out into public to harm or take advantage of us and those around us like we've been for years? We already need so much different qualifications to just obtain a firearm from permits to medical qualifications and if we pass all that is necessary we should be able to obtain our permit to concealed and carry. I can't see why you would take this opportunity away from the law abiding citizens that take all the precautions to be lawful, follow all rules and regulations that would be set by our government because of what the unlawful criminals do to commit their crimes with their unregistered illegal firearms in public or elsewhere. When most people think about someone carrying a gun they portray criminals committing a crime or doing something that puts other people in danger but that is not us, the law following community members. Do you think that the criminals will abide by what the law says to do? The law has been in place forever in this state and the crime rate with guns has just been getting worse every year. We don't have enough police officers to be everywhere at all times, for that is the reason we have the second amendment to protect ourselves, families and property. Criminals will do what they want to do to the members of our community because they know we can't protect ourselves and that the law PROTECTS THEM more than it does for the citizens of our state.</p> <p>For every other state that has made the change and allowed their law abiding citizens to concealed and carry, the crime rates have gone down drastically. For no one wants to guess if someone's has a gun or not to rob them or take advantage of them. A good percent of mass shootings that were committed was stopped abruptly from a citizen that was carrying a concealed firearm. The criminals will still get guns to commit crimes regardless of what laws are put in place like we have seen through the past years while the laws was in forced but not followed by the criminals. So DO NOT put us in that category and please respect us enough not to ban the right to concealed and carry for this law will only be for the lawful and not the criminals in this state, they will still do what they've always been doing. If you limit us on where we can carry it will only allow the criminals to know where our community is most vulnerable. It is understandable to limit the carrying on and in federal property and building but for a lot of the other areas that you want to is where criminals have come and started mass shootings in the past. When police are 10 to 15 mins away a lot can happen in that short amount of time. When I worked with the DOD on Pearl Harbor base I never had to use my firearm but I have noticed that it is better to have a firearm on you and never use it then to need a firearm and not have it. On behalf of myself and my family we ask you to consider our health, safety and well-being and allow the ability to concealed and carry to the proper citizens that follow through and complete each step requested.</p>		
Name: Kye Watanabe	Email: gaji_guy@yahoo.com	Zip: 96816

Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Nov 27, 2022 @ 07:49 PM
Testimony: In these exclusion areas, will the City and its taxpayers be assuming all costs and responsibilities for *immediate intervention* to prevent grave bodily injury and termination of violent criminal acts? Let "immediate intervention" be defined as the response equivalent to a witnessing law enforcement officer.		
Name: William Molina	Email: molinamoose@gmail.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 27, 2022 @ 07:58 PM
Testimony: I'm in opposition of bill57. It's my 2nd amendment right as a law abiding tax paying US citizen to practice my rights as a gun owner and NOT be limited to where I can and cannot carry my weapon (pistol). By passing this bill it will infringe on my constitutional right.		
Name: Jon Abbott	Email: abbottelectric113@gmail.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 27, 2022 @ 08:00 PM
Name: Kathleen Jaycox	Email: jaycox@hawaii.edu	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 27, 2022 @ 08:08 PM
Testimony: We need to know that there are at least SOME places where guns cannot be carried. Schools, parks and public transportation are clearly some of those places. I wish this bill established even more limits, but at least this is a start.		
Name: Andrew Namiki Roberts	Email: info@hifico.org	Zip: 96815
Representing: Hawaii Firearms Coalition	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 27, 2022 @ 08:17 PM
Name: Roy Manuel	Email: manueljr67@gmail.com	Zip: 96818
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 27, 2022 @ 08:21 PM
Testimony: I oppose this bill all this bill is doing is stalling the ccw process why would I need to leave my weapons in the care because I'm going in the store or going into any space that you guy dream up and take the risk it will make the CCW useless		
Name: Ruben Ongos	Email: surf2damax@gmail.com	Zip: 96819
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 27, 2022 @ 08:33 PM
Name: Ryan Tinajero	Email: ryan.c.tinajero@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 27, 2022 @ 08:59 PM
Name: Xander Orozco	Email: x_orozco@hotmail.com	Zip: 96816

Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 27, 2022 @ 09:04 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Hi, I'm Xander Orozco.</p> <p>A similar bill to yours was just stayed in NY, and your bill breaks with the Bruen decision. You are defying 2 court decisions, including a Supreme court decision (Bruen), that makes most of this bill Dead on Arrival.</p> <p>Your definition of sensitive places was definitively rejected by the Supreme court in Bruen (Opinion of the Court, Page 22, paragraph 1):</p> <p>In [Respondents'] view, 'sensitive places' where the government may lawfully disarm law-abiding citizens include all 'places where people typically congregate and where law-enforcement and other public-safety professionals are presumptively available.' . . . It is true that people sometimes congregate in 'sensitive places,' and it is likewise true that law enforcement professionals are usually presumptively available in those locations. But expanding the category of 'sensitive places' simply to all places of public congregation that are not isolated from law enforcement defines the category of 'sensitive places' far too broadly. Respondents' argument would in effect exempt cities from the Second Amendment and would eviscerate the general right to publicly carry arms for self-defense..."</p> <p>Your definition of 'sensitive places' in this bill aims to achieve the same thing.</p> <p>The following 'sensitive' locations in your proposed bill were struck down and deemed fine and dandy for concealed carry by the NY court in OCT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summer Camps</li> <li>Hotels</li> <li>Financial institutions</li> <li>Public Parks</li> <li>Zoos</li> <li>Aquariums</li> <li>Charitable organizations</li> <li>Mental health facilities</li> <li>Shelters of any kind</li> <li>Public transportation</li> <li>Buildings associated with public transportation</li> <li>Residential settings licensed, certified, regulated, funded, or operated by the department of health/government</li> <li>Private businesses/bars</li> </ul> <p>What is the reasoning behind a bill that has, in other forms, been roundly rejected and struck down by the Supreme Court and upheld by a NY District Court? Why are you attempting to deny us one of our fundamental rights as American citizens?</p> <p>It is incumbent upon you to provide the historical precedents for these restrictions and you can't.</p> <p>I know you will say some platitudes about safety and the mental well being of the public, but I will leave you with this relevant quote from the court in Bruen: "The dissent invokes all of these statistics presumably to justify granting States greater leeway in restricting firearms ownership and use. but, as Members of the Court have already explained, "[t]he right to keep and bear arms . . . is not the only constitutional right that has controversial public safety implications.""(Bruen, Opinion of the Court, Page 8, footnote 3)</p>		
Name: J P	Email: ccw2a@gmail.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 27, 2022 @ 09:29 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Basically this bill limits ccw to only around your home. These restrictions are absurd.</p>		
Name:	Email:	Zip:



Julie Wilusz	Julie96734@aol.com	96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 27, 2022 @ 10:16 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I am against these restrictions. By limiting law abiding concealed carry firearm holders from legally carrying their firearms into certain places, this is, in fact, making these places targets for the criminal element, by ensuring that they can bring THEIR firearms into these areas safely, as law abiding firearm owners will NOT be in attendance in these areas with their firearms. This will allow the criminal element to feel free to shoot as they will, with the knowledge that they won't have to worry about anyone shooting back at them. The ONLY way to make the criminals fear committing their crimes is to make them fear their targets....their victims. The only way to do this is to NOT limit legal concealed carry firearm owners in their abilities to react to protect themselves and others by using their second amendment rights. It has been shown, time and time again, that legal concealed carry firearm owners have prevented mass casualties by taking out/neutralizing the shooter before police were able to even arrive at the scene. Let's stop the nonsense and stop the killings. Let's work together, instead of villainizing law abiding concealed carry firearm owners.</p>		
Name: Norman Akau Jr	Email: nor8ak2011@gmail.com	Zip: 96744-5202
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 27, 2022 @ 10:22 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I, Norman Akau Jr. very strongly oppose Bill 57. This bill infringes on my right to carry a concealed weapon for personal protection against all criminals in the County of Honolulu.</p>		
Name: Ilima DeCosta	Email: adecosta808@icloud.com	Zip: 96814
Representing: Hui Malama Hawaii	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 27, 2022 @ 10:29 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Aloha and mahalo for the opportunity to testify on the proposed measure, Bill057(22), Relating to the Public Carry of Firearms.</p> <p>As a mother to a young woman who died due to domestic related gun violence and advocate to those who have survived violence, I support the Honolulu City Council's efforts to mitigate the instances where accidental or intentional shootings may occur in public or private spaces.</p> <p>Specifically, I support the Council's intention to protect sensitive spaces, including the expression of free speech under the First Amendment.</p> <p>However, I strongly urge the Council to reduce the number of persons that need to be gathered in order to protect the expression of free speech from those who wish to intimidate others.</p> <p>For example, survivors of gun violence - like me - are frequently outnumbered by those who wish to promote their Second Amendment rights.</p> <p>Under the definitions of the proposed version of the law, I am concerned that - if the number of survivors of gun violence is less than the "25" identified under sections (f) of the definitions - myself and those who wish to speak out against gun violence are likely to be intimidated by the presence of a gun being wielded by those who wish to silence our message.</p> <p>This is exactly what happened when I lived in Alaska, and I would like to know that the Council is protecting all areas and instances where persons are specifically gathered to exercise their First Amendment rights.</p> <p>That said, I would like the Council to maintain these sensitive spaces without requiring that an unreasonable minimum number of persons must be congregating before the open or concealed carry prohibition kicks in.</p> <p>The scenario I described has and would have a chilling effect on my right to speak out and to freely express my ideas.</p>		

Therefore, I vigorously urge the Council to amend the definition language to prohibit the carrying of firearms whenever "1" (one) or more persons are gathered in free expression, in order to balance these competing rights and to maintain public safety.

In addition, under section 40-4, in support of mandating permission to carry a firearm into a business or charitable organization, I would ask that the Council allow business owners and charitable organizations the right to request to see a permit to carry, and that no entry will be allowed without the valid showing of a permit to carry a firearm - concealed or open.

Pursuant to this request, I urge the Council to amend the language to permit both law enforcement and business owners/charitable organizations/their representatives the right and the ability to prohibit entry to any establishment without the proper showing of a permit.

During the height of the Covid19 pandemic, we learned that properly vetting the entry to businesses and charitable organizations has a valid and legitimate public safety function.

If we can work together to keep COVID19 from spreading - by mandating the showing of vaccine cards - we can definitely mitigate the instances of gun violence by requiring that those who wish to carry their firearm in public and/or into business/charitable spaces show proof that they have a valid permit to carry a firearm.

My daughter was only 24 years old when she died, and she left behind a four year old son who will never know his mother.

This is not an acceptable reality, to me. And, it should not be an acceptable reality for the children or family members of the Council.

Gun violence is preventable and I support all efforts to maintain the public safety by limiting where firearms may be carried and the instances under which firearms may be carried.

Let's work together to keep Hawai'i safe from gun violence.

Mahalo me ka ha'aha'a.

Name: Arthur Kluvo	Email: akluvo@gmail.com	Zip: 96797
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Nov 27, 2022 @ 10:34 PM

Testimony:

I oppose City Ordinance Bill 57 of 2022 relating to carrying firearms. What, are you people nuts?

To me you are trying to pass an ordinance that basically restricts open carry.

If a person has been permitted open carry in Hawaii that should mean what it implies. That person should be permitted that privilege with very few exceptions.

The proposed bill should perhaps be patterned after open carry laws in other states such as Texas.

I am a registered hand gun owner and have not requested open carry. But if a person has been granted that privilege, it should not have such severe restrictions as proposed in bill 57 of 2022. Rewrite the bill to be more reasonable. Bill 57 doesn't appear enforceable as currently written.

Name: Marisa Pangilinan	Email: marisapangilinan@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 27, 2022 @ 11:06 PM

Testimony:

Dear Chair, Vice Chair and members of the committee,

My name is Marisa Pangilinan and I live in Kaimuki, Honolulu and I am testifying in support of Bill 57. I am a peace loving woman and I'm a concerned mom to two young boys. I don't want to be worried someone is carrying a concealed gun when entering a business or a school or a zoo with my children. I don't believe guns have a place where children play and learn. I hope the council would pass this bill so that we can keep children far away from guns.

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Lynn Otaguro	lmotaguro@yahoo.com	96821
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 27, 2022 @ 11:51 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I am writing in support of Bill 57. Allowing the concealed carry of guns in these sensitive places poses an increased risk of escalation of violence and physical harm. Having guns in these places also raises the risk of intimidation and the suppression of others' First Amendment and other rights. We have seen the number of mass shootings recently and the impact that the prevalence of guns has on our schools and students, who must now practice drills to prepare for possible incidents. This measure is necessary. Thank you for your consideration.</p>		
Name: William Murphy ESQ	Email: bmurphyi@bellsouth.net	Zip: 34957
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 02:56 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>The bill as written is over broad. Many of the restrictions do not fit within the constraints of Bruen. If enacted, it will be challenged, and the county will lose. This is going to cost taxpayers more money. This specific section has already been ruled Unconstitutional, in New York. "it is a violation of this article for any person to... carry on their person a firearm... on the premises of any business establishment or charitable establishment unless the business establishment or charitable establishment, or an agent thereof, has expressly consented thereto." Why are you repeating the same mistakes?</p>		
Name: james wallace	Email: diehd49@yahoo.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 04:54 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I oppose Bill 57. Any Bill which goes against the 2nd ammendment is to be abolished for it is Anti-American and Pro - Communism. Most of our pilautians are tyranicle minded so "WE THE PEOPLE" must remind them that they work for Us and we will stand up for our rights and fight back against communism. They dont know the meaning of infringement so they must be taught like little children,</p>		
Name: Christopher Metcalf	Email: cmetcalf0866@gmail.com	Zip: 96766
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 04:58 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I strongly oppose this bill. The 2nd amendment is vitally important to protect all other rights of American citizens. This bill would basically not allow any law abiding citizen to carry out of their own house. This is more government overreach. I oppose this bill</p>		
Name: Danielle Takei	Email: daniellestacey17@gmail.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 05:27 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>If I cannot carry in the places listed, it means I am a target in those places. Public parks, and the Bus are some of the places I feel least secure.</p> <p>The free speech zone prohibition is particularly chilling.</p> <p>My ability to secure my free speech and religious activity is a main purpose of my desire to carry.</p> <p>The fact that we can use force makes us less likely to have to, particularly as a woman who has no other means of matching someone who intends to overpower me.</p>		

I have been attacked by a stranger in a place deemed a sensitive area in this bill. He targeted me because I am evidently not someone who could stop him. He ran past people he didn't think he could harm to me who he could.

My ability to indicate I could stop an attack is enough to dissuade it altogether.

Name: Donna Acdal	Email: dacdalcamp8@yahoo.com	Zip: 96727
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 05:39 AM

Testimony:

I Donna Acdal disagree to Bill 57.

I as a citizen of the United States of America have the right to bear firearm as a means of protection for my self and my family. You are equipping criminals to carry firearms but are taking away my rights to protect myself and my family if the need arises. You are basically saying I can't defend myself or my family LEGALLY but a criminal may get a firearm ILLEGALLY. You are saying I am an irresponsible citizen if I take a firearms class, if I legally acquire a firearm, if I go through a background search, if I submit a request to open carry. You want to take away my rights as a law abiding responsible citizen. You want to make me vulnerable to a criminal that IS carrying a firearm( illegally). You want me to NOT be able to defend myself or my family by taking away my right to defend myself...There is something wrong when responsible citizens who follow the rules are at the mercy of criminals who don't...where are those who decide that we can't carry a firearm, when something goes wrong. ?Are they going to be there to defend us?...to help us ? Or our family?. What right do they have to say , that I am not responsible enough to open carry?...who are they to say that I am not responsible?. Do they know me?.

I oppose bill 57 to ban open carry in public in any of those places listed...

I have a right to poses and open carry LEGALLY a firearm as an American Citizen.

Name: Christy Kajiwaru Gusman	Email: dcphawaii2a@gmail.com	Zip: 96793
Representing: DC Project Hawaii Chapter / A Girl & A Gun Hawaii CHapter	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 05:52 AM

Testimony:

Christy Kajiwaru Gusman  
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Honorable Members of the  
City Council  
City & County of Honolulu  
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: OPPOSITION TO BILL 57

Aloha Members of the Council,  
I am writing today in Opposition to BILL 57.

In the recent lawsuit NYSRPA v. Bruen, the US Supreme Court's decision on this bill says that it violates the 2nd Amendment Rights of all citizens. It will prohibit Law Abiding Citizens from exercising that right.

1995 SCOTUS ruled in United States v. Lopez that "Gun Free Zones are Unconstitutional. The phrase "Sensitive Places" is nothing more than a new term for "Gun Free Zones"

This bill will NOT keep communities safe but will give CRIMINALS a "BIGGER TARGET" as they will know where to find easy "unarmed" victims.

It will create an even bigger run of vehicle thefts and break ins as criminals will know where to look to steal firearms that law abiding citizens will be forced to lock/leave in such vehicles when entering these “sensitive places.”

This bill discriminates against and targets female and low-income individuals who more than likely have the need to protect themselves when using “public transportation”.

The language in this bill is vague and definitions are not clearly stated such as the phrase “places frequented by children”. The language in the bill needs to be revised.

By passing this bill you are denying the ability of a law-abiding citizen to protect and defend themselves and creating victims by allowing the public to be targeted by criminals who do not care if they violate the law.

In 2018 I was a victim of a robbery where I my assailant stole my belongings and I tried to physically fight back to protect myself and regain possession of my property. I am a 4'-10" Asian female who was up against a 6'-2" African American Male he grabbed me by the neck and choked me with one hand covering my entire neck outside the Public Library. It took police approximately 20 minutes to arrive at the scene of where the first time they came they drove past because they “didn’t see me” I firmly believe that day had I been armed my attacker would not have tried to do what he did. Later because of covid and because the judge decided that “I got my stuff back” this person was turned free back on the streets.

I urge you to take into consideration the fact that those of us who do apply for our CCW's and are approved are highly skilled, trained and qualified individuals who go through proficiency tests more stringent than that of most police qualifications. There are also various programs that organizations such as the NRA and the USCCA that specifically train people for CCW and real life situations.

My contact information is on this letter and I would also like to invite you to come and participate / experience a day in the classroom and on the range with us a few hours to see how safe we are and have fun as well. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us should you have any questions.

Mahao Piha,  
Christy Kajiwaru Gusman  
DC Project Hawaii State Director  
A Girl & A Gun Hawaii Chapter President  
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Name: Tina Yamaki	Email: tyamaki@rmhawaii.org	Zip: 96816
Representing: Retail Merchants of Hawaii	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 06:37 AM

Name: Ramiro Noguero	Email: ramironoguero@hotmail.com	Zip: 96708
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 06:43 AM

Testimony:  
Oppose, it goes against the supreme law of the land.

Name: Nikki Anzai	Email: nikki.anzai@gmail.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 08:08 AM

Testimony:  
Aloha,

I am a third grade teacher, a daughter, a mother, and a law-abiding American citizen. I feel that I, along with many others, have earned my right to choose to arm myself with a firearm in accordance with our United States constitution. It devastates me to hear

that even after the recent court ruling, we may still be prohibited from this in some of the places where having this right may be most needed.

The vast majority of law-abiding citizens are able to make decisions that are safe, morally sound, and protect the lives of our families and fellow residents. In contrast, those who are not capable of following laws will stop to no end to acquire goods, including firearms, illegally. With these suggested restrictions, they will be the ones who are concealing a firearm out in those public areas, leaving the rest of us defenseless.

We recently had training during which we learned how to respond to an active shooter situation. We learned that as a last resort, an appropriate response is to fight back. At school, we have classroom objects that can be used for that purpose, but that requires us to be extremely close to the perpetrator. Many of us teachers, after that training, felt empowered that we had other options besides cowering in a corner, and some of us also felt compelled to learn how to use a firearm for our own safety outside of school. This demonstrates our changing culture in Hawaii. Many of us who have never felt a need or desire to arm ourselves are wanting to do that now. Crime is increasing. We don't feel safe in public areas anymore. We don't need data to see how this island has changed in recent years. It is evident as we drive down the street, as we run our errands, as we pick up our children from school. With these "sensitive areas," criminals would now know where we are most vulnerable. To have so many places deemed "sensitive" will not help us advance our initiatives against true crime on O'ahu.

I implore you to allow the second amendment to be fully recognized here on Oahu. We should have the right to protect ourselves, our families, and our neighbors. I truly believe that crime rates may actually decrease when the "bad guys" realize they're not the only ones who can arm themselves.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Name: Jason Pearce	Email: jdpearce0027@gmail.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 08:14 AM

Testimony:

I strongly oppose this bill. The statistics show that licensed concealed carry holders practice firearm safety and train more than anyone else. By restricting our 2nd amendment rights, and not allowing the citizens to carry creates more opportunity for criminals to continue to take advantage of the system. What's next? A restriction on our first amendment rights. Do we need a license for that?

Name: GENER MACARAEG	Email: RAMBOMACK@AOL.COM	Zip: 96793
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 08:29 AM

Testimony:

Aloha!

I OPPOSE BILL057(22) RELATING TO THE PUBLIC CARRY OF FIREARMS. This bill will not help stop crime, and but instead will attract/encourage criminals since law abiding citizens are vulnerable because they do not have the tool to defend themselves in these areas. Law abiding citizens should have the right to defend themselves and protect others at any place at any moment. The Police can not be in these places all the time, and it has been proven that criminals and mentally ill sick people target these places.

Please DO NOT pass this bill.

Respectfully,  
Gener Macaraeg

Name: Choon James	Email: ChoonJamesHawaii@gmail.com	Zip: 96762
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	I wish to comment	Nov 28, 2022 @ 08:29 AM
Name: Kyle Morgan	Email: motokkm@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 08:40 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I oppose this bill to restrict the places for law-abiding citizens to legally carry a firearm. As a citizen, legally allowed to carry a firearm, there should be minimal restrictions imposed. Concealed carry permit holders have already passed through much scrutiny, and therefore make every place they carry a safer place.</p>		
Name: Julie King	Email: hawkfan808@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 08:40 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I oppose this bill because there should be NO restrictions on where any one should conceal carry. The "sensitive places" (schools, government buildings, parks and public transportation) is where our keiki and kupuna are, and they should be protected. The Supreme Court has already ruled any restrictions on any concealed carry area as unconstitutional so why is the City Council trying to pass a law against what the SC has already ruled upon?</p>		
Name: Jerry Yuen	Email: jerry.t.yuen@gmail.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Pu'uoloa Rifle and Pistol Club	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 08:48 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I oppose Bill 57 on the grounds that it is unconstitutional, not well thought out, unenforceable and does nothing to promote public safety.</p> <p>This bill seeks to ignore the Supreme Courts decision on the New York Rifle and Pistol Association, Inc vs. Bruen that affirms the right of people to own and bear arms.</p> <p>Bill 57 will disarm law abiding citizens due to the broad definitions and scope of designated sensitive areas. There are no accommodations for the safe storage of firearms for legal concealed carriers that patronize many of the government offices and services. Locking their car is not an option since it violates HRS 134 requirements for transportation and storage.</p> <p>There is also no practical way to enforce this law unless all government offices and properties have mandated secure entry and metal detection station at every entrance. Think of the amount of detector units and and enforcement personnel required for every entry door, gateway, and parking lot. Every School, bus, government building or service, and non-permissive private business would be affected.</p> <p>This bill does not affect the criminal elements other to identify areas where people are unarmed. Criminals break the law and designating "no gun zones" is just as bad as posting a sign that reads " Criminals. The victims in this area have been disarmed for your convenience and safety".</p>		
Name: Trenton Johnson	Email: trenton@trentonjohnson.com	Zip: 96740
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 08:50 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Please vote 'no' on this bill. The bill, while possibly well-intentioned, would gut the ability of Hawaii residents to secure their own safety, as guaranteed and protected by the second amendment of the United States constitution, and as recently re-affirmed in the Supreme Court Bruen v. New York decision. The right to defend one's self from harm should not be treated as a dangerous activity! This bill, as-written, would essentially undermine the ability of Hawaii residents to defend themselves from harm in nearly any place but their own home.</p>		

Why would you try to stop a single-parent mother from defending herself and her child from harm at the hands of a violent attacker while waiting to take the bus home?

Why would you try to prevent our kupuna from defending themselves from death and serious injury at the hands of a drugged-out mugger, while shopping at Foodland?

A firearm legally carried by a law-abiding citizen does nothing but level the playing field between themselves, and a criminal with ill-intent.

Please vote 'no', on this extremely misguided and harmful bill, which will serve no purpose but to increase the risk and danger that our law-abiding residents face.

Name: Mikhael Kobayashi	Email: mikhaelkobayashi@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 08:50 AM

Testimony:  
Please don't infringe on my rights

Name: Linda White	Email: ltsai100@yahoo.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 08:52 AM

Testimony:

Dear Chair, Vice Chair and committee members,

I'm writing today to enthusiastically support Bill 57.

My name is Linda (Tsai) White, and I live at 1504 Ihiloa Loop in Honolulu, 96821,

I'm a mother of 3 adult daughters, a grandmother, and a wife. I was also the best friend of Kristine Cass, who was murdered by a person using a handgun, along with her 13 year old daughter Saundra, in Makiki on August 20, 2010. I have a special motivation, therefore, around issues of gun common sense and safety.

Guns do not belong in any public place, but especially not where our keiki play and family's gather together, including schools, parks, places of worship, the zoo, etc. It is anxiety producing to think that there may be people with weapons in these places. It is particularly important to keep guns out of bars or any place serving alcohol. I urge the Council to pass this safety ordinance for our community, to keep it safer for all of us. We all have that right.

Thank you so much for this draft ordinance. I hope it passes and very much appreciate the effort behind this work.

Respectfully,

Linda White

Name: Andrew Crossland	Email: across86@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 08:52 AM

Testimony:

This Bill is a violation of our 2nd Amendment Rights in the US Constitution and is not in accordance with the recent US Supreme Court ruling. I strongly oppose this proposed legislation and I urge the Mayor and Councilmembers to NOT proceed with this Bill.

Name: Rogelio Lazaro	Email: RahJah808@yandex.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 09:02 AM

Testimony:



I oppose bill 057(22). It is too restrictive. Most mass shootings occur in "gun free zones" defined as sensitive or restricted areas in this bill. This bill would prevent law abiding citizens to protect themselves in areas most pertinent to daily living.

The criminal misdemeanor penalty stated in this bill is too harsh. It should be progressive, starting with violation for 1st offense, and subsequent petty misdemeanor for 2nd offense; with suspension of license.

Name: Charla Teves	Email: charlateves1@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 09:11 AM

Name: Brandon Leong	Email: b.leong1851@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 09:37 AM

Testimony:

I am opposed to this bill. Look to other states that have carry laws and they are in no way as restrictive as what you guys are proposing. Three of the four counties have issued permits already and there has not been one incident with a licensed carrier misusing or endangering the public. There is nothing in this bill that is going to stop a criminal from illegally carrying a firearm in public. Criminals have been the only citizens carrying before the Bruen decision and will continue to carry everywhere they choose in this state. The people who are taking the time to go through the process to acquire a license to carry permit are not the problem and should not be feared. They are going through the proper channels to be able to exercise their Constitutional Right To Bear Arms.

Brandon Leong  
Hawaii Rifle Association Vice President  
NRA Certified Firearms Instructor

Name: Jeremy Van	Email: jvanrp@hotmail.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 09:44 AM

Testimony:

This bill is an attempt at circumventing the Supreme Court ruling by effectively banning law abiding citizens from carrying in the places they are most likely to need it. It solves nothing considering that CCW holders nationwide are statistically the most law abiding citizens according to studies. Please oppose this bill and allow law abiding citizens the ability to defend themselves or others wherever the need arises.

Name: Xander Orozco	Email: x_orozco@hotmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 10:00 AM

Name: Neal Horimoto	Email: nealhorimoto@yahoo.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 10:18 AM

Testimony:

Please reject this bill. If a person meets all the necessary requirements then he should be able to conceal carry anywhere. A person not qualified and intends to do harm will conceal carry anyway so hopefully a permitted CC person might be able to quell the situation if he or she is around. Thanks

Name: Taylor Warn	Email: taylorwarn808@gmail.com	Zip: 96826
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Oppose	Nov 28, 2022 @ 10:29 AM
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Testimony:

Bills being considered dictating the “when and where” lawful/permitted gun owners can indeed invoke the 2nd amendment right are unconstitutional but also out of line with the spirit of the most recent rulings from the US Supreme Court on related firearms matters. With this being said, Bill 57 will only end up costing Hawaiian tax payers money when this legislation (if passed) ends up being tied up in court before it is ultimately struck down due to its unconstitutional nature. So please save Hawaiian people some time and money by not dragging us through this song and dance that is “Bill 57”.

Thank you for your time!

Name: Joshua Hekekie	Email: joshhekekie@hotmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 10:32 AM

Testimony:

In regard to the Issuing of carry and conceal permits, the June 2022 majority ruling by the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) in the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association (NYSRA) v. Bruen, Superintendent of New York State Police (Bruen) was very explicit that New York's law banning the carry and concealment of a handgun was unconstitutional and ruled that the ability to carry a pistol in public was a constitutional right under the Second Amendment. The majority ruled that states are allowed to enforce "shall-issue" permitting, where applicants for concealed carry permits must satisfy certain objective criteria, such as passing a background check, but that "may-issue" systems that utilize "arbitrary" evaluations of need made by local authorities are unconstitutional.

The ability to obtain a carrying a concealed weapons (CCW) permit is settled law on a federal level. In the SCOTUS ruling in NYSPRA v Bruen ruled the “may Issue” scheme on the issuance of CCW permits that has been the law in six states (including Hawai'i) is unconstitutional. Going forward it is now “shall issue” nationally and that the right to keep (own) and bear (carry) arms is federally protected.

My testimony focuses on the constitutionality of the “sensitive places” doctrine, which lies at the heart of a person’s constitutional guarantee to self-defense. I point to the NYSPRA v Bruen majority opinion by Justice Clarence Thomas. In Section II page 8 he writes: “To justify its regulation, the government may not simply posit that the regulation promotes an important interest. Rather, the government must demonstrate that the regulation is consistent with this Nation’s historical tradition of firearm regulation. Only if a firearm regulation is consistent with this Nation’s historical tradition may a court conclude that the individual’s conduct falls outside the Second Amendment’s “unqualified command. *Konigsberg v. State Bar of Cal.*, 366 U. S. 36, 50, n. 10 (1961).”

Furthermore, in Section II, B, page 10, the ruling states: “Step one of the predominant framework is broadly consistent with *Heller* vs the District of Columbia (*Heller*), which demands a test rooted in the Second Amendment’s text, as informed by history. But *Heller* and *McDonald v. Chicago* (*McDonald*) do not support applying means-end scrutiny in the Second Amendment context. Instead, the government must affirmatively prove that its firearms regulation is part of the historical tradition that delimits the outer bounds of the right to keep and bear arms.

Section II. D, pages 21-22 NYSPRA v Bruen majority opinion writ explicitly defines what constitutes a “sensitive place.” It states ““sensitive places” where weapons were altogether prohibited—e.g., legislative assemblies, polling places, and courthouses—we are also aware of no disputes regarding the lawfulness of such prohibitions.” It goes on to state on page 22, “It is true that people sometimes congregate in “sensitive places,” and it is likewise true that law enforcement professionals are usually presumptively available in those locations. But expanding the category of “sensitive places” simply to all places of public congregation that are not isolated from law enforcement defines the category of “sensitive places” far too broadly. Respondents’ argument would in effect exempt cities from the Second Amendment and would eviscerate the general right to publicly carry arms for self-defense...”

In short, I am not opposed to specific areas where people congregate being declared a gun free zone, as long as the Government can demonstrate an historical precedent that these gun control laws existed on a national level during the period when the US Constitution and the Bill of Rights was ratified. The definition cannot be expanded to fit the political whims of leadership merely due to personal opinions on firearms and the use of firearms for self-defense.

NYSPRA v. Bruen is very clear that gun control laws cannot be arbitrary, capricious, and subjective based on the public interest. It MUST have a historical precedent. Those being, as stated in NYSPRA v Bruen legislative assemblies, polling places, and

courthouses. The other locations proposed by Bill 057 are unequivocally unconstitutional and cannot stand up to legal scrutiny and challenges.

Name: Cory S	Email: idk48@hotmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 10:36 AM

Testimony:  
Hello, I wish to oppose the sensitive location bill. New York already tried this and it was already struck down as unconstitutional. It will make it basically impossible to carry anywhere. It would be a good idea to work with local gun advocates and work something reasonably out. Thank you,  
Cory S

Name: Eric Apaka	Email: 777tow@gmail.com	Zip: 96826
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 10:42 AM

Testimony:  
With a bill like this, you are telling criminals where is safe to do crimes. The law abiding citizens are the ones are not the ones that anyone needs to worry about. It is the criminal who never abides by the law that everyone should be worried about. With the clear rise in crimes against people, law abiding citizens need to have a way to protect themselves if the situation arises.

Name: Alvin Rodrigues	Email: al_bkk@yahoo.com	Zip: 96797
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 10:49 AM

Testimony:  
I oppose BILL057(22), it violates our constitutional rights and I can't wait for it to be challenged in the Supreme Court so we the CITIZENS OF HAWAII can finally exercise our constitutional rights in our state.

Name: Stefanie Sakamoto	Email: ssakamoto@imanaka-asato.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: HCUL	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 10:54 AM

Name: Mitchell Weber	Email: mdotweber@gmail.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 11:02 AM

Testimony:  
I strongly oppose bill57,  
Reading through some of the comments supporting the bill, I can't help but notice the hateful rhetoric spewed by some of these individuals. Perhaps people who vehemently hate firearms and owners alike, feel that people cannot be trusted with firearms because they themselves are too unstable to responsibly carry.  
  
I also wonder how many of those in support of this bill vacation in Las Vegas every year. Will these individuals be able to withstand the fear of knowing that people are carrying in their immediate vicinity at all times while there?  
  
The fact that this bill was submitted after it had been challenged and found to directly conflict with Bruen as well as the condescending attitude from our mayor and governor in regards to our civil rights is also alarming.  
  
The legislation and ordinances passed by our lawmakers caused this dangerous situation that us unprotected civilians are in today. Your willingness to villify well vetted and trained ccw holders while simultaneously empowering criminals and evil people by disarming any potential victims makes me doubt your sincerity about public safety.

I am a certified firearms instructor as well as a range safety officer, I would like to extend an invitation to any of you that would like to come out to a range day & educate yourselves on the subject. I think some of you base your positions off of a lack of experience & misinformation. Please consider my offer, safety is my number one goal and you may just have some fun.

We are not the bad guys, we are not a threat. Ccw holders are the type to tirelessly train for something that they hope to never have to do. Ironically, any individual who can pass the testing standards set by Chief Logan is more than likely a higher trained and more competent with a firearm than many of the officers at HPD.

Regards,  
Mitchell Weber.

Name: Michael Elliott	Email: mike_elliotti@icloud.com	Zip: 96701
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 11:10 AM

Name: Jennithy Torcuato	Email: jtorcuato4034@myhta.org	Zip: 96782
Representing: HTA	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 11:19 AM

Testimony:  
I testify that gun owners should not have any right to have guns outside of the home, for the safety of other people.

Name: Marc M	Email: phenols_commas0j@icloud.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 11:37 AM

Testimony:  
I oppose BILL057(22) RELATING TO THE PUBLIC CARRY OF FIREARMS.

This bill effectively defeats the purpose of being able to carry a firearm for protection. Further, most of these places do not have the security measures to ensure criminals who do not follow the law, are going to be disarmed should they try to carry a firearm (or any weapon for that matter) into the sensitive area. And most of these sensitive locations don't have the adequate and fast responding police/security response to deal with an armed criminal. To be able to either have adequate security checks of every single individual entering the premises of all included sensitive areas, and/or to have an adequate police/security presence to deal with any armed bad actors is impractical and unreasonable.

Please oppose bill 57.

Thank you,  
Marc

Name: Jessica Caiazzo	Email: wethepeople808@protonmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 11:40 AM

Testimony:  
Aloha,

I oppose this bill as it's simply unconstitutional. If you do not stand by the Constitution, you do not belong in your position. We are a Constitutional Republic, not a democracy. The law clearly states "shall not be infringed [...]". the Constitution protects individual liberties from being abused by the government. A significant accomplishment of the Constitution was finding a means to agree on this basis of power. Any where you limit the ability to conceal carry make those locations the most vulnerable. Gun owners are by far the most patriotic, responsible, and law abiding citizens. Criminals do not care about the law. The irony of the most elite (like our President) are protected by what? People with guns. Hawaii ranks fourth on the Giffords list of strictest gun laws, and it's 50th

in the rate of gun deaths, with 3.4 per 100,000 population, why must we need to restrict our state even more?

On June 23, 2022, the United States Supreme Court, in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Ass'n, Inc. v. Bruen*,<sup>[1]</sup> rendered one of the most significant decisions to be issued on the Second Amendment in over a decade. It struck down as unconstitutional New York State's concealed carry law that required an individual to prove "proper cause" existed before a license would be issued allowing that person to carry a concealed pistol or revolver in public.<sup>[2]</sup> The court held that this "proper cause" requirement violated the 14th Amendment because it prevented law-abiding citizens who have ordinary self-defense needs – as opposed to specific articulable reasons that show they may be vulnerable to harm – from exercising their Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms.

Facts matter.

A. Guns save more lives than they take; prevent more injuries than they inflict

\* Guns used 2.5 million times a year in self-defense. Law-abiding citizens use guns to defend themselves against criminals as many as 2.5 million times every year — or about 6,850 times a day. <sup>[1]</sup> This means that each year, firearms are used more than 80 times more often to protect the lives of honest citizens than to take lives. <sup>[2]</sup>

\* Of the 2.5 million times citizens use their guns to defend themselves every year, the overwhelming majority merely brandish their gun or fire a warning shot to scare off their attackers. Less than 8% of the time, a citizen will kill or wound his/her attacker.<sup>[3]</sup>

\* As many as 200,000 women use a gun every year to defend themselves against sexual abuse.<sup>[4]</sup>

\* Armed citizens kill more crooks than do the police. Citizens shoot and kill at least twice as many criminals as police do every year (1,527 to 606).<sup>[6]</sup> And readers of *Newsweek* learned that "only 2 percent of civilian shootings involved an innocent person mistakenly identified as a criminal. The 'error rate' for the police, however, was 11 percent, more than five times as high."<sup>[7]</sup>

\* Handguns are the weapon of choice for self-defense. Citizens use handguns to protect themselves over 1.9 million times a year. <sup>[8]</sup> Many of these self-defense handguns could be labeled as "Saturday Night Specials."

B. Concealed carry laws help reduce crime

\* Nationwide: one-half million self-defense uses. Every year, as many as one-half million citizens defend themselves with a firearm away from home. <sup>[9]</sup> \* Concealed carry laws are dropping crime rates across the country. A comprehensive national study determined in 1996 that violent crime fell after states made it legal to carry concealed firearms. The results of the study showed:

\* States which passed concealed carry laws reduced their murder rate by 8.5%, rapes by 5%, aggravated assaults by 7% and robbery by 3%; <sup>[10]</sup> and \* If those states not having concealed carry laws had adopted such laws in 1992, then approximately 1,570 murders, 4,177 rapes, 60,000 aggravated assaults and over 11,000 robberies would have been avoided yearly.<sup>[11]</sup>

\* Do firearms carry laws result in chaos? No. Consider the case of Florida. A citizen in the Sunshine State is far more likely to be attacked by an alligator than to be assaulted by a concealed carry holder.

1. During the first fifteen years that the Florida law was in effect, alligator attacks outpaced the number of crimes committed by carry holders by a 229 to 155 margin.

2. And even the 155 "crimes" committed by concealed carry permit holders are somewhat misleading as most of these infractions resulted from Floridians who accidentally carried their firearms into restricted areas, such as an airport. <sup>[15]</sup>

We ask that you absolutely do not pass Bill 57, stand by the Constitution, and in now way infringe more this you already have on our 2nd amendment right.

Mahalo.

-Jessica "Priya" Caiazzo

References:

<sup>[1]</sup> 597 U.S. \_\_\_\_, 142 S. Ct. 2111, 213 L. Ed. 2d 387 (2022).

[2] New York Penal Law § 400.00(2)(f).

[1] Gary Kleck and Marc Gertz, "Armed Resistance to Crime: The Prevalence and Nature of Self-Defense With a Gun," 86 *The Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology*, Northwestern University School of Law, 1 (Fall 1995):164. Dr. Kleck is a professor in the school of criminology and criminal justice at Florida State University in Tallahassee. He has researched extensively and published several essays on the gun control issue. His book, *Point Blank: Guns and Violence in America*, has become a widely cited source in the gun control debate. In fact, this book earned Dr. Kleck the prestigious American Society of Criminology Michael J. Hindelang award for 1993. This award is given for the book published in the past two to three years that makes the most outstanding contribution to criminology. Even those who don't like the conclusions Dr. Kleck reaches, cannot argue with his impeccable research and methodology. In "A Tribute to a View I Have Opposed," Marvin E. Wolfgang writes that, "What troubles me is the article by Gary Kleck and Marc Gertz. The reason I am troubled is that they have provided an almost clear-cut case of methodologically sound research in support of something I have theoretically opposed for years, namely, the use of a gun in defense against a criminal perpetrator.... I have to admit my admiration for the care and caution expressed in this article and this research. Can it be true that about two million instances occur each year in which a gun was used as a defensive measure against crime? It is hard to believe. Yet, it is hard to challenge the data collected. We do not have contrary evidence." Wolfgang, "A Tribute to a View I Have Opposed," *The Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology*, at 188.

Wolfgang says there is no "contrary evidence." Indeed, there are more than a dozen national polls — one of which was conducted by *The Los Angeles Times* — that have found figures comparable to the Kleck-Gertz study. Even the Clinton Justice Department (through the National Institute of Justice) found there were as many as 1.5 million defensive users of firearms every year. See National Institute of Justice, "Guns in America: National Survey on Private Ownership and Use of Firearms," *Research in Brief* (May 1997).

As for Dr. Kleck, readers of his materials may be interested to know that he is a member of the ACLU, Amnesty International USA, and Common Cause. He is not and has never been a member of or contributor to any advocacy group on either side of the gun control debate.

[2] According to the National Safety Council, the total number of gun deaths (by accidents, suicides and homicides) account for less than 30,000 deaths per year. See *Injury Facts*, published yearly by the National Safety Council, Itasca, Illinois.

[3] Kleck and Gertz, "Armed Resistance to Crime," at 173, 185.

[4] Kleck and Gertz, "Armed Resistance to Crime," at 185.

[5] Philip J. Cook and Jens Ludwig, "Guns in America: National Survey on Private Ownership and Use of Firearms," *NIJ Research in Brief* (May 1997); available at <https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles/165476.pdf> on the internet. The finding of 1.5 million yearly self-defense cases did not sit well with the anti-gun bias of the study's authors, who attempted to explain why there could not possibly be one and a half million cases of self-defense every year. Nevertheless, the 1.5 million figure is consistent with a mountain of independent surveys showing similar figures. The sponsors of these studies — nearly a dozen — are quite varied, and include anti-gun organizations, news media organizations, governments and commercial polling firms. See also Kleck and Gertz, *supra* note 1, pp. 182-183.

[6] Kleck, *Point Blank: Guns and Violence in America*, (1991):111-116, 148.

[7] George F. Will, "Are We 'a Nation of Cowards'?", *Newsweek* (15 November 1993):93.

[8] *Id.* at 164, 185.

[9] Dr. Gary Kleck, interview with J. Neil Schulman, "Q and A: Guns, crime and self-defense," *The Orange County Register* (19 September 1993). In the interview with Schulman, Dr. Kleck reports on findings from a national survey which he and Dr. Marc Gertz conducted in Spring, 1993 — a survey which findings were reported in Kleck and Gertz, "Armed Resistance to Crime."

[10] One of the authors of the University of Chicago study reported on the study's findings in John R. Lott, Jr., "More Guns, Less Violent Crime," *The Wall Street Journal* (28 August 1996). See also John R. Lott, Jr. and David B. Mustard, "Crime, Deterrence, and Right-to-Carry Concealed Handguns," *University of Chicago* (15 August 1996); and Lott, *More Guns, Less Crime* (1998, 2000).

[11]Lott and Mustard, "Crime, Deterrence, and Right-to-Carry Concealed Handguns."

[12]Kathleen O'Leary Morgan, Scott Morgan and Neal Quitno, "Rankings of States in Most Dangerous/Safest State Awards 1994 to 2003," Morgan Quitno Press (2004) at <http://www.statestats.com/dang9403.htm>. Morgan Quitno Press is an independent private research and publishing company which was founded in 1989. The company specializes in reference books and monthly reports that compare states and cities in several different subject areas. In the first 10 years in which they published their Safest State Award, Vermont has consistently remained one of the top five safest states.

[13]Memo by Jim Smith, Secretary of State, Florida Department of State, Division of Licensing, Concealed Weapons/Firearms License Statistical Report (October 1, 2002).

14Florida's murder rate was 11.4 per 100,000 in 1987, but only 5.5 in 2002. Compare Federal Bureau of Investigation, "Crime in the United States," Uniform Crime Reports, (1988): 7, 53; and FBI, (2003):19, 79.

[15]John R. Lott, Jr., "Right to carry would disprove horror stories," Kansas City Star, (July 12, 2003).

[16]Gary Kleck, "Crime Control Through the Private Use of Armed Force," Social Problems 35 (February 1988):15.

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[18]Kleck, Point Blank, at 140.

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[22]Id.

[23]Id.

Name: Dana K Sato	Email: dsatoichi@aol.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 11:48 AM

Testimony:  
I oppose this bill. It is infringing on our second amendment rights.

Name: Heather Kimball	Email: Heather.Kimball@HawaiiCounty.gov	Zip: 96720
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 12:26 PM

Name: Ralph Aona	Email: raona@cofchrist.org	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 12:33 PM

Testimony:  
I work full-time as a minister with the Community of Christ. I am in support of Bill 057-22. I am against people carrying firearms, however, I understand that there are some people who feel the need to do so and the law protects their rights. This Bill will support businesses and charitable organizations from people carrying firearms on their property. Numerous studies have

indicated that guns have not protected others, rather it usually harms the holder of the gun, family, friends, and other loved ones. It would be my preference that no guns be permitted in the community.  
Mahalo for allowing me to share my brief thoughts on this matter. Ralph Aona

Name: Hazel Arzaga	Email: harzaga5044@myhta.org	Zip: 96707
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 12:34 PM

Testimony:

I think that firearms should not be allowed to be publicly accessible for people because it could raise risks and harm to the public. The 170-year old law that we have in Hawaii should still stand. The reasoning behind this is because that law states that you would need a permit and reason. I don't think it is necessary for firearms to be taken out of homes, having firearms at home is enough and is used for protection. It is understandable to want protection in public but I do not think that firearms out of homes is our safest option.

Name: Kent Kurihara	Email: kentkurihara@gmail.com	Zip: 96818
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 12:42 PM

Testimony:

I would like to remind the Council that policies that intend to use the "sensitive area" argument as a means of prohibiting LEGAL carrying of LEGAL firearms by LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS, are being universally found to be outside the limits of the law. Such policies, similar to ones being implemented by New York are being struck, and for good reason. The Council should be setting the example for it's citizenry, by following and upholding laws, and interpreting court decisions in their true spirit. It is evident that our city and state are willfully rejecting their duty.

There are already long-established "sensitive areas" like schools, and government buildings, and courthouses. Expansion of these areas would give proof of the Council's willingness to disregard law, and misuse powers granted by the people of Hawaii and the United States of America.

The council expects the community to follow laws even if they don't support them. We expect the Council to do the same.

Sincerely,  
Kent Kurihara

Name: Daisy Lawton	Email: daisylawton@gmail.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 12:47 PM

Testimony:

Aloha, my name is Daisy Lawton and I am a proud Army veteran that served this great nation and Hawaii has been my home since 1981. As a veteran I was stationed in the US mainland and overseas where I was able to obtain a concealed pistol license. I understand and respect the power of guns and rifles of high caliber. I also understand the constitution and our second amendment rights. What I don't understand is the logic behind creating a law that affects law abiding citizens. Criminals don't obey laws and this bill would take away the rights of every citizen who chooses to defend themselves and their families against lawless actions. The idea that making an area a gun free zone does not stop criminals from committing crime, it's in fact a welcome sign for them. It let's them know that everyone in the area is vulnerable and have no means to stop them. I am in apposition of Bill057 (22) because it goes against the constitution and does not protect law abiding citizens. Mahalo

Name: Laurel Nakanishi	Email: Laurel.Nakanishi@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 01:08 PM

Testimony:

Dear Elected Officials,



I am writing in support of Bill 57. As a parent and public school teacher, I support the restriction of firearms in sensitive areas. Our children should be able to learn and play in areas free from guns and the threat of gun violence. I approve of the "sensitive areas" that Bill 57 includes and the clear communication by businesses of their gun policies. I commend the council for taking these steps to assure the safety of our keiki and ask that they continue to support our culture of gun restrictions here in Hawaii.

Sincerely,  
Laurel Nakanishi

Name: Tammi Oyadomari-Chun	Email: tammi.chun@k12.hi.us	Zip: 96813
Representing: Hawaii State Department of Education	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 01:17 PM

Name: Riki Nakamoto	Email: rikinakamoto@juno.com	Zip: 96701
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 01:29 PM

Testimony:

Dear Council Members,

Riki Nakamoto  
98-1668 Kiawe Street  
Aiea, Hawaii 96701

Please vote against Bill 57(2022).

It appears to be a hastily-written bill written just to violate Constitutional rights.

Also, this bill is so broadly written that it will likely be ruled unconstitutional, and will likely cost the City and County a lot in legal costs.

Again, please vote against this bill.

Sincerely,  
Riki Nakamoto

Name: Jennifer Armstrong	Email: jenarmstronghi@gmail.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Hawaii Moms Demand Action	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 01:33 PM

Testimony:

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and members of the committee,

My name is Jennifer Armstrong and I live in West Oahu in Makakilo. I am testifying in support of Bill 57.

As a someone who grew up in Honolulu, I can't recall a time as a child, teenager, or young adult, ever being fearful of guns in our community. I have always equated guns to violence, never safety.

Now, raising my three children here on Oahu, I can only hope that the presence of guns in our community will not become reality. Guns do not belong at schools, parks, or other places where children are present. These are places where children deserve to play and learn without the threat of gun violence looming around. But without this ordinance that's exactly what can happen.

My husband is a public school teacher. My three kids all attend school. School shootings is already a very real threat in our society, and I'm afraid that if bill 57 does not pass, the threat will become reality soon. The idea that concealed guns could be in

public places makes me and my family feel less safe in our community.

I appreciate the Mayor proposing this common-sense ordinance and I hope the Council will pass it. We are grateful to local leaders in Honolulu who understand the importance of keeping firearms out of locations where the risk of harm is particularly high.

Mahalo,  
Jennifer Armstrong

Name: Terence Lee	Email: terenceslee@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 01:35 PM

Testimony:

Dear Chair, Vice Chair and members of the Committee,

My name is Terence Lee. I live in Kaneohe. For many years I lived in Seattle Washington. It was there that I was shot. I was working in a very busy store at Christmas. I was shot 5 times. It was December 19, 1991. Every day since then has been a challenge mentally and physically. I have learned to appreciate the low gun violence and stricter gun laws here in Hawaii. It appears that times are changing. The "guns everywhere " agenda has hit our shores.

We need this bill to keep our families safe in public areas. We do not want concealed guns in places that serve alcohol. Or busy stores. This is my 31st Christmas since my shooting. I am grateful every year that I made it through that. We need Bill 57 to keep us safer. Hopefully common sense will prevail.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Terence Lee  
96744

Name: Marya Grambs	Email: mgrambs@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 01:36 PM

Testimony:

I urge you to pass Bill 57. It's ludicrous that the Second Amendment, which was for the purpose of arming a "well-regulated militia" (where are all those Constitutionlists on this issue?) has been extended to become the right of anyone to carry a gun. It makes all of us so much less safe. The more places we can prohibit guns, the better.

Name: Brendan Loui	Email: brendanloui@me.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 01:38 PM

Testimony:

I oppose this bill.

Name: Todd Rentz	Email: todd.rentz@gmail.com	Zip: 96814
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 01:39 PM

Testimony:

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

Name: nanci kreidman	Email: nancik@stoptheviolence.org	Zip: 96801
Representing: Domestic Violence Action Center	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 01:43 PM

Name: Kauai Poaha	Email: kauai.poaha@gmail.com	Zip: 96782
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 01:43 PM
Name: Peter Long III	Email: Pj3467@aol.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 01:43 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I oppose Bill 57 as it goes completely against the spirit and direction of the Bruen decision. It is simply another attempt by control-hungry politicians to deny inalienable rights of the people to protect themselves, their families and property. This attempt to include virtually all areas of the public domain as "sensitive places" will not stand to judicial scrutiny and will ultimately fail, bringing about unnecessary legal costs simply for the sake of buying some time. One only needs to look at the way courts responded to New York's attempt to restrict the freedoms of lawful firearms owners.</p> <p>The final provision of this bill, requiring businesses that would allow the carrying of concealed firearms to expressly consent at their door is especially absurd. I have no problem with a business posting their opposition to the carrying concealed firearms, but to require such a posting for giving consent boggles my mind. But, if we have to file suit to get back the rights of the people, so be it.</p>		
Name: Dominic Vargas	Email: dominicvargas2003@yahoo.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 01:49 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>The right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.</p>		
Name: Victor Chiarlone	Email: victorchiarlone@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 01:49 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Too confusing &amp; convoluted &amp; over-reaching.</p>		
Name: Nicholas Teves	Email: nick@cei-oahu.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 01:52 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Dear Councilman Waters,</p> <p>As a citizen and voting member in your district, me and six other voting members in my immediate family oppose this bill.</p> <p>Nick Teves Jr.</p>		
Name: Erick Cue	Email: jdmerick909@gmail.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 01:52 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I am opposing this bill one main reason; it is unconstitutional. This violates the 2nd amendment in which it restricts you from carrying your firearm anywhere other than one's own home. It is a way to get around the supreme court ruling that states that the 2nd amendment isn't only restricted to ones own home. By passing this bill with "sensitive places", it would prohibit Law-Abiding Citizens from carrying their firearm practically everywhere. We'll pretty much be granted the right to carry our firearms with</p>		

nowhere to go, which defeats the purpose of carrying one. Every time we leave our home is because we have somewhere to go. I agree that some places should be gun-free zones such as correctional facilities and schools as enforced under the federal gun free zones act. The 2nd amendment is just as important as the 1st amendment and should be treated as such. Freedom of speech, religion, press, etc. is not restricted to ones own home and is heavily protected for it is a right granted to the People by The CONSTITUTION of The United States of America. This bill also intends to make criminals out of law-abiding citizens by charging them with misdemeanor crimes instead of a warning or simple trespass. The reason why many people wish to exercise their 2nd amendment right is due to the lack of accountability and consequences that criminals face. The legislators should instead be going after the habitual criminal offenders that are wreaking havoc throughout the state due to the lax laws that they pass, not Law-Abiding Citizens. Thank You.

Name: Colin Young	Email: colinyo@yahoo.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 01:52 PM

Testimony:  
I strongly oppose this bill. The list of places that this bill covers is extremely intrusive and un-warranted. What is there to show this will be effective and enforceable? Prohibiting people from legally carrying firearms only restricts the rights of law abiding citizens. Restricting the rights of responsible law abiding citizens helps no one. Similarly, laws like this are already being declared unconstitutional in other states.

Name: Larry Fukunaga	Email: Larryfukunaga@gmail.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 01:55 PM

Testimony:  
Please follow constitutional and national law, don't try to reverse this. The Supreme Court has spoken. If the City makes this too restrictive, there'll be law suits challenging undue actions.

Name: Ronald Tamaye	Email: ronkiyoshi@aol.com	Zip: 96782
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 02:02 PM

Testimony:  
I oppose bill57 regarding restrictions on where I may carry a legal firearm. The second amendment to the United States Constitution has given me as a citizen of the United States of America the right to bear arms.  
If I am not mistaken our political leaders may have taken an oath to uphold the US Constitution as well as the State Constitution. I find it hard to understand why our politicians are not abiding by their oath of office or did neither of you take an oath. If you find it hard to stand by that oath, please resign and not run for any other office.

God bless you all and God bless our country.

Name: Patrick Quinlan	Email: pirateviking45@gmail.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 02:05 PM

Testimony:  
As a former first responder, I have seen what tragedies can be avoided with the presence of a well-trained, armed citizen. Criminals do not follow laws, therefore, this bill only threatens the safety and security of the public.

Name: Mike Agpaoa	Email: mikeyagbayani@yahoo.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 02:08 PM

Testimony:

Need the ccw now here in hawaii iys scary now and days need to protect my family especially when we go out

Name: David Mosier	Email: dmos808@yahoo.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 02:10 PM

Testimony:

I believe as a citizen of the united states and a resident of the state of hawaii I should be allowed to carry legally owned and properly permitted to carry concealed firearms to protect myself anywhere where criminals may have a chance to do myself, family, friends or public any crime or harm against us. If any establishment cannot protect myself or my family and friends from crime or harm; such as providing metal detectors at all entrances and armed security, then I should be able to carry my legally owned and licensed firearm with a concealed carry permit regardless if it is a hotel, business, bank, restaurant, school, sensitive area ect. Criminals carry their weapons, firearms and ill will everywhere they go. Regardless of any laws. That's what makes them criminals. Thats why we have prisons. And if gun owners are not responsible they will be in prison too. Aloha

Name: Maris Kiyuna	Email: marisekiyuna@gmail.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 02:17 PM

Testimony:

I, Maris Kiyuna oppose bill057(22).

Name: CHRISTOPHER KOIKE	Email: ckoi808@outlook.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 02:28 PM

Testimony:

Aloha Council members,

I am writing you as a law abiding, tax paying, voter. I am profoundly disappointed in the City Councils further attempts to punish, and oppress Hawaii Legal firearm owners. There is no moral, or Constitutional reason to deny citizens of Hawaii the effective ability to defend themselves in places they visit, or travel to. Which seems to be the exactly what this Bill will do. We are not instigators, or criminals, as how we are being treated. We are simply people who understand; that law enforcement, cannot be everywhere all the time. I am sure you are aware of the rise in violent crime, being committed against the innocent citizens, you claim to represent. It is very alarming, and disappointing to read, and hear of your attempt to handicap our ability to defend ourselves, and, or others should the need arise. Your combination, of bad policies, and soft on crime behavior has, in part lead to the degradation of the safety on this Island. Please allow private property owners, private businesses to make their own decisions. And, stop creating "soft targets" where violent criminals can feel emboldened to commit crimes undeterred.

Name: Russell Tsubota	Email: rtsubota@icloud.com	Zip: 96826
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 02:29 PM

Testimony:

Statics show when concealed carry is lawfully allowed show there a precipitous drop in crime.

Name: Glenn Arakawa	Email: thenewrivers@gmail.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 02:30 PM

Testimony:

Dear Members of the City Council

I never grew up in a home that had firearms or had an interest in owning or operating guns. It is a new thing for me. In 2020 I joined the other estimated 8+ million new gun owners in America because I believe in freedom and our Constitution (both US

Constitution and our Hawaii State Constitution) and decided it was time to exercise my rights as a citizen of the United States and a citizen of Hawaii.

I did not realize how difficult it is to own a firearm in our state. I wanted to do it by the book so I paid for my wife and I to go through a firearms safety class. I subjected us (under the "old" system) to the long waits to get an appointment, filling out the paper work to acquire permits and appointments to register and have a background check and psych evaluation in order to be able to exercise that right. Any I ask myself, what other RIGHT do I have as a citizen that I need to spend this kind of time and energy to exercise? I also have paid a lot of money to buy safes, and built a cabinet that is secure to insure that my firearms are stored safely. It is already a hard and long process to obtain firearms, and now this bill will further restrict me, a law abiding citizen from just carrying a legally acquired firearm in all the places that it would make the most sense for protection makes absolutely no sense.

This bill in question Bill 57 is unconstitutional as it infringes upon our Second Amendment rights. During a time of national and local unrest private citizens have never been more vulnerable and the only way we have to truly live free and protect ourselves is to exercise this right to bear arms.

I am sure you are aware of the incident earlier this year in our neighborhood in which a near neighbor of ours, near Leihoku Elem in Waianae, was able to defend himself and his family by use of a firearm. Unfortunately, his coworker was killed but this is a case of lawful use of firearms for protection. I am sure there are many others.

Any bill that seeks to limit or restrict law abiding citizens will only cause harm and further endanger the public because it emboldens criminals to prey upon us. Please work to pass legislation which empowers law enforcement or restricts criminal activity not that restricts rights of law abiding citizens. Cause we are the only ones that will be affected by this bill.

Restrictive gun laws, by the way, historically has no affect on violent crime. In the UK, where their citizens are not allowed to own guns, violent crime still happens with knives. Well, criminals there in the UK apparently only shoot or kill other criminals and try very hard to not hurt or kill "innocent" people because they don't want to attract more attention to themselves and their organizations.

Look at Chicago, I can really stop there, a place that has some of the most restrictive gun laws has one of the nations highest murder rates. How about Paris France, they have terrorist attacks on their citizens in broad day light!! Please do a better job than these cities.

Passing this bill is standing up for the rights of criminals or those who have criminal intent that have not yet been caught or held accountable for their crimes. Please don't turn Hawaii into a Portland, Seattle, Chicago, New Orleans or Washington D.C. by restricting law abiding citizens. If my understanding is correct New York's recent effort to pass similar laws was struck down as unconstitutional. Why would anyone try to pass similar legislation that is also unconstitutional?

As already established by *NYSRP v Bruen*, the scope should be very narrow of the places that may be considered "sensitive", but the burden is on the County or State government to find a precedent (historical analog) according to Text, History and Tradition at the founding of the Second Amendment which is in 1791 or current era. These places are polling places (where voting takes place for good reason), government buildings where laws are made, and court houses (they have heightened security anyway from the DPS) and schools/colleges or universities (but only to restrict STUDENTS from carrying arms. Not to restrict faculty, staff and other workers). This is what is found in the supporting historical analogs.

This bill has gone far beyond that by trying to restrict law abiding citizens from carry everywhere that would make complete sense to protect themselves. Aside from that, if someone who is concealed carrying does it the right way without "printing", (showing that they have a firearm), no one would ever know that this person has a CCW. It is very disingenuous of the media to only show B role video of people open carrying on their hip whenever the concealed carry issue is brought up without explaining what concealed carry looks like.

Furthermore, making it a default of restricting private businesses is obvious government over-reach. If a private business owner or landlord wants to restrict concealed carry, I suppose it is their right to do so, but the default should be yes to carry (protecting the 2nd Amendment right according to the US Constitution and Hawaii Constitutional Law Article 1 Sec 17) unless otherwise requested. But then comes the slippery slope of putting the rights of some citizens above the rights of others and could potentially violate the 14th Amendment regarding equal protection under the law. In the court of law, a person carrying a firearm on the

property of a private business owner could at most be asked to leave but that would then be a case of trespassing (if they don't) cause there is nothing unlawful about lawful concealed carry. I think it would be crazy to state that lawful carry is not allowed on any premises cause all it would do is make them a target for criminals who don't care about rules or laws. It would be to their detriment if they post a sign. If I am a private business owner, I would probably carry for my own protection. Let's be real.

Honestly, declaring ANY place a "Gun Free Zone" would further endanger the public cause it would be like hanging a neon sign on that place saying if you're a mass shooter or crazy person who wants to randomly kill a bunch of people come to this place a "Gun Free Zone" to commit the crime cause there will probably be no resistance. In that instance, let's consider, what would stop a person from committing a shooting or limiting the number of victims, the police who are about 7 min away (on average) after the 911 call or a law abiding citizen who is protecting their wives and children onsite who has a legally acquired license to carry and is right there to stop the threat. I love our men and women in blue but they can't be in all places at all times to stop criminals. More often they show up after the fact when the body count is already up and the perpetrator is long gone.

A Georgetown researcher Dr. William English conducted a recent study which supports the fact that firearms are used about 1.7 million times annually to prevent crime or loss of life. Most incidents are prevented without a shot being fired. Check out this article and read the actual study conducted. <https://reason.com/2022/09/09/the-largest-ever-survey-of-american-gun-owners-finds-that-defensive-use-of-firearms-is-common/>. The evidence is compelling!

I plead with you as a father, a husband and a son don't "hand cuff" us as law abiding citizens of the means to protect our loved ones and ourselves in all public places. We can't choose where or when we will encounter a life threatening situation. The only thing we can do is be prepared to act, should such an incident occur, to stop the threat.

Believe me, I do not want to ever take a life but if it comes to keeping harm from my wife, elderly mother or my kids I would not hesitate. Don't criminalize the actions of a law abiding citizen who simply wants to stand in confidence that if I am ever put in a situation that would require decisive action against someone who wants to kill or hurt my family, that I could take that action boldly and not fear being criminalized by my county or state government. Believe, me I know that as the saying goes, "there is a lawyer behind every bullet that leaves the barrel of a gun." It would be nice to not ever have to act in that way if at all possible.

If you vote to pass this bill you will open the county up to law suits because it is in clear violation of our fundamental rights as US citizens and Citizens of Hawaii to keep and bear arms. Our own State Constitution protects this specific right for us as citizens of Hawaii again according to the Text, History and Tradition.

It is the one amendment that protects all the other rights namely the 1st Amendment. The only reason we live as free people, really the ONLY free people in the world is because our government can't tyrannize us. That was the intent our founding fathers had when they penned the US Constitution and the Bill of Rights. I would hope that the government of the state of Hawaii would care about their citizens to also protect this God given right.

Stand for freedom and democracy, not for government over reach and tyranny. Don't hand cuff law abiding citizens. Work to fight crime and criminals and reduce violent crime in our state. Look at states that protect the rights of people to lawfully bear arms, you will see that they have less violent crime. I mean, if you have a bigger population and a more dense population you are gonna have more crime so be honest about how the numbers are interpreted.

Please do what is truly pono in this matter and strike this bill down.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to submit testimony in this matter.

Mahalo,  
Glenn

Name: Mark Masuda	Email: kymas23@yahoo.com	Zip: 96782
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 02:35 PM

Testimony:

Creating excessive restrictions on where a Constitutionally protected right may be exercised that the right becomes effectively infringers upon is a sure way to lose a lawsuit. New York City did this and made so many places "gun free zones" that the right to

carry a legally permitted weapon was completely violated and the there courts have already made injunctions on them citing that they violate the Constitution and are completely illegal and unworkable.

Name: Elba Reyes	Email: elbareyes808@gmail.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 02:36 PM

Testimony:

I lived on mainland where you're in fear because you don't know who has a gun & will have a break down & start shooting. I hate for Hawaii to become same as the mainland, people come visit Hawaii cause, its safe! Well, you're taking away that safety if gun owners have more rights, then the residents/locals that don't fear walking to the store at 1 am now we will have to walk in fear that someone carrying will lose it just like the mainland & start shooting. They shouldn't be able to open carry in any public area period! Remember Uvalde, TX those children never had a chance are you ready for that to happen here!

Name: Michael Olanda	Email: michaelmikeomotorcycloe@yahoo.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 02:37 PM

Testimony:

Unconstitutional, Rising Crime, Police 1/2 Staffed

Name: Miles Silberstein	Email: milessilb@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 02:38 PM

Testimony:

I believe it is too general in nature covering almost anywhere someone may lawfully be without realizing it is a no-carry zone. If there is such a danger of violence in the listed areas then those responsible should see to it that unarmed citizens are safe.

Name: Ryan Kusumoto	Email: rkusumoto@pacthawaii.org	Zip: 96817
Representing: Parents And Children Together	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 02:38 PM

Testimony:

We support protecting sensitive areas that have been subject to traditional restrictions on carrying or possessing firearms that include social service organization (charitable organizations). With the intensive and contentious work we do to provide safety for our clients (especially survivors of domestic violence), we ask for this to preserve the safety of the people we serve.

Name: Michael Scully	Email: mikskull007@gmail.com	Zip: 96707-1137
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 02:41 PM

Testimony:

Aloha,

Every day across the nation a Legal Concealed Carry Holder is able to help a child, adults, a police officer or officers, themselves and other groups of vulnerable citizens from violent crime. Do not add administrative and legal restraints that will make it extremely difficult for citizens to exercise their 2nd amendment rights and also add paperwork and more work for police officers who cannot keep up with their current paperwork load that prevent them from reducing crime.

Please remember the citizens who apply for a concealed carry permit are law abiding citizens and should not be treated like criminals. They want to be able to protect themselves and others from violent crime in a legal way. What will happen when a mass shooter (illegal gun carrier) wants to open fire on unarmed citizens or a machete wielding man goes berserk in a park or on a beach (happened in Waikiki) and no one will be able to protect them because the legal Concealed carry holders will not be able to carry their guns in most of the places in Hawaii. You will not see headlines like the one below.



Good Guy With a Gun' Who Stopped Church Gunman Receives Texas' Highest Honor  
White Settlement man honored with Governor's Medal of Courage at the governor's mansion Monday  
By Frank Heinz • Published January 13, 2020 • Updated on January 14, 2020 at 7:04 am

Mahalo  
Michael Scully

Name: John Noves	Email: imonlanai@gmail.com	Zip: 96814
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 02:41 PM

Testimony:  
I oppose

Name: Brett Fee	Email: brettfee@gmail.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 02:59 PM

Testimony:  
I feel lawful citizens should be able to carry open or Concealed firearms any where police personnel are allowed to carry their service firearms.  
Mahalo,  
Brett C. Fee

Name: Myra Lodge	Email: mlodge@duck.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 03:01 PM

Name: Alec Marentic	Email: hasp808@gmail.com	Zip: 96771
Representing: Hawaii Association of School Psychologists (HASP)	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 03:06 PM

Testimony:  
Aloha,

The Hawaii Association of School Psychologists (HASP) writes to the Honolulu council in strong support of this bill for the following reasons:

1) According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), nearly 34,000 people die as a result of gun violence each year. Additionally, for every one person who is killed by gun violence, at least two more are injured on average (approximately 68,000).

2) Research is clear that access to firearms is highly associated with an increased risk of injury and death among youth.

3) Research is clear that youth exposure to gun violence is highly associated with diminished social, emotional, and academic well-being.

Maintaining and strengthening existing firearms laws to reduce gun violence is paramount to the social, emotional, and academic well-being to our students. Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

Name: Valerie Pacarro	Email: valeriepacarro@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Oppose	Nov 28, 2022 @ 03:11 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>As a Local resident born and raised 7 generations in Hawaii I would never feel safe if this law is passed. We would always feel safe walking around the streets of Hawaii. There's shootings going on everyday, crime everywhere and now i would need a GUN to feel safe to walk around Hawaii!!!! Please, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE DONT LET THIS HAPPEN!!!!</p>		
Name: Sue Hornik	Email: suehornik@gmail.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 03:12 PM
Name: Eric Holck	Email: ekholck@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 03:13 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Hawaii is on the wrong side of the 2nd amendment. I'm sure you've heard this before: Laws restricting citizens from open carry are wrong. And the current law which "allows" concealed carry "if approved" is wrongly applied. Hawaii has a long history of denying concealed carry from the "common" citizen. Does anyone on the Council know of a concealed permit holder who wasn't a member of Law Enforcement?</p>		
Name: Aimee Kobashigawa	Email: 808aimee.k@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 03:15 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>First and foremost I'd like to say that bill 57 is an infringement of our constitutional rights. "...the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."</p> <p>That being said, I'd also like to specify that as a petite Japanese woman, I would like the right to protect myself and my loved ones from harm whether it be at home, or out. Crime in Hawaii is becoming more a common place with all the drug usage and homeless being uncontrolled here, and these criminals don't bother to obtain legal firearms. The only way to stop a criminal is for them to fear a potential victim. I'm pretty sure you know this, which is why high-profile politicians and other elites hire security to protect them.</p> <p>Aside from being able to protect myself, I would feel safer in all public areas if I knew that there were law abiding citizens around me carrying a firearm and ready to protect those in trouble around them. Imagine if there was an armed citizen in all those places where mass shooting occurred. The shooter could have been stopped.</p> <p>I ask that you put more effort into proactively stopping criminals instead of focusing on law abiding citizens like myself wanting to protect and be protected.</p>		
Name: Seth Tuzon	Email: seth2son@me.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 03:16 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I oppose bill 57 as it restricts legal right to carry a self defense tool.</p>		
Name: Aaron Urasaki	Email: aurasaki@yahoo.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 03:19 PM
<p>Testimony:</p>		

Good afternoon. I strongly oppose Bill 57 because this bill only hurts the law abiding gun owners. This bill will do nothing to stop the criminals from bringing guns into prohibited areas.

Law abiding gun owners have to get a background and medical check every time we apply for an handgun permit or annual long gun permit. So we are not the ones to be worried about.

Put yourself in the criminals mine. Would they rather try and rob a person in a business or area where no guns allowed or a business or area where law abiding CCW owners are allowed to carry? Of course they would choose the easier target, which are areas where firearms are not allowed. When was the last time you've heard of a robbery taking place at a gun show? Or someone robbing an armed police officer?

The gun shows in Honolulu have a large amount of firearms at the show, but is there any mass shootings? Any robberies?

And HPD has in place extensive background checks and proficiency tests for people applying for a CCW permit that has to be renewed every year. Not every legal gun owner can get a CCW permit unless they meet all of HPD's strict requirements.

Name: James Morrow	Email: jwmorrow@att.net	Zip: 96814
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 03:24 PM

Testimony:

The extraordinary restrictions included in this bill accomplish nothing except providing assurance to criminals that the City Council is protecting them from law-abiding armed citizens who might risk their own lives to protect other law-abiding citizens in the event of life threatening criminal activity.

Name: JoAnn Salakielu	Email: salakielu616@hotmail.com	Zip: 96782
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 03:28 PM

Testimony:

I do not agree with this proposed bill. It basically does not allow you to legally carry anywhere people are. The people that take the time and energy to follow all the requirements to obtain a concealed carry permit are not the people you need to worry about. Your restrictions only let the criminals to continue to illegally carry anywhere and the law-abiding citizens to be at the mercy of these criminals and not be able to protect/defend themselves or others. We have a right to bear arms and if we are trained and legally own a firearm we should be allowed to carry anywhere.

Name: Burr Fee	Email: burrfee@outlook.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 03:29 PM

Testimony:

I feel lawful citizens should be able to carry open or Concealed firearms any where police personnel are allowed to carry their service firearms.

Name: Gordon Fowler	Email: gordyf@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96701
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 03:29 PM

Name: Leah Delos Santos	Email: leahds@hawaii.edu	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 03:33 PM

Testimony:

Aloha mai kkou! My name is Leah Delos Santos and I am a sophomore Political Science student at the University of Hawaii at Mnoa, writing in strong support of Bill 57. I am a lifelong resident of Kailua, graduated from Kamehameha Schools, and am the co-founder and leader of the local chapter of a national gun violence prevention organization. Nothing is more important to me than the wellbeing and safety of our community. Gun violence is one of the biggest threats we are facing today. Let us be proactive in protecting our people. I strongly support Bill 57. Please advance it.

Name: Sarah Sumadi	Email: ssumadi@everytown.org	Zip: 10163
Representing: Everytown for Gun Safety	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 03:38 PM

Name: William Hawkins	Email: chopperrn@me.com	Zip: 96701
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 03:45 PM

Testimony:

I oppose this ordinance. In order for those willing to carry and protect themselves and others to exercise their rights without restriction, this ordinance should be opposed by anyone who respects freedom and values safety.

Name: Jowell Rivera	Email: jowellr60@gmail.com	Zip: 96797
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 03:52 PM

Testimony:

I oppose Bill 57 (22) as it violates our right under the 2ndA. The City and County of Honolulu have for decades denied the right to carry firearms under the 2ndA. It now seems you are trying to hang on to that power and restrict us in any way possible to areas that we cannot implement those rights.

1. Under the Constitution, as the Supreme Court has made clear, it is our right to "Own and Bear" Arms under the Bill of Rights and NOT the Bill of Wants.
2. Once again. Criminals already carry fire arms and yet you attempt to limit areas where law abiding citizens can carry. This is antithetical to common sense and reason.
- 3, I should have a right to protect myself and family in any area not restricted by federal law such as federal property.
4. Schools, churches, city transportation, and the like are places that I should be able to carry. These are areas that criminals will target if they want to cause harm. When seconds count, the police are minutes away.
5. As a 20 years retired army veteran and life long hunter, those like myself should be able to carry in all areas I listed. We are the most responsible and familiar on handling fire arms with good judgment.
6. I should not need to "qualify" on any weapon to prove I am capable as I am not law enforcement and do not have the same liabilities as law enforcement. It is my right to carry without proof of going to a range. This is just one more caveat that the city is making difficult to conceal carry.
7. Restrictions on these places is making it intentionally onerous to carry. If I am at the mall or movie and I now need to pick up my child from school or go to church, do I now leave my weapon in the car? No. I need to go home to drop it off and leave myself vulnerable in public.
8. Hawaii's low gun crime violence is not due to laws, but more to the people of Hawaii and the Aloha we have with respect. Restrictions in certain areas is just a ploy in this Bill.

What this Bill is trying to do is to continue to restrict our basic rights and does not make any person more or less safe. Its an obvious and malicious ploy that will end up in further court proceedings that will cost the tax payers even more money and prolonged wait time. Unless that is the exact desired outcome by the city counsel. If so, that is sad and disingenuous.

Please vote against Bill 57 as it is time to allow our basic rights as U.S. citizens to exercise our God given rights.

Name: Stephen Hazam	Email: sthazam@yahoo.com	Zip: 96814
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Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Nov 28, 2022 @ 03:53 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I strongly OPPOSE Bill 57 which would restrict where and when I could carry a firearm. After looking at this list, I cannot figure out how I could carry out my normal routines (shopping, chores, civic duties, medical visits (I'm 75) and recreational activities at my favorite parks and beaches) and be allowed to carry a firearm. In addition, I chose about 4 years ago to give up my car and use public transportation, but now that decision will cost me my constitutional right. I respect the rights of private property owners, but why is the default that my Second Amendment Right is denied. Shouldn't the default be reversed? There is rising violent crime in Honolulu and I want to defend myself. There was a time when people were used to women not voting, classes of people, slaves, bought and sold as property, desegregated schools, discrimination of people based on sexual orientation or gender identity. It is not about what people in Hawaii are used to it is about what is Constitutional. If this passes we will go through years of challenges, funded by the taxpayers, only to be forced to get in line with the Constitution. I do not believe this bill will increase public safety. I believe its intent is to thwart the Bruen decision. I support the US Constitution, so should Honolulu. I strongly OPPOSE this bill.</p>		



Honolulu City Council  
530 S King St.  
Honolulu Hale, Room 202  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**Re: Support for Bill 57(2022), Regulating Where Guns May be Carried**

Dear Members of the City Council:

On behalf of Giffords, the gun violence prevention organization led by former Congresswoman, gun owner, and gun violence survivor, Gabby Giffords, I am writing in support of Bill 57(2022) that would place restrictions on where guns may be carried in the city.

This legislation would help Honolulu effectively respond to U.S. Supreme Court’s recent ruling in *N.Y. State Rifle & Pistol Ass’n v. Bruen*.<sup>1</sup> The ruling required Hawaii to repeal its requirement that a person who wishes to obtain a concealed carry license to carry loaded, hidden guns in public have a heightened need for self defense. As a result of *Bruen*, concealed carry permits are much easier to obtain and, consequently, many more people will likely be carrying firearms in public in Honolulu.

The proposed ordinance will help protect the public from risks the ruling might otherwise pose to communities’ health and safety in Hawaii by protecting especially sensitive places by designating them as off-limits to weapons carrying. These standards are consistent with standards affirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Bruen*, where the Court expressly affirmed the validity of laws “forbidding the carrying of firearms in sensitive places such as schools and government buildings,” including but not limited to “legislative assemblies, polling places, and courthouses.”<sup>2</sup>

People carrying concealed weapons in public present a substantial risk to public safety, especially in states with the “shall-issue” concealed carry standard mandated by *Bruen*.<sup>3</sup> These public health and safety risks are exacerbated when guns are carried in places where emotions and tensions can flare, such as meetings of legislative and administrative bodies, places where elections are being conducted, and places that attract extremists, such as houses of worship and rallies or protests.

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<sup>1</sup> 142 S. Ct. 2111 (2022).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at 2133.

<sup>3</sup> John J. Donohue, Abhay Aneja, and Kyle D. Weber, “Right to Carry Laws and Violent Crime: A Comprehensive Assessment Using Panel Data and a State Level Synthetic Control Analysis,” *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies* 16, no. 2 (2019): 198–247.

In addition to these material health and safety risks, the possible presence of any guns, whether carried openly or concealed, poses the danger that the exercise of First Amendment and other constitutional rights may be inhibited. People may avoid civic and public activities for fear of gun violence if guns are allowed at places like legislative hearings and protests. Americans, particularly racial, ethnic, religious, and gender minorities, may not volunteer to work the polls or attend a meeting of the city council if they fear that a gun could be turned on them.

By prohibiting guns in these particularly sensitive locations, the City Council would be ensuring that Hawaiians can participate in civic life without the fear of gun intimidation and violence. For these reasons, we support Bill 57(2022).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allison Anderman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Allison Anderman  
Senior Counsel & Local Policy Director



# **UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM**

## **Testimony**

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Testimony Presented Before the  
Honolulu City Council  
November 29, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

by

Jan Gouveia

Vice President for Administration

and

Kalbert K. Young

Vice President for Budget and Finance/Chief Financial Officer

University of Hawai'i System

### **BILL 57 (2022) – RELATING TO THE PUBLIC CARRY OF FIREARMS**

Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'āina, and members of the Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on this issue. Bill 57 defines those sensitive locations within the City and County of Honolulu where the carrying of firearms is prohibited. The University of Hawai'i is thankful that we are included in this measure.

The University of Hawai'i supports the designation of postsecondary education institutions as a "sensitive place," but requests that the word "classrooms" be added to the list of types of facilities in the definition of "School" on page 3 of the bill.

The University would also like to respectfully request on page 4, sub-paragraph (4) (C) that "Honolulu Aquarium" be amended to read "Waikiki Aquarium" to reflect the correct name of the aquarium.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony in support of Bill 57.



## Council Testimony from SUSAN A. PCOLA

### Testimony in strong Support of 57 (2022)

Please amend the list to encompass all of these.

#### Sensitive Places Gun Restriction:

- Churches, Houses of worship
- All playgrounds and other places where children gather
- All athletic fields
- Theaters
- Daycare Centers
- Bars and restaurants that sell alcohol
- Public rallies and demonstrations
- Airports
- Parades
- All Courthouses
- All Healthcare facilities providing any type of care
- All parks
- All beaches
- Emergency shelters – including domestic violence and Homeless Shelters
- Entertainment venues
- Libraries
- Federal, state, and local government buildings
- Polling places
- Malls, retail stores, grocery stores
- Gas stations
- Elevators

**No location should ever be required by the government to allow guns.**

SUSAN A. PCOLA-DAVIS

It has been my experience when testifying any bill regarding firearms, the 2nd Amendment is used as a defense and testament to those who carry guns. “We are protected by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment, “the right to bear arms.”

Whether it be members of the National Rifle Association: Hawaii chapters or citizens, the testimonies revolve around rights. I’ve heard it all and it ceased to amaze me how they justify many either send in written testimony (of which is the same verbiage, just copy and pasted) or oral testimony that makes as much sense as the written testimony when it comes to firearms.

I did not read any testimonies from the Honolulu Police Department Chief or officers, which does surprise me. It may come later.

Ask yourself, does an HPD officer want to come in contact with a Carry Permit holder. First the officer will not know off the bat. So the officer says, “Show me your permit.” Or does he say, “Put down the gun.” It will be “Put down the gun, turn around, up against the car” and the officer, feeling safe, will ask, “Ok, where is your permit?” So the Carry Permit Holder either says, “In my glove compartment or I left it at home.” Well leaving it at home is not an option. HPD Officers are not going to be driving/walking around with a list or database of all Carry Permit holders.

As one testimony says, if I see a gun I’m going to yell, “Gun!” Not show me your permit. Sometimes simple things are really complex and not well thought out.

Our state has maintained THE STRICKTEST FIREARM LAWS FOR A REASON.

No laws will protect everyone, but I’m not so sure I want the Wild, Wild, West either. At least “Sensitive Areas” can be reasonably policed by citizens calling 911 to report.

**My TESTIMONY on testimony already received:**

1. “A gun-ban zone is a place where law-abiding citizens are sitting ducks.”

**My Comment:** A sensitive area list provides safety for many law-abiding citizens.

2. “It is clear that the intent of Bill 57 is to make it impossible to carry arms in the Honolulu City & County.”

**My Comment:** It is clear that Bill 57 is to create “Sensitive Areas” where guns are not allowed.

3. “Creates instant criminals of any unwary citizen.”

**My Comment:** Carry permits need to be issued with the permit holder signing “the Sensitive Area list” and provided a personal copy to be kept with their permit.

4. “In Switzerland the national law mandates that all citizens of age have guns and all must be trained to use them. Result? One of the lowest gun crime rates in the world. How could that possibly be? Explain that if you can.”

**My Comment:** Please provide the source for broad “facts” not identified as possible opinion or taken out of context

5. “No normal person could possibly keep track of all your categories of terrain and facilities.”

**My Comment:** Carry permits need to be issued with the permit holder signing “the Sensitive Area list” and provided a personal copy to be kept with their permit.

6. I would like to suggest that this bills definition Sec.40-F.2 for protecting citizens First Amendment expressive activities be updated to outlaw concealed carry within 1,000 feet (instead of 100) of the outer edge of any group of 15 or more people (instead of 25) in a public place. I would feel safer as a resident if this is increased. I would only feel as safe as you could be with people walking around with guns for no reason anyway.

**My Comment:** Amend the ordinance to support this testimony.

7. “In essence, you would have to agree that it takes an act of violence to stop an act of violence. I believe BILL057(22) will cause more lawsuits due to its unconstitutionality.”

**My Comment:** No, I do not agree that it takes an act of violence to stop an act of violence. All acts of violence have other solutions before use of force. Your testimony is an over generalization. Whether lawsuits are filed is up to the citizen. Laws are not made to prevent lawsuits; laws are made to maintain order.

8. “There are very few guns used in crimes in our county anyway. On our island of 150,000 people, in all of 2020 only 5 guns were used in robberies. The same year 10 were used in assaults, most citizen actually protects himself with a gun, it's national news. He's a big hero.

And now in our county there's a sensible list of places, like churches and airports, where you can't have a gun. The council is being pressured into whittling down the list, people feel they need their guns everywhere. Better have yor pistol ready.

Face it, if you need a loaded handgun in church, a daycare center or a hospital there's something wrong with your brain and you shouldn't have a gun in the first place. You want loaded guns in a

bar full of drunks? or at an airport? There's an IQ problem here, too low to own a gun. Discussing the new gun law, Councilman Matt Kanealii-Kleinfelder said the list was "pretty much every place in the county." Matt, now you're getting it. It's supposed to be every place in the county. It makes things safer. Councilwoman Heather Kimball fundamentally disagreed that the county is safer packing heat. She's right, listen to her.

County council, please don't whittle down the list of sensitive places, make it longer. Have the list include any place outside your front door. But if you must, make it as restrictive as possible. Peoples' lives are at stake. Guns don't end trouble, they start trouble, everytime, no matter who carries them."

**My Comment:** Agree. I have submitted a longer list.

9. "Its incomprehensible that I've had to think and plan an exit route/strategy and hiding place if there is ever an active shooter situation, as we have all seen many times on the mainland."

**My Comment:** Agree, however, having a plan is a good idea. Our children create fire escape plans every year in school. Practice as though it is a fire, know your exit routes, stay close, have a meeting place, etc.

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Stephen Canham; I've lived in Hawaii for 44 years and Kaneohe for 34 of them. I am testifying today in strong support of Bill 57.

Given the horrible spate of very recent mass shootings in our country, your support for the logical gun-carry restrictions proposed in Bill 57 could not be more timely or more necessary.

I am a USAF veteran. I carried an M-16 weapon daily in Viet Nam and I am not afraid *per se* of guns—after all, a handgun is perfectly safe until someone picks it up. I am, however, fearful of civilians who feel the need to have a lethal weapon on their persons in public spaces, background checks and mandatory training notwithstanding. In my opinion, my own and the public's safety is diminished, not heightened, by non-emergency personnel with guns. In the end, a firearm is just a tool and we are tool-using animals--it's hard sometimes to keep one's hands off shiny things . . .

I won't feel any safer eating fish-and-chips at Niko's just because the guy at the next table is carrying a Glock. In fact, I will worry that after a couple of beers they might want to show it off or might decide that it is incumbent on them to intervene at the cash register to save the day. I do not want to become collateral damage just because I went to a restaurant or took a walk at Hoomaluhia.

And if I still had a child growing up here, I sure as hell wouldn't want them surrounded by guns in civilian hands.

I'll let others comment on details of the bill; I will end with my observation that Bill 57 is perhaps the best we can do right now. Please do not be intimidated by the gun lobby or those hiding behind the false shield of the Second Amendment. Please keep Hawaii as gun-free as you possibly can.

Thank you.

Stephen Canham, PhD  
Kaneohe, HI 96744

TO: Honolulu City Council

November 23, 2022

FROM: Alexander Garcia

SUBJECT: Bill for ordinance 57(2022) Testimony

Honorable Members of the Honolulu City Council,

My name is Alexander Garcia, I am a veteran and retired Honolulu Police Lieutenant with 42 years of actively serving our great country, this great state and this amazing city. First of all, may I commend Mayor Blangiardi and Council Chair Waters for addressing the issue regarding the recent decision of the U.S. Supreme Court regarding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment which has raised their concerns regarding citizens in Hawaii exercising their right to bear arms. However, it is apparent from the proposed ordinance that their efforts are misguided and unintentionally misleading.

Page 1, paragraph 3 references an 1857 Hawaii law that “the public expectations have been shaped by legal restrictions on public carry that have been in place for 170 years, setting a default rule for businesses and charitable organizations that is consistent with the public expectations that will ease public confusion and avoid individual confrontation, while facilitating private decision making by business and charitable organization”.

The reality is that Hawaii in 1852 was a Kingdom, not a US Territory or State. The 1852 law was enacted after an 1850 law that allowed foreigners to purchase land and the King feared retribution of Hawaii natives that were dispossessed of their land. Only the Kings military and select foreign military were allowed weapons. The 1852 law not only prohibited firearms but also prohibited the ownership of edged weapons. History tells us that this eventually led to the overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom with little resistance from native Hawaiians who were basically unable to confront the might of the heavily armed invading American military forces.

The ordinance establishes criminal penalties for Hawaii citizens who have been scrutinized and vetted by the Honolulu Police Department and legally authorized to carry firearms. The proposed ordinance authorizes private establishment to refused service to anyone in compliance with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment and basically would only allow weapons in their homes and nowhere in public where the greatest threat to safety occurs.

The proposed ordinance does not propose additional penalty for criminals that have no regard for law or any ordinance and free to wreak havoc and harm to unarmed citizens. It does not propose additional support to law enforcement or prosecutors to combat violators, nor does it support encouraging judges to deal harshly with criminals, it only proposes to criminalize citizens who have complied and been thoroughly vetted to be in compliance with the 2nd Amendment and local, state and federal laws.

At a minimum, the proposed ordinance should be amended to require any business that prohibits service to vetted and compliant citizens to provide armed and uniformed security to ensure the safety of those now unable to provide for their own safety. Failure to provide this level of security will create a large financial liability to these establishments.

It is extremely disappointing to see the Mayor propose to circumvent the U.S. Constitution in response to an “unpopular” right. I would remind the Mayor and the Council that upon taking office they swore an oath, the same oath I took when I joined the US Navy and the Honolulu Police Department. To support and defend the constitution. This does not allow you to circumvent the Constitution because your uncomfortable. If your conviction is true, you would best serve this community by passing a resolution to have our congressional delegation move to amend what you’re not comfortable with, rather than circumvent the Constitution and violate your oath.

Thank you for allowing me to express my views.

Respectfully submitted,

**Alexander Garcia**

Lt. Alexander Garcia (RET)



Testimony of Ramya Swami, State Policy Manager  
Support for Bill 57  
Before the Honolulu City Council Chamber

November 24th, 2022

Dear Members of the Honolulu City Council Chamber,

Founded in 1974, Brady works across Congress, courts, and communities, uniting gun owners and non-gun owners alike, to take action, not sides, and end America's gun violence epidemic. Brady today carries the name of Jim Brady, who was shot and severely injured in the assassination attempt on President Ronald Reagan. Jim and his wife, Sarah, led the fight to pass federal legislation requiring background checks for gun sales. Brady continues to uphold Jim and Sarah's legacy by uniting Americans from coast to coast, red and blue, young and old, liberal and conservative, to combat the epidemic of gun violence. **In furtherance of our goal to reduce firearm violence across Honolulu, the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence is proud to support the passage of Bill 57.**

Honolulu leaders have persisted in prioritizing the safety and well-being of the people of Honolulu by enacting and implementing proactive, research-informed policy solutions that prevent gun violence, save lives, and spare entire communities from loss, trauma and cycles of violence. The latest data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows that the gun suicide rate in Hawaii [62%] was 8.3% higher than the U.S. average in 2020 [53.7%].<sup>1</sup> Further, on average, 55 people in Hawaii are killed by gun violence each year and an average of 30 of those deaths occur in Honolulu County.<sup>2</sup> One firearm death is one too many and Honolulu can do more—like pass Bill 57.

These numbers reflect that there remains more work to be done, and in the wake of the Supreme Court's (SCOTUS) decision in *NYSRPA v. Bruen*, which invalidated parts of Honolulu's

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<sup>1</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), *WISQARS Injury Data*, <https://www.cdc.gov/injury/wisqars/index.html>

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*; County Health Rankings and Road Maps, University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute, *Firearm Fatalities in Hawaii*, <https://www.countyhealthrankings.org/app/hawaii/2022/measure/factors/148/data>



concealed carry licensing provision, it is imperative that action be taken. Honolulu County must respond to the SCOTUS decision by passing Bill 57, to ensure the safety of its citizens.

### **Why This Bill is Needed**

Since the release of the *Bruen* decision, over 500 Hawaiians have reportedly applied for concealed carry permits<sup>3</sup>, with 436 applications pending in Oahu as of September 2022. This is especially troubling, as rigorous study of concealed carry laws found that in states with weak concealed carry laws, violent crime rates rose 13% to 15% after ten years.<sup>4</sup>

Research shows that if Honolulu is complacent in its response to the *Bruen* decision and does not implement comprehensive and robust provisions to enhance its concealed carry permitting system, its citizens will face higher risks of homicide, gun theft, and gun violence.<sup>5</sup> It is therefore crucial that the legislature acts without delay to pass Bill 57. For example, a recent study conducted by the Center for Gun Violence Solutions analyzed the impact of weakened conceal carry permitting systems on violent crimes. The study found that states that loosened their concealed carry permitting systems (and failed to enact the very licensing requirements that Honolulu seeks to introduce in Bill 57) saw a 9.5% increase in firearm related assaults over a decade.<sup>6</sup>

Cursory background checks do not do enough to curb firearm related violence. Indeed, the study found that only the states that went beyond this initial step to enact misdemeanor prohibitions and live-fire training and suitability requirements saw no significant increases in firearm related assaults over the same period of time. In the interest of protecting its citizens, Honolulu County must follow these states' lead.

The Supreme Court in *Bruen* left it up to State and local legislatures to restrict the use of firearms in certain "sensitive places," including schools and government buildings. Bill 57 is consistent with SCOTUS case law, and continues to make Honolulu County one of the safest in the country

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<sup>3</sup> *Maui leads in gun-carry permits; other counties to follow soon*. KHON2.com. (2022, September 23). Retrieved November 22, 2022 from

<https://www.khon2.com/always-investigating/maui-leads-in-gun-carry-permits-other-counties-expect-to-issue-soon/>

<sup>4</sup> Donohue, J. J., Aneja, A., & Weber, K. D. (2017, June 19). *Right-to-carry laws and violent crime: A comprehensive assessment using panel data and a state-level synthetic control analysis*. NBER. Retrieved October 25, 2022, from <https://www.nber.org/papers/w23510>

<sup>5</sup> Wilson, N. (2022, October 4). *Fact sheet: Weakening requirements to carry a concealed firearm increases violent crime*. Center for American Progress. Retrieved October 25, 2022, from <https://www.americanprogress.org/article/fact-sheet-weakening-requirements-to-carry-a-concealed-firearm-increases-violent-crime/>

<sup>6</sup> Doucette, M.L., McCourt, A., Crifasi, C.K., & Webster D.W., (2022, September 20). *Impact of Changes to Concealed Carry Weapons Laws*. Center For Gun Violence Solutions. Retrieved November 10, 2022 from <https://doi.org/10.1093/aje/kwac160>

by ensuring that the County maintains and extends its licensing requirement and broadens its sensitive place restrictions.

### **What The Bill Does**

Bill 57 outlines “sensitive places” where firearms cannot be carried including child care facilities and places frequented by children, city-owned buildings or offices, all forms of public transportation (except as provided for by State or federal law), voter service centers, and first amendment expressive spaces.

These essential safety measures will pass constitutional muster. The Supreme Court in *Bruen* made it clear that its holding was “neither a regulatory straightjacket nor a regulatory blank check,” and that restrictions on guns in sensitive places are still permissible, so long as they are objective. Within this legislation, each sensitive place has been evaluated in terms of their individual characteristics. The nature of the activities taking place in each of these locations as well as the presence of certain vulnerable populations warrant each location’s classification as a sensitive place. It would be illogical to deem a swath of locations “not sensitive,” simply because the list seems too long. These are all areas where it will only benefit the health and safety of Honolulu County citizens to restrict the concealed carrying of firearms.

Bill 57 is a common-sense and constitutional response to the *Bruen* decision and will help protect constituents and visitors in Honolulu County by ensuring that those carrying firearms are unable to intimidate them with the threat of deadly force in these public, sensitive spaces.

### **Conclusion**

The provisions of Bill 57 are consistent with *Bruen*, pass constitutional muster, and would ensure that Honolulu County has a robust system for issuing carrying licenses and the safety of those within its borders. In light of the SCOTUS decision, immediate action must be taken in Honolulu to enhance the concealed carry licensing system by implementing comprehensive and robust provisions that will prevent reckless and dangerous people from carrying concealed firearms in Honolulu County and will keep its public spaces safe from the threat of senseless firearm violence. This bill does just that and for these reasons, Brady urges you to support Bill 57.

Sincerely,

Ramya Swami  
State Policy Manager  
The Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR



KEITH T. HAYASHI  
SUPERINTENDENT

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Testimony Presented Before the  
Honolulu City Council  
November 29, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

By

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Superintendent

and

Tammi Oyadomari-Chun  
Deputy Superintendent

**BILL 57 (2022) – RELATING TO THE PUBLIC CARRY OF FIREARMS**

Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina, and members of the Council:

The Hawaii Department of Education is in full support of this measure. This bill prohibits the public carrying of firearms in sensitive places, which includes schools and places frequented by children. The bill is a fair and reasonable means to protect our students from exposure to firearms violence while in school.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

AN AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER



Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'āina, and members of the council,

My name is Brett Kulbis and I live in Ewa Beach, and I am testifying today in opposition of Bill 57 on behalf of the thousands of members of Honolulu County Republican Party.

Bill 57 is a clear violation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment and an infringement on Oahu resident's right to defend themselves.

In 1995 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *United States v. Lopez*, that "gun free zones" are unconstitutional. The terminology "Sensitive Places" is nothing more than a new name for gun-free zones and are therefore unconstitutional.

In the 2021 landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision in *NYSYRPA vs. Bruen*, the court reaffirmed a citizen's right to bear arms in public, and stated that the "sensitive places" doctrine cannot be used as a blanket prohibition on weapons carry.

It would be more prudent and fiscally responsible to wait and see what happens with Hawai'i County's Bill 220, which if passed will surely generate a lawsuit that will cost Hawai'i County thousands of dollars to defend.

*As Justice Thomas has stated, "We know of no other constitutional right that an individual may exercise only after demonstrating to government officers some special need. That is not how the First Amendment works when it comes to unpopular speech or the free exercise of religion. It is not how the Sixth Amendment works when it comes to a defendant's right to confront the witnesses against him. And it is not how the Second Amendment works when it comes to public carry for self-defense."*

So while violent crime is on the rise ([Oahu violent crime at 3-year high, Honolulu Police Department report finds](#)) and HPD is facing critical manpower shortages ([Police union calls officer shortages at HPD a 'dire public health crisis'](#)), now is not the time to be infringing on our 2nd Amendment rights and playing politics with the safety of our keiki, kupuna, and all residents.

Please vote **NO** on Bill 57.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

Brett Kulbis  
Chairman  
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Testimony in Support of City Council Bill 057 (2022): RELATING TO THE PUBLIC CARRY OF FIREARMS

Will Caron

Nov 26, 2022

There's an *Onion* headline that reads "No Way To Prevent This,' Says Only Nation Where This Regularly." It's from 2014.

Since 2009, there have been [more than 289 mass shootings](#) resulting in the deaths of more than 1,600 people and the life-altering maiming of more than 1,000 others. That includes at least three new ones just this past holiday weekend.

And, while this is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to America's unique epidemic of gun violence, it is these horrific assaults that have come to define the disease in the public consciousness. This is by design: Many of these attacks are politically-motivated, and they are designed to be psychologically debilitating to the political opponents of those responsible.

Since 1982, at least [53 percent](#) of mass shooters have been white—by far the largest racial group, while [96 percent](#) have been male. At the same time, [75 percent](#) of U.S. murders committed by political extremists since 2012 were committed by rightwing extremists. There is [significant overlap](#) between these political murders and mass shooting incidents.

We have a [rightwing terrorism problem](#) in the U.S., and it's a problem that has only [gotten worse](#) as rightwing politicians have taken increasingly aggressive steps to erode regulations and laws designed to restrict gun access and use, while simultaneously [using violent rhetoric](#) to target their political opponents.

The people that have worked for decades to control the Supreme Court in order to bend our society to their rightwing views share their same ideology with a huge percentage of mass shooters and political murderers. It's an ideology based on the preservation of continued domination along lines of race, religion and gender—in the United States this translates to white, [Christian](#), cis male dominance. It is American fascism, and it is deadly.

The continued easy access to guns—and especially assault weapons and high capacity magazines—is the guarantor of this ideology through the use of political violence.

Yes, there needs to be other protections put in place, and this extremist political view needs to be rooted out and eliminated at its source. But in the short term, this council must do whatever it is able to do to keep guns out of schools, parks, public transportation, and other public spaces.

The only people who want to be able to bring guns into these spaces share the same view point as far too many of the mass shooters that have committed acts of terrorism in public spaces over the past decade. That should tell you everything you need to know about what decision to make here.

These people will try to make the case that criminals will bring guns into these spaces regardless of the law you pass, so you may as well not pass any law at all. This bunk logic falls apart under any deeper examination of the motivation behind mass shootings in public places: they are acts of terrorism—political murders—overwhelmingly perpetrated by people sharing the same rightwing ideology as those opposing this bill.

The public's right to a safe and healthy life is under assault by rightwing fanatics. They are the real threat to public safety and they are trying to trick you into making it even easier for them to bring guns into the very public places where these kinds of political mass murders, by design, occur.

Our tight gun laws have served us well here in the islands for many years. Tight gun laws protect citizens from regularly occurring mass shootings in every other country in the world. Loose laws on the continent, by contrast, result in mass shootings almost every other week. Please continue to protect the public's right to safety and ban guns from sensitive places in our city.

Oppose Bill 57  
Peggy Regentine  
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808 375 1721

To: City Council

From: Peggy Regentine

I do not own a gun now but am investigating some protection for myself. I have learned in speaking with gun owners is that the gun is no protection unless you have access to that gun. This bill is stating that you have no protection even if you own a gun. It truly makes little sense. These are reasons I am purchasing a gun and will take practice lessons on how to use the gun.

My husband travels for a month each year. I have no protection -- Simply Safe isn't much help. Police would have a difficult time finding Kalaniuka PL. and would be little help with an intruder. I live in East Oahu and yes there are many burglaries even in this area. My immediate neighbor lives only ½ the year next door.

I feed feral cats in the dark and am often afraid of being attacked.

I have been told that mace can be turned on you with our trade winds and that criminals know how to turn the mace on you.

I have a noise maker alarm but don't know who would hear it.

Any kind of protection device is useless unless you have access to that device. Bill 57 really does not make sense.

TESTIMONY OF SUSAN LI  
IN SUPPORT OF BILL 57 (2022)  
RELATING TO THE PUBLIC CARRY OF FIREARMS

November 26, 2022

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and members of the committee:

My name is Susan Li and I am a resident of Honolulu County. I submit this testimony in strong support of Bill 57 Relating to the Public Carry of Firearms.

I am the mother of two adult children who grew up in Honolulu. They attended schools here, visited the zoo and aquarium, played in parks, ate in restaurants, and went to stores and other places of business on this island – all without my having to worry that their safety could be endangered by someone carrying a concealed firearm. Guns don't belong in any of these places where children play and live their lives. This ordinance will help to protect our young people from firearms in places where the risk of harm is particularly high.

I also believe that this ordinance takes a common-sense approach by prohibiting guns in bars and restaurants where alcohol is served and where the risk of reckless or intentional shootings could be extremely high.

For these reasons, I urge the passage of Bill 57.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Susan Li



## **Testimony Regarding Bill 57-Relating to Public Carry of Firearms**

Aloha Chair Tommy Waters and all Honolulu City Council Members,

**I strongly support Bill 57 in its entirety.**

Thank you for this opportunity to present testimony regarding Bill 57. I applaud the effort to address new gun law regulations resulting from the recent Supreme Court decision that put every American citizen at greater risk of experiencing gun violence. Thank you for working to keep Honolulu City and County citizens safe and at low risk for experiencing gun violence. All one has to do, is pick up a newspaper and it becomes evident the hordes of gun owners in this country coupled with insufficient gun regulations isn't making any of us safer. Gun laws need to be stricter, not less so and Bill 57 is an effort in the right direction.

### **PLEASE KEEP HAWAII #1 in GUN SAFETY**

Numerous statistics and studies indicate loosening of gun regulations increases gun violence. We know for a fact that **states with the least restrictive gun regulations have the highest incidence of gun violence**. This has become evident in just the last few weeks as we have witnessed incident after incident of innocent people being gunned down in a Walmart, a nightclub, and on a University campus. It seems to never stop in this country anymore. The more guns, the more deaths of innocent people in public places.

Hawaii's strict gun regulations are keeping us safe, safer, in fact, than citizens of any other state. Why would we want to loosen gun regulations, including carry laws, and sacrifice this safety? Especially, in light of horrible mass shooting incidents in our country that have taken place recently in public places, including schools, malls, grocery stores, concert venues, parks, night clubs, a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and more. The frequency and horror of these incidents, along with other increased violent crime statistics should tell every American that we need to be tightening gun regulations, not make them less restrictive.

Therefore, I strongly support Bill 57, which would secure safe zones where people would be prohibited from carrying guns. I commend the City Council for designating several vulnerable public places as safe zones and support legislation like this intended to make citizens of the City and County of Honolulu safer from the threat of gun violence.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Re: Public comments of the Hawaii Rifle Association, Second Amendment Law Center, and FFL Guard regarding proposed rules on "Sensitive Places"**

Dear Honolulu City Council:

This comment letter is in strong opposition to City Council Bill 57 (2022), which is a transparent attempt to try to undermine the fundamental right to carry following the Supreme Court's landmark case *N.Y. State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen*.

We represent three clients that have asked us to comment on Bill 57 on their behalf. The first is the Hawaii Rifle Association which we jointly represent with the undersigned Honolulu attorney James Hochberg, AAL, LLC in federal court in Hawaii (together with other plaintiffs seeking permits to carry in *Livingston vs. Logan*, Civil No. CV19-00157 JMS/RT). The Hawaii Rifle Association is a non-profit membership organization with the stated mission to protect its members' Second Amendment Right to Keep and Bear Arms and protect Hawaii's hunting and shooting traditions. The Hawaii Rifle Association fulfills its mission in numerous ways, including by promoting gun safety courses and hunter education; sponsoring shooting competitions; advocating for Second Amendment rights through administrative, legislative, and judicial channels; and publishing a newsletter to keep members informed about relevant legal developments. The Hawaii Rifle Association includes numerous adult citizen members who lawfully own handguns and now seek to exercise their right to carry.

Next is the Second Amendment Law Center ("2ALC"), which is a Second Amendment scholarship and legal resource center committed to the preservation of the Second Amendment. Its mission is to reinforce the Second Amendment's solemn command that our government never unduly restrict law-abiding individuals from responsibly owning and using firearms. 2ALC brings together lawyers, legal and historical scholars, political advisors, and technical experts

that have been involved in numerous lawsuits on behalf of non-profit advocacy associations such as the National Rifle Association, the California Rifle & Pistol Association, Gun Owners of California, and many others.

Finally, FFL Guard is an innovative legal services program that acts as National Coordinating Counsel to participating clients. The FFLGuard program is designed to provide participating Federal Firearms Licensees with cost-efficient access to legal professionals, including firearms lawyers, subject matter experts and other qualified personnel to deliver educational training and rapid response services, with a focus on safeguarding the viability of the client's FFL. Its mission is to promote compliance before, during and after ATF inspection, while providing its clients with the tools to be compliant and the attorneys to back them up.

Bill 57 practically denies the right to carry most places in the City & County of Honolulu, because it identifies nearly every relevant place in Honolulu as a “sensitive place” where carry is forbidden in clear violation of *Bruen*. This would include: (1) all government owned or controlled buildings with only a few exceptions; (2) “places frequented by children”, such as nature preserves, public parks, the zoo, and more; (3) public transportation; (4) within 100 feet of “first amendment activities”; (5) a “vampire provision” under which people carrying must get permission from a business establishment before carrying onto its property.

The Supreme Court in *Bruen*, and the first federal court rulings since *Bruen* which examined a New York law enacting similar restrictions, have expressly rejected most of what Bill 57 would enact in terms of “sensitive places”. The next two sections summarize the Supreme Court’s ruling, while section III goes into detail about how Bill 57 violates the ruling.

#### **I. A brief recap of current Second Amendment precedent from the Supreme Court**

In 2008, the United States Supreme Court held that the Second Amendment protects an individual right to keep and bear arms. *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570 (2008). *Heller* described the right to self-defense as the “central component” of the Second Amendment right. *Id.* at 628. Two years later, the Supreme Court confirmed that said right is fundamental and then, through the Fourteenth Amendment, incorporated it to protect against state and local infringement. *McDonald v. City of Chicago*, 561 U.S. 742 (2010).

Most critically, the *Heller* Court established a “text, history, and tradition” framework for analyzing Second Amendment questions. The Court then assessed historical evidence to determine the prevailing understanding of the Second Amendment at the time of its ratification in 1791, and thereafter. Based on that assessment, the Court concluded that the District of Columbia statute prohibiting possession of the most commonplace type of firearm in the nation (the handgun) lacked a revolutionary era analog, did not comport with the historical understanding of the scope of the right, and therefore violated the core Second Amendment right. *Heller*, 554 U.S. at 629.

This year, the Supreme Court reaffirmed the validity of the historical understanding approach for analyzing Second Amendment questions and recognized that the Second Amendment protects the right to armed self-defense in public just as much as in the home. *N.Y. State Rifle & Pistol Ass’n v. Bruen*, 597 U.S. \_\_\_, 142 S. Ct. 2111, 2134-35 (2022) (“*Bruen*”).

The *Bruen* Court reiterated that courts may not apply a “means-ends” “interest-balancing” test akin to “intermediate scrutiny” in Second Amendment cases. *Id.* at 2129. Instead, courts must inspect the historical records of the ratification era and then apply analogical analysis to determine whether the modern-day restriction infringes on Second Amendment rights. *Id.* at 2129-30.

The *Bruen* court clarified in crystal-clear language how proper Second Amendment analysis shall be applied:

We reiterate that the standard for applying the Second Amendment is as follows: When the Second Amendment’s plain text covers an individual’s conduct, the Constitution presumptively protects that conduct. The government must then justify its regulation by demonstrating that it is consistent with the Nation’s historical tradition of firearm regulation. Only then may a court conclude that the individual’s conduct falls outside the Second Amendment’s “unqualified command.”

*Id.* at 2126. But the Court cautioned that not all history is created equal: “The Second Amendment was adopted in 1791; the Fourteenth in 1868. Historical evidence that long predates either date may not illuminate the scope of the right if linguistic or legal conventions changed in the intervening years.” *Id.* at 2136. “[T]o the extent later history contradicts what the text says, the text controls.” *Id.* at 2137. The Court also made clear that the kind of historical tradition the government must prove is “an enduring American tradition of state regulation.” *Id.* at 2155-56. Further, because Hawaii only became a territory of the United States of America in 1900 and didn’t become a state in 1959. The Hawaii laws in effect in 1791 or 1868 were not laws subject to the Constitution of the United States of America. Honolulu should not rely on these Hawaii laws to support Bill 57 to meet its burden of proof that the “Nation’s historical tradition of firearm regulation” are furthered by Bill 57.

While the Court noted that “unprecedented societal concerns or dramatic technological changes may require a more nuanced approach” to determining whether a law is consistent with historical tradition, it cautioned that reasoning by analogy in such cases must be constrained by an inquiry into both “whether modern and historical regulations impose a comparable burden on the right of armed self-defense and whether that burden is comparably justified.” *Id.* at 2133. What’s more, *Bruen* makes clear that reasoning by analogy is appropriate only when “unprecedented societal concerns or dramatic technological changes” make the search for a dead-ringer futile. *Id.* at 2132.

That does not apply in this matter. Examining Honolulu’s proposed ordinance is “fairly straightforward” because “when a challenged regulation addresses a general societal problem that has persisted since the 18th century, the lack of a distinctly similar historical regulation addressing that problem is relevant evidence that the challenged regulation is inconsistent with the Second Amendment.” *Id.* at 2131. People carrying firearms is not novel in American history, and Honolulu is thus limited to finding representative historical analogues that are very closely similar to Bill 57’s restrictions, if not identical. “[G]enerally, a historical statute cannot earn the title “analogue” if it is clearly more distinguishable than it is similar to the thing to which it is

compared.” *Antonyuk v. Hochul*, No. 1:22-CV-0986 (GTS/CFH), 2022 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 182965, at \*20 (N.D.N.Y. Oct. 6, 2022) (“*Antonyuk I*”).

## II. The Supreme Court’s Discussion of “Sensitive Places” in *Bruen*, and the New York Federal District Court Decisions that Followed

The burden is on Honolulu to establish that Bill 57’s limitations on where people can legally carry are historically justified. Speaking to the issue of “sensitive places” where the right to bear arms may be restricted, the Court explained that “the historical record yields relatively few 18th- and 19th-century ‘sensitive places’ where weapons were altogether prohibited . . . .” *Bruen*, 142 S. Ct. at 2133, emphasis added. So far, the Court has only provided the examples of schools and certain government buildings such as “legislative assemblies, polling places, and courthouses” as being such “sensitive places.” *Bruen*, 142 S. Ct. at 2133. The Court also warned that “there is no historical basis for New York to effectively declare the island of Manhattan a ‘sensitive place’ simply because it is crowded and protected generally by the New York City Police Department.” *Id.* at 2118-19. Likewise, there is no basis for the City of Honolulu to enforce an ordinance effectively making nearly all places a “sensitive place” where carry is forbidden.

Following *Bruen*, New York moved quickly to undermine the ruling by passing a law that would both make acquiring a permit more difficult and make most places off limits for carry. Given how much of Bill 57 repeats what New York enacted, there is no doubt that it was inspired by the New York law. Unfortunately for New York and for Bill 57, the first three federal district court cases to look at New York’s law have all ruled against it as contrary to *Bruen*. Besides *Antonyuk I*, which was already cited previously, these rulings are: *Antonyuk v. Hochul*, No. 1:22-CV-0986 (GTS/CFH), 2022 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 201944 (N.D.N.Y. Nov. 7, 2022) (“*Antonyuk II*”)<sup>1</sup>; *Hardaway v. Nigrelli*, No. 22-CV-771 (JLS), 2022 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 200813 (W.D.N.Y. Nov. 3, 2022) (“*Hardaway*”); and *Christian v. Nigrelli*, No. 22-CV-695 (JLS), 2022 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 211652 (W.D.N.Y. Nov. 22, 2022) (“*Christian*”). Each of these rulings went into tremendous detail about why New York’s “sensitive places” laws were unconstitutional under *Bruen*.

One of these cases summed up why expanding “sensitive places” to cover every public place is contrary to *Bruen*: “although the Supreme Court has not altogether barred the expansion of sensitive locations beyond schools, government buildings, legislative assemblies, polling places and courthouses, it has indicated a skepticism of such an expansion based on the historical record.” *Antonyuk I*, 2022 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 182965, at \*34, citing *Bruen*, 142 S. Ct. at 2133.

Nevertheless, Honolulu proposes to adopt Bill 57. For the following specific reasons, several of the “sensitive places” in Bill 57 violate *Bruen* and consequently the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment.

## III. How Bill 57 Violates *Bruen*

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<sup>1</sup> *Antonyuk I* and *Antonyuk II* are the same case. The former is the ruling on plaintiffs’ temporary restraining order, while the latter is a very similar ruling on plaintiffs’ motion for preliminary injunction.

In *Bruen*, the Supreme Court cautioned that “expanding the category of ‘sensitive places’ simply to all places of public congregation that are not isolated from law enforcement defines the category of ‘sensitive places’ far too broadly . . . [it] would in effect exempt cities from the Second Amendment and would eviscerate the general right to publicly carry arms for self-defense.” *Bruen*, 142 S. Ct. at 2133-34. That appears to be Bill 57’s clear goal. Our clients take issue with the following places included in the Bill:

**1. Government owned or controlled buildings.**

With only a few exceptions, Bill 57 would make nearly all state, federal or city-owned or controlled buildings off limits for carry. Public property is simply not a default “sensitive area.” For example, the Tennessee Court of Appeals ruled that tenants in public housing did not forfeit their Second Amendment rights. *Columbia Hous. & Redevelopment Corp. v. Braden*, No. M2021-00329-COA-R3-CV, 2022 Tenn. App. LEXIS 395, \*10 (Ct. App. Oct. 13, 2022). See also *Morris v. United States Army Corps of Eng’rs*, 60 F. Supp. 3d 1120, 1125 (D. Idaho 2014) (“The regulation banning the use of handguns on Corps’ property by law-abiding citizens for self-defense purposes violates the Second Amendment. . . .”). Similarly, the *Antonyuk II* court ruled that New York may not ban carry in a variety of public property, such as public parks and buses. *Antonyuk II*, 2022 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 201944, at \*190-192, 197-203.

In the speech context, Honolulu would never suggest that all of its property—including parks and parking lots—is off limits for free speech, yet Bill 57 does just that for the equally fundamental right to bear arms. In light of *Bruen*, the Second Amendment is no longer a “disfavored right.” *Peruta v. California*, 137 S. Ct. 1995, 1999 (2017) (Thomas, J., dissenting from denial of certiorari). The plain text of the Second Amendment protects the right to carry on most City property.

There is also a distinction between the Supreme Court’s discussion of *government buildings* and Bill 57’s prohibition of carrying on *city property*. Indeed, our clients do not dispute that the City can restrict firearm carry at certain sensitive government buildings. For example, we do not necessarily object to City Hall being off limits for carry, as that is plainly analogous to the “legislative assemblies” mentioned in *Heller* and *Bruen*. But the distinction between government buildings where the business of government is conducted, and all public property generally, is critical. *Bruen* gave its blessing to restrictions on the former, not the latter.

**2. “Places frequented by children”**

Our clients question the wisdom of restricting carry in schools because such restrictions plainly will not stop anyone bent on doing harm, they only disarm law-abiding people. Nevertheless, the Supreme Court has stated that carry may be restricted at schools, and we do not here seek to relitigate that question. But while the Supreme Court has permitted such laws, restricting carry just because *some* children may be present is not acceptable. The *Antonyuk* court already rejected this argument as contrary to *Bruen*. For example, in discussing why a law prohibiting carry in libraries would not be acceptable, the court explained: “[T]he Court acknowledges the frequent presence and activities of children in libraries (and the general analogousness of this regulation to historical laws prohibiting firearms in schools). However, the

regulation does not limit the ban to ‘school libraries’ or the ‘children's sections of libraries,’ and public libraries are also commonly patronized by adults.” *Antonyuk II*, 2022 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 201944, at \*42 n.24.

In fact, that court examined and rejected New York’s restrictions on some of the very same places Bill 57 would restrict. As to public parks and other places of recreation, the *Antonyuk I* court explained that aside from “the lack of historical analogues supporting these particular provisions, in the Court's view, the common thread tying them together is the fact that they all regard locations where (1) people typically congregate or visit and (2) law-enforcement or other security professionals are—presumably—readily available. This is precisely the definition of ‘sensitive locations’ that the Supreme Court in [*Bruen*] considered and rejected.” *Antonyuk I*, 2022 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 182965, at \*47. In *Antonyuk II*, the same court only allowed restrictions on carrying within playgrounds specifically to stand, but not all parks or recreation facilities generally because adults used them too. *Antonyuk II*, 2022 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 201944, at \*183-192.

New York attempting to make zoos off limits to carry also fared poorly. “Simply stated, the Court finds that, based on the analogues provided by the State Defendants (and located by the Court thus far), this state-imposed ban in ‘zoos’ is disproportionately burdensome as compared to its relevant historical analogues. For all of these reasons, Defendants are preliminarily enjoined from enforcing this regulation with regard to ‘public parks’ and ‘zoos’ during the pendency of this litigation.” *Antonyuk II*, 2022 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 201944, at \*194. For the same reasons, Honolulu attempting to treat zoos, aquariums, and nature preserves as “sensitive” will likewise fail in Court.

### 3. Public transportation

Bill 57 would essentially eliminate the right to carry of anyone relying on public transportation. Regardless of whether a permittee's destination is one of the few where she is permitted to carry, having to utilize public transportation to get there strips her of her constitutional right to carry for self-defense. This is clearly unacceptable and a reprehensible act of class warfare on the part of this City Council. The Supreme Court contemplated the right to carry of such individuals in deciding *Bruen*. For example, during oral argument Justice Alito described some who were wrongfully denied carry permits as follows: “None of these people has a criminal record. They're all law-abiding citizens. They get off work around midnight, maybe even after midnight. **They have to commute home by subway, maybe by bus.** When they arrive at the subway station or the bus stop, they have to walk some distance through a high-crime area, and they apply for a license, and they say: Look, nobody has told -- has said I am going to mug you next Thursday. However, there have been a lot of muggings in this area, and I am scared to death. They do not get licenses, is that right?” Transcript of Oral Argument, *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association Inc. v. Bruen* (20-843). Oyez. Retrieved at <<https://www.oyez.org/cases/2021/20-843>> (as of August 31, 2022), bold added.

The *Antonyuk I* court agreed that aside from air travel, restricting carry on public transportation is not acceptable. “[i]t does not appear permissible for New York State to restrict concealed carry in ‘any place, conveyance, or vehicle used for public transportation or public



transit, subway cars, train cars, buses, ferries, railroad, omnibus, marine or aviation transportation; or any facility used for or in connection with service in the transportation of passengers, airports, train stations, subway and rail stations, and bus terminals.’ (as stated subsection ‘2(n)’ of Section 4 of the CCIA). Indeed, historical analogues exist containing specific exceptions permitting the carrying firearms while travelling (presumably because of danger often inherent during travel).” *Antonyuk I*, 2022 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 182965, at \*41.

#### 4. “First amendment expressive activities”

In addition to violating the Second Amendment by restricting carry just because people have congregated somewhere, which is in violation of *Bruen*, this section is arguably void for its vagueness. It purports to ban carry within 100 feet of any public place where 25 or more people are “engaged in expressive activities”. The *Antonyuk* court explained the obvious problem with such restrictions: “Under this vague regulation, a law-abiding responsible license holder such as Plaintiff Terrille might suddenly find himself with his grandkids in the middle of a protest that has come to his location, and from which he would have to instantly flee lest the protesters render him a felon, which would appear to be a novel rule in America.” *Antonyuk II*, 2022 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 201944, at \*223-24. What’s more, the *Antonyuk* court was dealing with a far more specific law limited to protests or assemblies, not any and all “expressive activities”. Bill 57’s restriction would thus fare even worse in court than the New York law did.

And to the extent this vague provision affects carry in churches given its references to religious activities, that would also be unconstitutional. “The Court reiterates that ample Supreme Court precedent addressing the individual’s right to keep and bear arms—from *Heller* and *McDonald* to its June 2022 decision in *Bruen*—dictates that New York’s new place of worship restriction is equally unconstitutional.” *Hardaway*, 2022 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 200813, at \*2.

#### 5. The “Vampire Provision”

The prohibition against the public carry of firearm on private businesses’ premises without consent is perhaps the most cynical provision in Bill 57 as it would have the effect of stamping out the right to carry for all practical purposes. Like New York, Honolulu intends to treat people exercising their fundamental right to carry at private businesses as vampires – they must be invited to be able to enter. Also, like New York, this bad-faith attempt by the City to undermine a fundamental right will promptly lose in court.

Two different district courts have now struck down this provision of the New York law: “Section 5’s imposition of a state-wide restriction on concealed carry on all private property that is *open for business to the public* finds little historical precedent.” *Antonyuk II*, 2022 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 201944, at \*226. “Property owners indeed have the right to exclude. But *the state* may not unilaterally exercise that right and, thereby, interfere with the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens who seek to carry for self-defense outside of their own homes.” *Christian*, 2022 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 211652, at \*2.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> The *Christian* court continued in more detail: “The State also argues that private property owners have always had the right to exclude others from their property and, as such, may

The vampire provision flips directly on its head the traditional practice for private property, especially property belonging to businesses which serve the general public. Usually, if a private property owner wants to exclude people, they must post signs letting everyone know who or what actions are *prohibited*. While it is true that some spaces are so private that there need not be signage to announce they exclude people, that does not apply to places of business open to the general public because they are “by positive law and social convention, presumed accessible to members of the public unless the owner manifests his intention to exclude them.” *Oliver v. United States*, 466 U.S. 170, 193 (1984) (Marshall, J., dissenting).<sup>3</sup>

Moreover, while businesses open to the public do have a broad right to exclude people from their establishments (*Carrillo v. Penn Nat'l Gaming, Inc.*, 172 F. Supp. 3d 1204, 1217 (D.N.M. 2016)), Bill 57 involves the government deciding to exclude people, unless the business owner says otherwise. This is something that would never be acceptable in the First Amendment context. See, e.g. *Project 80's v. Pocatello*, 942 F.2d 635, 639 (9th Cir. 1991) (“Under the Idaho Falls and Pocatello ordinances, residents who wish to receive uninvited door-to-door solicitors must post a “Solicitors Welcome” sign. The government’s imposition of affirmative obligations on the residents’ first amendment rights to receive speech is not permissible”).

Entirely separate from the Second Amendment discussion, the vampire provision also violates the First Amendment rights of business owners. Even those that *do* support the right to carry may decide not to affirmatively consent to patrons carrying out of fear of public backlash that may hurt their business. In this way, the vampire provision unconstitutionally compels speech for business owners.

The constitution protects them against such compelled speech. Freedom of thought and expression “includes both the right to speak freely and the right to refrain from speaking at all.”

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exclude those carrying concealed handguns...But that right has always been one *belonging to the private property owner*—not to the State. It is the property owner who must exercise that right—not the State. If a property owner wants to exclude, then: (1) the property owner, must (2) do so. When the State does so, it runs afoul of the Second Amendment...

...In sum, the vast majority of land in New York is held privately, and it encompasses homes, farms, businesses, factories, vacant land, hotels, parking lots and garages, grocery stores, pharmacies, medical offices, hospitals, cemeteries, malls, sports and entertainment venues, and so on. These are places that people, exercising their rights, frequent *every day* when they move around *outside their homes*. The exclusion here makes all of these places presumptively off limits, backed up by the threat of prison. The Nation’s historical traditions have not countenanced such an incursion into the right to keep and bear arms across all varieties of private property spread across the land. The right to self-defense is no less important and no less recognized on private property.” *Christian*, 2022 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 211652, at \*19-21.

<sup>3</sup> See also *United States v. Byle*, No. 8:10-CR-419-T-30TGW, 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 54220 (M.D. Fla. Apr. 15, 2011) (reasoning that owner’s intent to exclude visitors was not apparent because gate was not locked and no ‘No Trespassing’ signs were posted); and *McMahon v. City of Panama City Beach*, 180 F. Supp. 3d 1076, 1096 (N.D. Fla. 2016) (“Thunder Beach contains no barricades, barriers, or attendants meaningfully limiting egress and ingress. It contains no signs conveying a message to the effect of ‘private event—no trespassing.’ Any person can choose to walk in to the event just as one could choose to walk to the same location on a given weekend when an event is not being held”).

*Wooley v. Maynard*, 430 U.S. 705, 714 (1977). “Just as the First Amendment may prevent the government from prohibiting speech, the Amendment may prevent the government from compelling individuals to express certain views.” *United States v. United Foods*, 533 U.S. 405, 410 (2001). And just because business owners are motivated to oppose putting up a sign in part out of fear of lost profits, that doesn’t make it any less unacceptable for the State to compel speech. The Supreme Court “has repeatedly rejected the notion that a speaker’s profit motive gives the government a freer hand in compelling speech.” *Masterpiece Cakeshop, Ltd. v. Colo. Civil Rights Comm’n*, 138 S. Ct. 1719, 1745 (2018).

Even if they did not fear customer backlash, business owners may not want to put up signs for an additional reason as well: it makes them a part of Honolulu’s unconstitutional antigun efforts, efforts which they philosophically disagree with. Putting up such signs grants further legitimacy to the unconstitutional regime, and business owners have the right not to “be an instrument for fostering public adherence” to points of view they find unacceptable. *Wooley*, *supra*, 430 U.S. at 715. Nor would putting up a disclaimer assuage this concern, as the Supreme Court has decided that question too. “The Colorado Court of Appeals also erred by suggesting that Phillips could simply post a disclaimer, disassociating Masterpiece from any support for same-sex marriage. Again, this argument would justify any law compelling speech. And again, this Court has rejected it.” *Masterpiece Cakeshop, Ltd.*, *supra*, 138 S. Ct. at 1745. The government may not “require speakers to affirm in one breath that which they deny in the next.” *Pac. Gas & Elec. Co. v. Pub. Utils. Com.*, 475 U.S. 1, 16 (1986).

The *Antonyuk* court agreed, also separately enjoining New York’s vampire provision on First Amendment grounds for those property owners that did not want to put up a sign, but also could not feasibly give consent to each individual. “...Section 5 appears to compel Plaintiffs’ speech another way: by **coercing** them, as busy store owners, to conspicuously speak the state’s controversial message (visible to neighbors and passersby on the sidewalk or street) if (1) they want to welcome onto their property all license-holding visitors who the State has spooked with a felony charge, but (2) they are otherwise unable to give express consent to those visitors for some reason (say, because as small-business owners they do not enjoy the luxury, or possess the superhuman endurance, of being able to sit at the front entrance to their property twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, twelve months a year).” *Antonyuk II*, 2022 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 201944, at \*237-38.

In sum, the vampire provision, perhaps more than any other individual part of Bill 57, serves as the greatest affront to the Supreme Court’s instruction that there are “relatively few” places where the historical record supports carry being prohibited. *Bruen*, 142 S. Ct. at 2133. It would make most businesses that people rely on in their daily lives de jure “sensitive” and therefore eviscerates the right to carry, in outright contempt for the Supreme Court’s landmark ruling that sought to *strengthen* protections for carry rights. People with carry permits are not vampire to need to be invited in, nor are they lepers to be ostracized from society.

## **Conclusion**

There are no secrets here, our cards are on the table. Honolulu now is on notice of the basic arguments our clients will make if Bill 57 is passed as written and they are forced to file a

lawsuit., Because of this, if it passes this version of the bill, the City Council should not be surprised when it loses in federal court and has to explain to its voters why it was ordered to pay our clients' legal fees under 42 U.S.C.S. § 1988. There are certainly better uses of limited taxpayer dollars than trying to undermine constitutional rights. Honolulu eagerly copied New York's unconstitutional new carry law, but perhaps it should have also followed how poorly that law has fared in federal courts.

To the extent you are willing to engage in a collaborative process and amend Bill 57, our clients have directed us to make ourselves available to answer any questions you have and provide feedback for any revised drafts. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

**Michel & Associates, P.C.**

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JAMES HOCHBERG, AAL, LLC

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City and Council of Honolulu, Hawaii  
Honolulu Hale

HEARING: Tuesday, Nov 29, 2022, at 10:00AM

RE: Bill 057 (2022) RELATING TO THE PUBLIC CARRY OF FIREARMS.

Aloha Members of the City Council,

I OPPOSE Bill 057.

It is astounding to me that the members of the City Council of Honolulu are considering Bill 57, a Bill that supports Jim Crow Laws, especially those obstructing the ability of normal citizens to carry a firearm in self defense and the defense of others. As you well know the Supreme Court of the United States in the NYSRPA vs Bruen case (2022) found that concealed licensing schemes that relied on “good cause” were unconstitutional. Since June 23, 2022, it is clear that the City and County of Honolulu has slow-walked the approval of any concealed carry licenses despite the fact that it is a civil right! Other counties here in the Aloha State, notably Maui County have begun issuing permits in accordance with the SCOTUS ruling. Yet in Honolulu County, Bill 57 is just one more roadblock being put in place to dissuade good people from getting their concealed carry license and being able to defend themselves.

It makes me wonder why the City Council is afraid of the lawful gun owners that live in their districts. It astounds me that this bill has even been proposed especially given the fact that violent crime continues to spike here County wide. Just the other night there was a *gunfight* on Kapiolani Blvd. Did the criminal who recklessly shot at people seek approval for carrying his handgun? Was that gun even permitted? We all know the answer to these questions from this and dozens of other instances of gun violence here in Honolulu. Pretending otherwise is an insult to everyone’s intelligence. Bill 57 will not dissuade criminals from illegally carrying guns. It will embolden them.

This Bill alleges to increase public safety by restricting where concealed carry permit holders may legally possess their firearm. In reality the bill seeks to make almost all of urban Honolulu into a “gun free zone” and criminalize lawful gun owners who may unknowingly wander into the radius of a “sensitive place” a term that is better described as places deemed too dangerous for good citizens to protect themselves and the ones they love.

This bill will disarm good people in the places they most likely are to be attacked and in need of their firearm for self defense. It will also most adversely affect the poor and minority communities that do not have the resources to buy a private vehicle and need to use public transportation. Under the provisions of Bill 57 all public transportation will be deemed places too “sensitive” for people to defend themselves. And this is exactly the reason why Bill 57 is part of the long, sad history of Jim Crow Laws in this state - laws originally meant to prevent the migrant plantation workers from having the same rights as the plantation land owners. Sadly, most politicians in this state pay lip service to their opposition to systemic racism and yet, the policies and laws they enact that only reinforce these racist roots.

If passed, this will also tell criminals and the criminally insane where people will be defenseless. Imagine you are on the rail with your children (or grandchildren) and some psycho attacks people with a

weapon (Machete, knife, Handgun, etc). If the Rail is deemed a sensitive place, you will not be able to carry the very instrument needed to stop the attack. Members of this council, I ask you - where can you go? The rail is elevated 30 -50 feet above the ground. You are trapped - the perfect killing ground for evil people.

This bill flies in the face of the Supreme Court NYSRPA vs Bruen decision - where it specifically makes the point that designating large swaths of an urban area as "sensitive places" was unconstitutional. Specifically, the ruling made it clear that,

In their view, "sensitive places" where the government may lawfully disarm law-abiding citizens include all "places where people typically congregate and where law-enforcement and other public-safety professionals are presumptively available." Brief for Respondents 34. It is true that people sometimes congregate in "sensitive places," and it is likewise true that law enforcement professionals are usually presumptively available in those locations. But expanding the category of "sensitive places" simply to all places of public congregation that are not isolated from law enforcement defines the category of "sensitive places" far too broadly. Respondents' argument would in effect exempt cities from the Second Amendment and would eviscerate the general right to publicly carry arms for self-defense that we discuss in detail below. See Part III-B, *infra*. Put simply, there is no historical basis for New York to effectively declare the island of Manhattan a "sensitive place" simply because it is crowded and protected generally by the New York City Police Department (p22).

As we know most of the places that would be deemed as "sensitive places" DONOT have law enforcement professionals in these locations. This is especially true in locations such as public transportation where passengers may be trapped onboard a moving train or bus with someone intending to kill, rape, kidnap, or assault them.

If this bill passes into law it will be challenged and defeated in court - ultimately costing the City and County MILLIONS of tax payer dollars to fruitlessly defend.

I urge you to trust the law abiding constituents who have taken the time, the money, and the responsibility to become proficient in the safe handling, sound judgment, and skill in the use of firearms.

Please vote no on this deeply flawed proposed legislation..

For these reasons I oppose Bill 057(2022). Thank you for your consideration.

Mahalo

Jon Webster Abbott

NRA Pistol Instructor, NRA Range Safety Officer, Master Electrician



## Aloha Council members

I am writing to you today as a director of Hawaii Firearms Coalition. Hawaii Firearms Coalition represents the interest of its members and Hawaii's more than 125 thousand registered law-abiding gun owners and is writing today in Opposition to BILL0 57(22).

In June of 2022, the Supreme court ruled that legal firearms owners have a right to carry a firearm for self-defense. In response, Bill 57 was introduced at the bequest of the Mayor.

Firstly we feel that the county is not the right place to be passing laws on sensitive places, and instead, the law should be created at the state level. Having each county with different laws will create confusion for residents and likely lead to otherwise law-abiding citizens facing lengthy prison sentences.

A state-level law would also remove the legal liabilities from any lawsuit that the county will face should you pass this law without significant amendments.

## HIFICOs suggested sensitive places:

We do not disagree that the carrying of firearms can be prohibited in some locations. However, laws doing so MUST be limited in scope. As such, we would like to provide our suggested changes to Bill 57, followed by the reasoning as to why.

We believe that the list of places considered sensitive should be restricted to the following:

- **Court buildings:** Excluding parking structures
- **Schools and daycares:** Except that a licensed individual who is dropping off or picking up a child may carry concealed within the confines of their vehicle in the parking lot or designated pick up or drop off area.
- **Poling places** (during poling): Excluding parking structures
- **Prisons and jails:** Excluding parking structures
- **Legislative assemblies** (Honolulu Hale): Excluding parking structures
- **Airports** (beyond the security checkpoints)

These places have traditionally been seen as places where firearms are prohibited and fit within the text, history, and tradition guidelines as laid out by the supreme court.

The punishment for entering one of these places in violation of the law is far greater than we see in other states and should instead be reduced to a fine or petty misdemeanor.

We further agree that Private businesses may prohibit the carrying of a firearm on their property BUT that they must post a conspicuous sign on **EVERY** entrance and exit meeting the following standards:

1. Be at least 10 inches wide and 10 inches tall.
2. Have a yellow background.
3. Be located at least 24 inches from the ground.
4. Contain a pictogram that shows a firearm within a red circle and a diagonal red line across the firearm.
5. Contain the wording "no firearms allowed" in black letters at least 1 inch in height

These standards are to ensure that an otherwise law-abiding citizen does not accidentally break the law because of a sign that is too small or hidden.

The punishment for violating these signs should be a Fine (but at most a petty misdemeanor). But only after the person has been asked to leave and has refused or failed to do so.

All other places should be removed from the bill as they do not fit within the confines of sensitive places and, as such, would violate the rights of Honolulu's residents.

## **Methodology for creating our position.**

The supreme court in Heller and NYSPRA provided a set of guidelines as to the types of places that may be considered sensitive. Among the places are legislative assemblies, polling places, schools, and courthouses.

For other places to be added to the list, they must fit within certain criteria. Fitting within the Text, history, and traditions of the second amendment. Have a legitimate purpose and be places where the government provides for the safety of the public.

When applying the Text history and tradition approach, the supreme court has said it becomes the burden of the lawmakers to defend the law. The lawmaker must find and prove a historical analogy to the law they are passing, and it must be widespread (traditional).

When looking at the history of law, it must be found it must be between the ratification of the constitution in 1791 and the reconstruction of 1861. The argument that Hawaii banned the



public carrying of firearms for 190 years is not justification for passing Bill 57, but it does stand as evidence that the state acknowledges it was violating the rights of its citizens.

Many of the locations listed in Bill 57 have been included in laws in other cities and states. All of which have had an injunction placed on them when challenged in court. These include bans on private property, Public transport, Restaurants, Bars, Public parks, Playgrounds, Places of Sojourn, and areas where others are conducting free speech activities. None of the places have a historical and traditional equivalent when applying the tests provided by the Supreme Court in Bruen.

Furthermore, the extensive list provided in Bill 57 would cause most people to not be able to carry firearms in their day-to-day life and serve no purpose to public safety. Having to disarm for an entire day because you need to pay your registration, visit a doctor or take your child to school would violate a person's right to bear arms.

We hope that you take our position to heart when considering your position on Bill 57 and hope to work more with each one of you moving forward.

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2022/10/06/ny-gun-laws-concealed-carry-improvement-act-parts-struck-down/8198730001>

November 27, 2022

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Aloha Kakahiaka!! My Name is Ruben Ongos and I am in Opposition to Bill 57. I reside in District 5-Kalihi, Kapalama, Moanalua.

I submit my testimony on three iron-clad reasons for why concealed carry isn't just another phenomena – it's a necessity.

The Second Amendment affords law abiding citizens of this beautiful island state to keep and bear arms. The ability to conceal those firearms for our own defense is what keeps us safe.

Those who oppose lawful carry by citizens may believe that they have society's best interest at heart. The mere right to carry - which certainly not diminished by mere opinion - isn't always enough to sway them. These are factual reasons to conceal carry, which can't be argued on the merits.

**First Good Cause for CCW:** Police Can't Be Everywhere At Once

**Good cause for CCW**

Why concealed carry? The first good cause for CCW is that police can't be everywhere.

Just recently reported on November 14, 2022, HNN reported a string of robberies in and around Ala Moana shopping center in broad daylight!

According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, there are only 455,000 full-time police officers (2013) employed in the United States. In a nation of roughly 319 million people (2014), that means there is 1 police officer per 686 residents. Even if you added in the 100,000 or so part-time officers, that ratio still doesn't drop much.

Let's just go ahead and jump to the conclusion that unless a police officer just happens to be wandering by when a violent crime occurs – there's almost no chance he's going to arrive in time to stop it. At best, his presence can deter criminals from committing a crime and enforce the law if they're caught red handed.

There simply are not enough police officers to protect everyone. That's a fact of life. And because of that, a person's ability to defend themselves, their family, and their property is literally in his or her hands. A concealed carry permit and being an everyday carrier just makes sense.

And then there's the response times. Depending on where you live, they may be very fast...or it might take up to 20 mins. Point being that you can't necessarily count on police to arrive in time.

Since you can't always count on there being sufficient police personnel, or even in close enough vicinity to do anything, the first and best recourse against a potential threat is a concealed pistol.

## **Second of the Reasons To Conceal Carry: Criminals Don't Care About The Law**

### **Reasons to conceal carry**

Why is concealed carry important? The second of these reasons to conceal carry is that criminals just don't care about the law.

When a person with a violent criminal record goes to get a gun to commit yet another crime, he's not going to bother with the gun store. He's going to rob someone else or buy it through illicit means. And while he's carrying that firearm, he's not going to be concerned with the laws he's breaking.

If they were concerned with the legality of what they were doing, they probably wouldn't be violent criminals. How people live is often far removed from how they should

It's law abiding citizens that have to worry about the law – not violent criminals. And because of that, being a concealed carrier of a pistol or revolver is just one more way to ensure the safety of yourself and those around you.

## **Deterring Violent Crime Is Another of the Acceptable Reasons for Concealed Carry**

### **Acceptable reasons for concealed carry**

Easily the most significant of acceptable reasons for concealed carry is that citizen carry becomes a deterrent against violent crime. Each person that acquires their permit and arms themselves with a lawfully concealed pistol gives themselves the means to save their own lives and to put a stop to violent crimes that may be perpetrated on them or those around them.

As more and more Americans apply for their concealed carry permits, violent criminals have to consider that as an additional factor they cannot see when going to commit a crime. That's what is called a "known unknown," something you know you don't know.

Concealed carriers, in the minds of a criminal, are a known unknown. Unfortunately, it also means violent criminals have to move faster, hit harder, and be more violent in their pursuits – precisely because they do not know who's armed and who's not. Nor can they afford to wait around to find out. And, if anything, that's all the more reason to become an everyday carrier.

Unlike open carriers, concealed carriers aren't easy to spot in a crowd. When a violent criminal is looking to knock off a gas station, bank, or store, he's walking in blind to who else is armed. That means he needs to think twice before rushing in – or be ready for dire consequences.

If you follow the topic through news channels, you'll find repeated examples of concealed carriers putting a stop to robberies, assaults and many more violent crimes. The violent criminal that lives in a city and state that allows lawful concealed carry by qualified citizens has to be wary of armed citizens, as

any potential victim may be concealing a pistol.

At that, when should you concealed carry as a result of these reasons to do so? At every possible moment. While it's true that most violent crime occurs in rather predictable locations, it's also true that it can happen anywhere and at any time. Therefore, you want to be ready at any time, by having your CCW on you at all possible times. Whenever it's possible to carry, do so.

There's certainly more arguments why concealed carry is something more Americans wish to pursue. Despite all the violence in the news, the FBI reports that violent crime has been dropping steadily as the number of concealed carriers increase. Maybe some of the smarter criminals are catching on...

Thank you for your time!!

Respectfully,

Ruben Ongos

# City Council Bill 57

**City Council District: 3**  
**Constituent Stance: Opposition**

## SPECIAL MEETING

**City Council Chamber**

28<sup>th</sup> Session

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

10 A.M.

Councilmembers,

I **oppose** the City Council's proposed **Bill 57** because it serves as a *de facto* circumvention of the United States Supreme Court's decision in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc. v. Bruen*.

### **Overexpansion of Prohibition**

**Bill 57** vastly overexpands prohibitions of Conceal Carry Weapon (CCW) carry by disguising expanded prohibitions as "sensitive places." **Bill 57** also seeks to impose the City and County of Honolulu's jurisdiction over areas where it has no express purview

For example, **Sec. 40.\_2 Definitions.** broadly defines "Businesses" and "Business Establishments" to encompass virtually every single **private** business on the entire island that does not fall under express governmental purview. Such broad definition gives the businesses no way to distinguish themselves as a **private** entity that is separate from a **public** governmental office such as those managed by the City and County of Honolulu.

**Sec. 40.\_2 Definitions. Subsection (b)** essentially permits the City and County of Honolulu to supersede state and federal powers by specifying that the city's prohibitions are enforceable. This is inherently problematic since a city government agency is essentially attempting to trump state and federal jurisdictional responsibilities.

### **Enforcement Concerns**

**Bill 57** partially addresses private residences when discussing "dwelling units," however, it does not specify enforcement in a conjoined complex, such as a condominium. Will **Bill 57** force residents out of their units simply because the condominium owner or neighboring unit owners do not wish to have a CCW license holder in their midst? What about a conjoined townhome CCW license holding resident? Will that CCW license holding resident be restricted from carrying their own concealed firearm on their own property simply because their home is attached to another private household? Although such concepts are partially addressed by the "to and from" exception in the hotel provision found in **Sec. 40.\_2 Definitions. Subsection (1)**, **Bill 57** overall does not clearly specify the enforcement aspect for conjoined residential structures.

The so-called "sensitive place" restrictions incorporated throughout **Bill 57** aggressively seeks to punish rather than protect. **Sec. 40-\_3 Prohibition against the public carrying of firearms in sensitive places. Subsection (c)(4)** contains a *prima facie* evidentiary threshold that is problematic since not all private business property lines are clearly delineated by visible or readily identifiable boundary lines. In essence, a CCW license holder is at risk of violating the law without expressly having readily available information that clearly delineates a "sensitive place" and distinguishes it from a "*non*-sensitive place." Essentially, the CCW license holder is forced to make a split-second assessment whether they are in compliance with the law wherever they go at any time.

### **Excessive Penalties without viable Recourse**

**Sec. 40-\_5 Prohibition against the public carry of firearms without possession of license to carry Subsection (a)** aggressively seeks to penalize a CCW license holder with a misdemeanor charge **without** providing the CCW any means to rectify the situation, especially in emergency situations. This provision is designed to ensure that punitive actions are as broad as possible to discourage any CCW carry under extreme duress, especially during times of emergency such as natural disasters, structural fires, or civil unrest where a CCW license holder may have to evacuate their residential dwelling unit.

Imposing a misdemeanor based solely upon a *prima facie* basis in **Sec. 40-\_.5 Subsections (a) and (c)(4)** does not constitute a viable evidentiary basis since the CCW license holder may be responding to an emergency situation where they may not have easy access to their CCW license since it may be stored in a wallet or purse located in a separate room within their residence prior to evacuation. The aggressive wording in **Sec. 40-\_.5 Subsection (5)** likewise targets the CCW license holder since it does not account for instances of theft and consequently subjects the CCW license holder to immediate punishment without any viable recourse or remedy at the time of theft. Moreover, recent revisions to Chapter 15 of the Rules of the Chief of Police concerning CCW license issuance do not include any provision for duplicative license issuance for any emergencies. This means that if a CCW license holder's sole CCW license for a particular pistol is lost to the wind during a hurricane, stolen by a thief, or otherwise destroyed by a flood or fire, the CCW license holder will have no other way to identify their legal carry status unless they obtain a complete replacement from the department. Such duplicative license limitation creates artificial burden that is then forced upon the CCW license holder. When closely examining the wording of **Sec. 40-\_.5 Subsection (5)**, it is also clear that the CCW license holder is portrayed with unwarranted disdain since it redundantly uses the combination of "...knowingly, intentionally...failed to display the License" suggesting that CCW license holders know that they can *and* intend to break the law during *any* instance they do not have their CCW license readily available. Similarly in **Sec. 40-\_.5 Subsection (c)(4)**, the inclusion of the phrase, "...recklessly carry on their person a pistol or revolver outside the person's residence without having a valid License in the person's immediate possession," once again, does not account for an incident whereby a CCW license holder's wallet or purse containing their CCW license is stolen by a pickpocket. Such wording essentially alleges that a CCW license holder will purposefully leave their CCW license at home and will do so with an intrinsically reckless mindset. Such aggressive wording irrationally demonstrates malice towards the CCW license holder and further demonstrates insidious legislative targeting.

### **Stop and Evidence Concerns**

**Sec. 40-\_.5 Subsection (c)(4)** of **Bill 57** contains an alarming provision that creates a modified law enforcement officer stop provision focused exclusively upon the CCW license holder. Even more alarming is that a law enforcement officer may simply demand presentation of a CCW license without requiring that the officer act upon any justifiable evidentiary basis outlined in the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). As a notable example, Probable Cause provisions contained in **HRS §803-5 By police officer without warrant Subsections (a) through (b)** are not cited as a justification for the presentation of a CCW license in accordance with **Bill 57**. This therefore suggests that **Bill 57** will subject CCW license holders to discrimination by law enforcement officers, without any valid reason, public safety justification, or evidentiary basis.

Because of the numerous prohibitions and overzealously targeting punishments contained within **Bill 57**, I urge that the Council use common sense and defer the bill indefinitely. Otherwise, the Council will endanger the public by leaving their constituents vulnerable to the hands of violent criminals who will not obey any city, state, or federal firearms prohibitions whatsoever. Instead, the Council's energy should be focused upon increasing law enforcement officer staffing efforts to mitigate criminal activity.

Thank you for reviewing my testimony.

Respectfully,

Ryan C. Tinajero

Constituent of City Council District 3—Kāneʻohe





**TESTIMONY OF TINA YAMAKI, PRESIDENT  
RETAIL MERCHANTS OF HAWAII  
November 29, 2022**

**Re: BILL 57 (2022) – RELATING TO PUBLIC CARRY OF FIREARMS**

Aloha, Chair Waters and members of the Honolulu City Council. I am Tina Yamaki, President of the Retail Merchants of Hawaii and I appreciate this opportunity to testify.

The Retail Merchants of Hawaii was founded in 1901, RMH is a statewide, not for profit trade organization committed to the growth and development of the retail industry in Hawaii. Our membership includes small mom & pop stores, large box stores, resellers, luxury retail, department stores, on-line sellers, shopping malls, local, national, and international retailers, chains, and everyone in between.

The Retail Merchants of Hawaii is in support of Bill 57 (2022). This ordinance defines those sensitive locations within the City and County of Honolulu where the carrying of firearms is prohibited, consistent with an individual's Second Amendment right to bear arms and the United States Supreme Court's ruling in New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc. v. Bruen, No. 20-843 (S. Ct. 2022).

We appreciate that RETAIL is clearly defined in this ordinance as a business establishment. As you may be aware from the news reports, retailers have ongoing growing battle with shoplifting. Those who are stealing from us are getting more and more bold and violent towards our employees who try to stop them. Like everyone, we do not want to see our employees, customers or the community injured. This measure we hope will deter guns from being brought into our establishments and giving a piece of mind to those who work and shop are in our stores.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.



# **WRITTEN TESTIMONY**

## **Bill 57**

Special City Council Meeting Meeting

<https://hnlldoc.ehawaii.gov/hnlldoc/measure/browse/2377>

To: City Council Chair Tommy Waters, Vice-Chair Esther Kia'aina, and City Council members

From: Choon James

Bill 57 (2022) - Relating to Public Carry of Firearms, to create “sensitive places” where guns will not be allowed, including schools, parks and on public transportation.

Aloha Chair Waters and City Council members,

First and foremost, we ask that this issue not be politicized to pit Hawaii residents against each other for political or personal gains. Partisan bickering or name-calling brings no solutions.

We are grateful Hawaii residents have engaged in a logical and analytical thinking manner relating to this dialogue.

Bill 57 is a complicated issue. It's not only the US Constitutional Second Amendment rights. There are inevitably cultural practices and lifestyles, as well as personal preferences and perceptions.

There are naturally polarizing reactions towards firearms. It's logical to have such reactions as our life experiences affect our decisions and values too. Some of our friends grew up having firearms and thought nothing of them. Some even have their guns on the open rack of their trucks on school grounds and heading out to hunting after classes. Some friends do not even allow their children to play with toy guns.

Bill 57 designating gun free “sensitive places” that will protect residents may sound comforting and safe. But wouldn't these same gun free zones inevitably create sitting ducks out of residents to a deranged shooter?

We don't live in an ideal world where each individual is mentally stable, peaceful, and tolerant of another. Anger management is sorely lacking. Our public facilities are mostly porous and open. Even the Honolulu Rail has no security details that we know of.

WE MUST ADDRESS THE **ROOT CAUSES** OF FIREARMS VIOLENCE. PLEASE ALSO FOCUS ON SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL FAMILIES, MENTAL HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES, SUBSTANCE ABUSE & PREVENTION SUPPORT, ANGER MANAGEMENT AND SO ON.

Hawaii's families have many parents working 2-3 jobs. Many children are left alone without strong supervision or proper nurturing. Civics education is lacking. The costs of living, cultural divide, financial pressure, anger management, social and financial injustice, public discontent against government and corruption, lack of mental health and social services and so on are escalating.

This is a challenge that ALL of us must engage in because no one lives in a bubble. Even those who live behind gated communities or keyed elevators are not immune to violence.

I'm taking the time to attach selected excerpts of recent mass-shooters profile below. There is no one silver bullet to solving this challenge. While there are shooters like John Hinckley Jr. (mental disease) who appear to come from an affluent and supportive family, **there remains a general trend of many shooters originating from dysfunctional families, mental disease, drugs, rage, or being bullied background.**

Even in extremely strict countries like Japan, its former Prime Minister Abe was assassinated with a DIY firearm with parts ordered online.

This firearm issue must be deliberated in an over-arching manner. We must get to the roots of these problems. Superficial political staging is insufficient. We must work hard to provide more support to our local families and young ones. **Prevention is always better than cure.**

Sincerely,  
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<https://nypost.com/2022/11/27/alleged-colorado-killer-like-so-many-mass-shooters-a-male-from-a-dysfunctional-home/>

OPINION

## Alleged Colorado killer Anderson Aldrich, like so many mass shooters, a male from a dysfunctional home

By Adam B. Coleman

November 27, 2022 | 8:04pm | Updated



Anderson Lee Aldrich, the suspect who allegedly killed five people in a shooting at a Colorado Springs nightclub.

Photo by -/Colorado Springs Police Department/AFP via Getty Images

*“Family is the root of our social existence, but like many things in life, we have no control over which roots we sprout from. Some of us are blessed with the appropriate amount of parental nurturing to develop into healthy, productive members of society. Some, unfortunately, are cursed with adults masquerading as parents who carelessly soak their soil with vinegar instead of water.”*

Anderson Aldrich, 22, after a lifetime being soused in familial poison, allegedly committed an unforgivable atrocity, taking the lives of five innocent people and injuring 25 others in a mass shooting at the Club Q nightclub in Colorado Springs, Colo.

After every tragic event, we search for a cause, a motive, to find out why someone would cross the unthinkable line of committing murder. The problem is that we move from finding motives and causes to manufacturing them to fulfill our political prophecies. The victims' bodies were barely cold before we began spouting superficial presuppositions for the killer's behavior.

Once you become an adult, you are responsible for your actions; no matter how destructive your past, it's never an excuse to become a predator. But if we want to prevent more mass shootings of this nature, we must be willing to examine what many mass shooters share in common: They are mostly males who come from broken families.

Anderson Aldrich, born Nicholas Brink, never had a meaningful relationship with his father; his parents divorced when he was a toddler, disconnecting him from the most important male figure in his life from the beginning. His father, Aaron Brink, traveled a tumultuous path in life, from mixed-martial-arts fighter to crystal-meth-addicted porn actor.

Aldrich's name change, per court filings, was specifically to "protect himself and his future from any connections to birth father and his criminal history." Aldrich's mother, Laura Voepel, also has a history riddled with criminal offenses, including outstanding warrants in California, as she battled decades-long mental-health issues stemming from her childhood after her parents separated when she was 10.

Dysfunction breeds dysfunction, and dysfunctional parents are more likely to breed dysfunctional children. Aldrich's roots were tainted from the start, with a poisonous environment stunting his growth toward prosperity.

Aldrich is one of many mass shooters, including school shooters, in the past two decades who grew up in dysfunctional homes. Psychologist Peter Langman compiled a list of 56 school shooters

*and found that 82% of them grew up in dysfunctional families or without their parents together.*

*This statistical reality becomes even more daunting when you realize the United States ranks first in single-parent households and among the top 10 in divorce rates in the world.*

*Young men are a destructive force if they're not shown at a young age how to regulate their emotions and not properly reprimanded if they cross reasonable boundaries. Their fathers are supposed to be their natural disciplinarians and guides to properly reacting to the tribulations life brings.*

*Without their natural emotional instructor, they're more likely to be unable to regulate their frustrations appropriately, which will push the boundaries of the violence they're willing to commit. Aldrich's father's battle with his personal demons helped spawn the vengeful demon that the innocent people in Club Q had to face at the barrel of a gun.*

*Obviously, not everyone from a broken home is a violent offender. But if we continuously increase the pool of children living in disconnected and dysfunctional families, the number of people who are among the extremes with the potential to commit violence will only rise.*

*Family dysfunction isn't the singular indicator of violence but a significant contributing factor. It can be a crucial warning sign, especially among our young men, that we need to pay closer attention to their behavior and emotional propensity instead of dismissing them or simply sedating them with mind-altering prescription drugs for short-term results."*

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<https://www.13newsnow.com/article/news/crime/suspect-manifesto-note-chesapeake-mass-shooting-investigation/291-241098ee-342a-4238-bd43-2bb56083a0af>

## Chesapeake police unveil manifesto note in Walmart mass shooting

The Chesapeake Police Department confirmed that the suspected shooter used a 9mm handgun that was legally purchased from a local store.



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CHESAPEAKE, Va. — *Author's note: The details in this story may be disturbing to readers.*

The Chesapeake Police Department unveiled new details in the investigation of the Walmart mass shooting that left seven people dead -- including the gunman -- and several others hurt Tuesday night.

The disturbing details are hard to read, but we are sharing the note in it's entirety for transparency and to help the community try and understand why this happened.

*“On Friday morning, the department confirmed that the suspected shooter used a 9mm handgun **that was legally purchased from a local store earlier on Tuesday morning.***

*During a search of the suspect's house, police found a box of ammunition and other items related to the handgun, including the box, receipt and other paperwork. **The department confirmed that the suspect didn't have a prior criminal record.***

*Three days after the attack, survivors, families, friends and the community are still asking why the shooting happened. Now, we're starting to get some sense of why the gunman claims he did what he did.*

*The department said investigators found a manifesto on the suspect's phone that outlined a possible motive for the shooting.*

*The message was found during a forensic analysis of the phone, which was recovered from the scene of the shooting. It's unknown when the note was written and several names are redacted.*

*The message suggested that the suspect, an overnight shift lead at the Sams Circle Walmart, was repeatedly harassed by his colleagues.*

*"The associates gave me evil twisted grins, mocked me and celebrated my down fall the last day," the note reads. "That's why they suffer the same fate."*

*The note claimed that the co-workers laughed at the suspect, saying he "was like Jeffrey Dahmer."*

*"I can't say that they were the only ones that lacked intelligence and wisdom," the note reads. "I was just as guilty and failed my management team and everyone that ever loved me by convincing them that I was normal."*

*He suggested that a phone hack was his breaking point before the shooting and that he "was led by the Satan" and adding "I wish I could have saved everyone from myself."*



*"My true intent was never to murder anyone believe it or not, I was actually one of the most loving people in the world if you would get to know me," the note reads. "I just wanted a wife that was equally yoked as I and obsessed over the thought; however, I didn't deserve a wife."*

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<https://www.washingtonpost.com/dc-md-va/2022/11/19/uva-shooting-suspect-motive-jones/>


## What was U-Va. shooting suspect's motive? Clues offer possibilities.

By [Justin Jouvenal](#), [Laura Vozzella](#), [Emily Davies](#), [William Wan](#) and [Keith L. Alexander](#)

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From left, Devin Chandler, Lavel Davis Jr. and D'Sean Perry. The three Virginia football players were killed in a shooting on Sunday. (University of Virginia Athletics/AP)

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Christopher Darnell Jones Jr. (Henrico County Sheriff's Office/AP)

Authorities have not released a motive for the rampage, and those who knew both suspect and victims have struggled to come up with any concrete possibilities. Though Jones at one time played football, former players said his 2018 stint was short and unremarkable, and there was no overlap between him and those he is accused of killing with bullets to the head. Family members have claimed Jones was bullied but have not provided details, and no

evidence has emerged to support those accounts. A witness to the shooting said Jones barely interacted with those on the field trip he is accused of shooting. One friend who knew Jones from high school said that recently, he seemed to be more withdrawn than she had remembered.

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William H. Reid, a professor of psychiatry at the University of Texas who spent hours interviewing mass shooter James Holmes, said motives in such events typically emerge early in the investigation — there is **an obvious anger, desire for revenge or passion that sparked the rampage.**

But he said mass shooters are sometimes spurred to violence by triggers that might not make sense to someone else.

“The things that go on in assailant’s mind are routinely not the normal pathways that one would expect,” Reid said. “When you ... try to make it look logical that’s very often a fool’s errand. **It has to do with a mind that’s not working well** at least in this particular area.”

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<https://www.texastribune.org/2022/07/17/law-enforcement-failure-ualde-shooting-investigation/>

#### UVALDE SCHOOL SHOOTING

## “Systemic failures” in Uvalde shooting went far beyond local police, Texas House report details

In total, 376 law enforcement officers descended upon the school, according to the most extensive account of the shooting to date. It says that better-equipped departments should have stepped up to fill a leadership void after the Uvalde schools police chief failed to take charge.

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Family members and friends participate in a march in Uvalde on July 10, 2022, in support of those killed and injured in the school shooting at Robb Elementary. © Evan L'Roy/The Texas Tribune

### *Missed warnings signs*

*The gunman, Salvador Ramos, displayed signs he was unstable and possibly planning a violent attack, yet none of these warning signs reached authorities.*

*A year before the massacre, he had earned the nickname “school shooter” on social media platforms because of violent threats he would make against other users. With few, if any, friends and a strained relationship with his parents, the report describes him as a high school dropout and*

*social outcast who eventually concluded that spectacular violence could bring him “notoriety and fame.”*

*Online, the committee found, he became interested in gore and violent sex, sometimes sharing videos and images of suicides and beheadings. His internet search history suggested he questioned whether he was a sociopath.*

*In real life, he was fired from two fast-food jobs. At Whataburger, he harassed a female employee and at Wendy’s he would not talk with any co-workers, except one occasion when he attempted to start a conversation about guns.*

*In the final months of his life, he was determined to acquire guns, a desire the report says family and friends were aware of. Because he lived with his grandmother and had no expenses, he was able to use his money for this effort.*

*While he was still 17, the shooter asked at least two people to purchase guns for him, but they refused. Instead, he focused on purchasing accessories, including a gun sight, rifle sling and body armor carrier. He turned 18, the legal age to buy guns in Texas, on May 16. Over the course of the next week, he spent more than \$3,000 on two AR-15-style rifles from an online retailer, which shipped the weapons to a Uvalde gun shop.*

*Because he had no license and did not know how to drive, an uncle transported him to the gun store twice. His uncle said the first time he didn’t know he was going to pick up a rifle, since the store is also a popular restaurant in town and his nephew said he was hungry. But he returned with a narrow box and no food.*

*The owner of the gun store, Oasis Outback, remembered him and described him to investigators as an “average customer with no ‘red flags.’” Other store patrons told the FBI they thought he was “very nervous looking” and “appeared odd and looked like one of those school shooters.”*

*The report details no attempt by anyone who interacted with the gunman to alert authorities about his troubling behavior.”*

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Charla Teves  
Honolulu, Hawaii

Aloha!

My name is Charla Teves. I am a lifelong resident of Honolulu and a graduate of Maryknoll High School. I am currently a college student and a longtime volunteer in a Hawai'i gun violence prevention organization. Last summer, I had the opportunity to represent Hawai'i youth at a rally to prevent gun violence in Washington, D.C. It was incredibly moving to witness Congress take steps to make our communities safer.

Youth are affected by gun violence. Just in the last few months, school shootings have not only injured children, but also their families. It is a sad reality that youth face -- and fear -- every day.

I am writing in strong support of Bill 57. This bill will designate sensitive places as protected from firearms including, among other places, schools and places where Democracy is exercised like public buildings and voting sites. This is critically important to me and youth across our island. We have grown up witnessing the dangers of firearms. It is imperative that we keep Hawai'i as safe as possible. Please support Bill 57.

Thank you, Charla Teves

Hi, I'm Xander Orozco.

A similar bill to yours was just stayed in NY, and your bill breaks with the Bruen decision. You are defying 2 court decisions, including a Supreme court decision (Bruen), that makes most of this bill Dead on Arrival.

Your definition of sensitive places was definitively rejected by the Supreme court in Bruen (Opinion of the Court, Page 22, paragraph 1):

In [Respondents'] view, 'sensitive places' where the government may lawfully disarm law-abiding citizens include all 'places where people typically congregate and where law-enforcement and other public safety professionals are presumptively available places, and it is like virtually all law-abiding citizens in those professions. But expanding the category of sensitive places to empty, isolated places of public congregate places is simply isolated places of public safety. The category of 'sensitive places' far too broadly. Respondents' argument would in effect exempt cities from the Second Amendment and would undermine the general right to publicly carry arms for self-defense.

Your definition of 'sensitive places' in this bill aims to achieve the same thing.

The following 'sensitive' locations in your proposed bill were struck down and deemed fine and dandy for concealed carry by the NY court in OCT:

- Summer Camps
- Hotels
- Financial institutions
- Public Parks
- Zoos
- Aquariums
- Charitable organizations
- Mental health facilities
- Shelters of any kind
- Public transportation
- Buildings associated with public transportation
- Residential settings licensed, certified, regulated, funded, or operated by the department of health/government
- Private businesses/bars

What is the reasoning behind a bill that has, in other forms, been roundly rejected and struck down by the Supreme Court and upheld by a

NY District Court? Why are you attempting to deny us one of our fundamental rights as American citizens?

It is incumbent upon you to provide the historical precedents for these restrictions and you can't (one states law does not count as historical precedent).

I know you will say some platitudes about safety and the mental well being of the public, but I will leave you with this relevant quote from the court in Bruen "The dissent invokes all of these statistics presumably to justify granting States greater leeway in restricting firearms ownership and use. but, as Members of the Court have already explained, "[t]he right to keep and bear arms . . . is not the only constitutional right that has controversial public safety implications."" (Bruen, Opinion of the Court, Page 8, footnote 3)





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Testimony to the Honolulu City Council  
November 29, 2022  
Honolulu City Council Chambers  
10:00 AM

Testimony in support of Bill 57. Relating to Public Carry of Firearms

To: The Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair  
The Honorable Esther Kiaaina, Vice-Chair  
Members of the Honolulu City Council

My name is Stefanie Sakamoto, and I am testifying on behalf of the Hawaii Credit Union League, the local trade association for 48 Hawaii credit unions, representing over 867,000 credit union members across the state.

We are in support of Bill 57, which would define sensitive areas where the carrying of concealed firearms would be prohibited.

As financial institutions, Hawaii's credit unions are in strong support of this bill. Credit unions already have a high risk of being robbed, and allowing concealed firearms into these establishments would definitely raise this risk, along with putting their staff and members in danger.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this issue.



## **Bill 57 Testimony**

**29 November 2022**

My name is Michael Elliott, I'm a retired Naval Officer with multiple combat tours and have been to over 70 countries, Small Business Owner, Husband, father, and grandfather. Life NRA member and Life HIFICO member

As a lifelong gun owner and having CCW permits in multiple states, including two right now as Non-Resident CCW permits from Utah and Arizona, I have concealed carried for decades. After living in Hawaii for 20 plus years, I have been denied a CCW permit 5 times under the old rules, But the Bruen decision by the Supreme Court has changed that and I am expecting to receive one for Hawaii as are hundreds of other applicants.

My issue with Bill 57 is that the majority of so-called Sensitive Places listed are and have been found to be UNCONSTITUTIONAL!! Your only option to pass any legal scrutiny is the "FIVE PLACES" per Heller McDonald and Bruen decisions. (Courthouses, Polling places, Schools (Public), Jails/Prisons, Legislative Buildings)

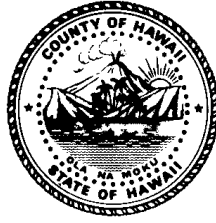
How many of you have been to Las Vegas (SHOW IF HANDS AROUND THE ROOM) Your concerns are also that "Hawaii isn't used to people carrying guns" If you have been to Las Vegas, you have been surrounded by LAW ABIDING CCW holders. Possibly even me. On a recent trip to Vegas I carried, as I always do. I went everywhere and even spoke to local law enforcement, whom to a tee said that LAW ABIDING gun owners "are not a problem" and they encourage people to carry.

Mahalo for your time today and I look forward to additional meetings and discussion.

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## HAWAI'I COUNTY COUNCIL

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November 28, 2022

To: Council Members, City and County of Honolulu

Re: Bill 57 - Sensitive Places

Aloha Council Members,

Let me start by applauding you for taking up the important matter of identifying sensitive places in your County. Hawai'i County recently passed Bill 220 identifying sensitive places in our County. The final version identified the following places as sensitive places:

(a) Any person granted a license to carry a concealed or unconcealed firearm shall not carry such licensed firearm in the following sensitive places:

- (1) Hospitals, medical facilities, medical offices, and/or medical clinics, except where permission is granted to such person by the administrator of the facility;
- (2) Schools, colleges, universities, and/or places where persons are assembled for educational purposes, except where permission is granted to such person by the institution;
- (3) Daycare centers, playgrounds, and parks, except where permission is granted to such person by the administrator of the facility;
- (4) Churches or religious assemblies, except where permission is granted by the administrator of the church, facility, or congregation;
- (5) Voter service centers or places of deposit, and any appurtenances thereto, as defined by section 11-1, Hawai'i Revised Statutes;
- (6) Government buildings and the accompanying parking lots attached to such buildings, except when the licensed firearm is kept in the vehicle unloaded with an affixed trigger lock or in a locked case;
- (7) Private property open to the public where it is conspicuously posted that public carry of firearms is not allowed;
- (8) Public transit facilities and any mode of transportation utilized for public transit;
- (9) Bars, restaurants, and establishments that serve alcohol for consumption on its premises; and
- (10) Places where people are assembled for an event, social gathering, rally, demonstration, or public exhibition where it is conspicuously posted by the organizers that public carry of firearms is not allowed.

In our deliberations three discussion points came up that I think are important to highlight: the Bruen decision does allow for the establishment of sensitive places, the second amendment does not supersede all other constitutional rights and finally the narrative that “good guys” with guns help to protect us from “bad guys” with guns is simply false.

The Bruen decision determined that Hawai‘i’s concealed carry law was unconstitutional because the permitting process required that applicants provide a reason related to self-defense to be issued a permit. Because this was subjective, it was determined that it violated the second amendment. The majority Bruen decision, and the consenting opinions left the door open for the adoption of rules to identify sensitive places. While government buildings and schools were specifically named as potential sensitive places, the door was left open to include other locations based on historical precedent. All of the locations that Hawai‘i County has identified as sensitive places have a historical precedent.

In our discussions, the argument was made by some testifiers that the right to carry firearms is protected under the second amendment. It is important to recognize that it was only in 2008 that the Supreme Court determined in the case *District of Columbia v. Heller*, that the "Second Amendment protects an individual right to possess a firearm unconnected with service in a militia, and to use that arm for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense within the home." Prior to this decision, constitutional scholars argued that the Framers intended only to restrict the Federal Government from taking away a state's right to form their own self-defense, pointing to the amendment identification of “a well regulated Militia.” Regardless of the interpretation, the fact is that the second amendment does not trump other individual and property rights in the constitution. Hawai‘i has a tradition of very low gun ownership, in fact 50% of the new gun permit applications are coming from new transplants to the islands. Let’s not import the mainland’s gun violence. The establishment of sensitive places is in alignment with the culture in Hawai‘i and balances the rights to feel safe in our communities with the ruling of the Supreme Court.

Finally, we heard the argument that “good guys” with guns protect us from the rampant crime caused by “bad guys” with guns. This is false and the research bears this out. A 2015 Harvard University study found that of gun related crimes from 2007 to 2011 that “victims use guns in less than 1% of contact crimes, and women never use guns to protect themselves against sexual assault”<sup>1</sup>. It further concluded that victims using a gun were no less likely to be injured than victims using other forms of protective action and there is “little evidence that self-defense gun use is uniquely beneficial in reducing the likelihood of injury or property loss.” Hawai‘i has the lowest gun deaths the country and we rank 4<sup>th</sup> in the nation in the strength of our gun laws according to the Giffords annual report (<https://giffords.org/lawcenter/resources/scorecard/>). Across the United States there is a clear correlation between the number of gun deaths and the strength of a state’s laws. A 2019 study from the British Medical Journal found that with 10 unit increase in state gun law permissiveness there was an associated 11.5% higher rate of mass shootings and a 10% increase in state gun ownership was associated with a 35.1% higher rate of mass shootings<sup>2</sup>. Furthermore, a woman is five times more likely to be killed in domestic violence incident if her assailant has a gun<sup>3</sup>, owning a handgun increases the likelihood that a suicide will be successful<sup>4</sup>, and according to the Kaiser Family Foundation, firearms are the number one cause of death for children in the United States, surpassing motor vehicle deaths and those caused by other injuries. Limiting the proliferation of firearms particularly in public spaces is critical to protecting the health and safety of our residents.

As the Hawai‘i County sensitive places bill was making its way through our legislative process I fought hard to ensure as many sensitive places we identified as possible. This was to protect individual and

private property rights, for residents to feel safe and secure, and to live without the fear of gun violence which we have enjoyed for so long. The only amendment that I was unable to get passed was related to item (7) "Private property open to the public where it is conspicuously posted that public carry of firearms is not allowed;". I think it is preferable to have the rule be that firearms are not permitted, unless the property owner posts a sign that specifically states that they are permitted. The vote was 4-2 in favor of the amendment, but due to absences that day, I was unable to get a quorum in favor of the amendment. I encourage you to consider this approach. I will be revisiting it in the next council term.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and I hope you are successful in identifying sensitive places in the City and County of Honolulu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Heather Kildall".

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Testimony Presented Before the  
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November 29, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

By

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and

Tammi Oyadomari-Chun  
Deputy Superintendent

**BILL 57 (2022) – RELATING TO THE PUBLIC CARRY OF FIREARMS**

Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina, and members of the Council:

The Hawaii Department of Education is in full support of this measure. This bill prohibits the public carrying of firearms in sensitive places, which includes schools and places frequented by children. The bill is a fair and reasonable means to protect our students from exposure to firearms violence while in school.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



TO: Council Chair Tommy Waters

FR: Nanci Kreidman, M.A.  
Chief Executive Officer

RE: Bill 057(22)

Aloha. It cannot be overstated that the safety of island families is placed at great risk with the right to carry concealed firearms. For families where there is a history of abuse, or threatened abuse, that risk is amplified. Multiplied. Exponentially.

Victims of domestic violence are statistically much more likely to be killed when firearms are present. The dynamics employed by abusers centered around control of their partners and family members underscores the potential for danger when a weapon is in the possession of an abuser and when it is concealed.

Of course, it is not within your authority to eliminate this right. Our hope is your awareness and commitment to safety in island families will guide you in shaping public policy that recognizes the increased risk.

We are happy to provide further insight, consultation or input as this matter is scrutinized more fully. Consider us a resource to the City for assisting in the protection of families who have suffered the harm of abuse, and likely targeted by abusers, or former abusers with this new option to carry concealed weapons. We trust that you are aware that most mass shootings across the country have a link to domestic violence, with the murderer holding a history of abuse.

Thank you.

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To: Chair Tommy Waters, Honolulu City Council  
Testimony in opposition to Bill 57  
November 29, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

### **In Opposition**

My name is Kauai Poaha. I am a 65-year-old female private citizen. I legally and lawfully own a firearm and I am pursuing a permit to carry concealed. My firearms training in safety, accuracy, and Hawaii Law is ongoing.

I testify in opposition to Bill 57 which further infringes on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights of gun owners. *"A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."* Furthermore, *"where rights are involved, there shall be no rule making"* **Miranda v. Arizona, 384 U.S. 436 (1966)**. Hawaii continues to violate the rights of law-abiding gun owners who want to exercise their Constitutional right. The recent supreme court ruling (NEW YORK STATE RIFLE & PISTOL ASSN., INC. v. BRUEN) further reiterated that **the Second Amendment protects the right to carry a handgun for self-defense outside the home**. The locations stated in this Bill that would prohibit carrying a firearm for personal protection are common locations frequented by many citizens of Hawaii. In addition, crimes of violence can happen anywhere which should be evident if one simply keeps up with the local news. This attempt to regulate where one can protect themselves is irresponsible on the part of the City and County of Honolulu. Evidence also shows that in states that allow carrying a firearm open or concealed, citizens have either prevented danger, or saved the lives of other citizens. Ask yourselves, if you, your child, or your loved one was in danger in any of those prohibited places, and someone with a firearm could save them safely, would your response be "please do something," or "you're not allowed to have a firearm here"?

Let's wake up and face reality. Not everyone in Hawaii has the "Aloha Spirit." I can say that as a native Hawaiian with awareness. It is a myth that we are becoming safer with less firearms and stricter gun laws. As a senior citizen I have watched on the news how criminals commit violence and theft against seniors, and it is heartbreaking. Must I succumb to this crime by being stripped of my rights? This bill and bills like it will only put more firearms into the hands of criminals in these places with innocent victims as open targets. Our streets are not getting safer. Each law that takes away the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment rights of citizens strengthens the ambitions of criminals on our streets and public places. Do the right thing and stop this effort to put our beloved Hawaii and its citizens in danger. If you are proud to be a United States citizen in the state of Hawaii, then embrace all that it encompasses, and respect the Constitution of the United States of American. For these, reasons and more, I stand in opposition to Bill 57.

Kauai Poaha  
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BILL057(22)  
Fire Arms Reading on  
November 29<sup>th</sup> @10am  
November 28, 2022

Dear Council,

I am a 62 yr old Asian women of only 5' tall who originally opposed to all fire arms.  
Today, that has changed due to the change in our world and where safety is needed.  
I am a Care Giver to my 25 yr old young man with severe Autism.  
Severe in his behavior, vocally and times physically.

His behavior creates attention and offense to those ignorant to this spectrum.  
Protection for my son requires hands on and close supervision with his approach to strangers out in the community. At times he is stronger and quicker than me to stop him from going up to strangers. He taps their shoulders to say hi as he's non verbal. Most people are nice, understanding, and corresponds appropriately. But not everyone! It's unpredictable at times all it takes is approaching the wrong group of people. The retaliation of misunderstanding his approach could cause him harm.  
My sons behavior can rub people the wrong way. I wouldn't want this to happen, but my son does get hurt in the care of facilities who knows him. Imaging those that don't know him..

My husband is often away on business trips and I have to care for our son Micah alone.

I am all for carrying firearm. I have completed the class required, and practice at the shooting range.  
My fear of guns has changed once learning how to operate it safely.  
I'm a owner of a 9mm MPL for mine and my sons safety.

Thank you for hearing my testimony,

Myra Lodge



Dear Chair and members of the committee,

My name is Sue Hornik, I live in Honolulu, and I support Bill 57.

We all wish to keep our community as safe as possible and I want to thank the HPD for issuing strong rules on who may carry a concealed weapon and to the City Council for trying to clearly define where concealed weapons should not be carried.

I would first, however, urge the City Council to clarify the freedoms that licensed gun holders currently have, because the amount of disinformation being spread is disturbing. It is particularly important for everyone to know that Hawaii honors the Castle Doctrine meaning legal gun owners have the right to protect their family and their home and these proposed rules do not threaten that right.

What is at issue here today is quite different: Should licensed concealed carry gun owners be allowed to bear hidden weapons on our streets, in our stores and churches, at our kids' schools, which have been so safe? Do we have to worry that someone feeling "threatened" by rowdy teens is going to pull out a gun and shoot one of our kids? Or that a friend could be killed because the gun owner deems them as suspicious and "shifty" as happened in the tragic FL case of teenager Trayvon Martin? Every reputable study shows that more guns on our streets equates to more gun injuries and deaths.

I strongly support the sensitive places listed in Bill 57, including a prohibition against the public carry of firearms on private business or charitable organizations' premises without express consent.

Also, traditionally, places of worship and religious teaching have been regarded as sanctuaries and I would request that churches and religious assemblies be recognized as no-gun areas, unless posted otherwise, as has been suggested in Hawaii County.

I would also urge stiffer penalties for anyone violating these proposed regulations. The current slap on the hand is not tough enough to deter those with political motives from violating these critically important safety laws.

Finally, I would like to point out that guns are the only contentious issue where one side is armed and the other side is not. The sad result is that the majority of peaceful residents are often intimidated by the loud pro-gun minority. Hawaii has one of the smallest percentages of gun owners in the nation. Are the rest of us to be endangered because of their paranoia and obsession?

Sincerely,  
Sue Hornik

I am writing to ask that, when the time comes, you vote to oppose Bill 57, which virtually establishes the whole city as a “sensitive place” where our right to be armed defensively under the U.S. Constitution is severely restricted.

The Supreme Court of the U.S. has spoken with the Bruen Decision and Bill 57 is nothing more than an end run around their ruling because a few folks in leadership don’t believe in it.

Bill 57 is nothing more than an attempt to retain the status quo ante where no law abiding citizen was allowed to carry a firearm in public. Permits were simply not issued.

While I believe that some training in the use of firearms and Hawaii laws is reasonable, I feel the new rules of the Police chief are onerous and set up to discourage to those who would need or like to exercise their rights under the Constitution. One should not have to ask permission. Again an end run around the SCOTUS ruling that will surely be challenged.

Remember, the Constitution is not to be Cherry picked.



November 28, 2022

City Council of Honolulu  
530 South King Street  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

**RE: Bill 57(2022): A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE, RELATING TO THE PUBLIC CARRY OF FIREARMS – SUPPORT**

Dear Members of the Honolulu City Council:

**Everytown for Gun Safety, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, and Students Demand Action for Gun Sense in America are writing in support of Bill 57:**

Everytown is the largest gun violence prevention organization in the country with nearly 10 million supporters including moms, mayors, survivors and everyday Americans who are fighting for public safety measures that respect the Second Amendment and help save lives. At the core of Everytown are Mayors Against Illegal Guns, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, Students Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, and the Everytown Survivor Network.

Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America is a grassroots movement of Americans fighting for public safety measures that respect the Second Amendment and protect people from gun violence. Moms Demand Action campaigns for new and stronger solutions to lax gun laws and loopholes that jeopardize the safety of our children and families. Since its inception after the tragedy at Sandy Hook School, Moms Demand Action has established a chapter in every state of the country.

The Supreme Court's recent decision in [\*New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. Bruen\*](#) invalidated New York's requirement that applicants seeking a license to carry a concealed handgun in public show "proper cause"—jeopardizing public safety in Hawai'i and other states with similar laws. The Court's decision is wrong, dangerous, and completely out of step with centuries of history and fundamental constitutional principles.

With a rate of 3.8 deaths per 100,000 people, Hawai'i has [one of the lowest rates of gun deaths](#) in the U.S. This is no accident—Hawai'i has the [second strongest set of gun safety laws in the country](#). Hawai'i is a national leader in gun violence prevention policy and has a long history of passing common-sense gun laws.

However, the Court's decision risks compromising those hard-won gains by making it easier for more people to carry concealed guns in Hawai'i communities and likely leading to significantly more guns in public places. By the end of September, [more than 500 people](#) across the state, the vast majority in Honolulu County, have applied for permits since the Court's decision. Data out of Maryland, which is similarly affected by the *Bruen* decision, shows that from June 23-July 11, people submitted 5,314 new applications for wear and carry permits—a 772.6% increase from the same time last year. As our nation continues to experience horrific mass shootings, an onslaught of daily gun violence, and a spike in hateful armed extremism, more people carrying guns in public is the absolute last thing we need.



Let's be clear—strong concealed carry permit systems save lives. Research shows that in states that have already weakened their firearm permitting laws, the move was associated with an 11 percent rise in the rate of homicides with handguns<sup>1</sup> and a 13-15 percent increase in violent crime rates more broadly.<sup>2</sup> *Bruen* completely upended centuries of precedent and made all Hawai'i residents less safe in the process.

Thankfully, the Court made clear that states are still allowed to require a license to carry a firearm in public, and the *Bruen* decision also affirmed the constitutionality of laws prohibiting guns in "sensitive places" where governments historically prohibited them, such as schools, government buildings, polling places, and courthouses, as well as in "new and analogous" locations. Current Hawai'i law does not restrict license-holders from carrying weapons in almost any of those sensitive locations.

In a reality where more people may be carrying, it is critical that Honolulu County create a comprehensive list of the locations where guns should not be allowed. **These locations include places where alcohol is served, where families and children gather, where density and/or high emotions create a potentially dangerous atmosphere, where other constitutionally protected activities take place (e.g., voting, public assemblies and other expressive activities), and where sensitive business is conducted.** We are pleased to see such locations in Bill 57. In order to set consistent understandings of where firearms are allowed, Bill 57 also specifies that firearms would be prohibited at business establishments or charitable organizations unless the establishment has expressly consented to the presence of firearms, which they can do by posting clear signage if they choose to allow firearms on the property. **Setting a default presumption that firearms will not be allowed unless a private business or property owner consents to their presence is a prudent way to avoid confusing long-standing public expectations in a state like Hawai'i where there has historically been very little public carrying of firearms.**

For these reasons listed above, Everytown for Gun Safety, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, and Students Demand Action for Gun Sense in America support the Council's proposed Bill 57. We encourage you to pass this bill, and hope that the state will follow Honolulu's lead by passing statewide legislation to address this pressing issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sarah Sumadi".

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<sup>1</sup> Michael Siegel et al., "Easiness of Legal Access to Concealed Firearm Permits and Homicide Rates in the United States," *American Journal of Public Health* 107, no. 12 (December 1, 2017): 1923–29, <https://ajph.aphapublications.org/doi/10.2105/AJPH.2017.304057>.

<sup>2</sup> John J. Donohue, Abhay Aneja, and Kyle D. Weber, "Right-to-carry Laws and Violent Crime: A Comprehensive Assessment Using Panel Data and a State-Level Synthetic Control Analysis," *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies* 16, no. 2 (2019): 198-247.