

BILL057(22)
Testimony

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EXECUTIVE MATTERS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS (EMLA)

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Meeting**

Meeting Date: Feb 28, 2023 @ 01:00 PM

Support: 60

Oppose: 238

I wish to comment: 9

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Name: Elizabeth Pa Nakea	Email: panakealaw@me.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 23, 2023 @ 09:39 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Aloha Honorable Council Members and Mayor,</p> <p>I am writing in support of Bill 57, which proposes common-sense restrictions on carrying guns into sensitive places such as schools, government buildings, parks, and public transportation in the Aloha State of Hawaii. This legislation is critical to ensuring the safety of our communities and protecting our historic gun-free culture.</p> <p>The recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling in Bruen has compelled Hawaii to review its historic gun restrictions and expand gun owners' rights to carry firearms outside of the home. While this ruling may be viewed as an infringement on individual gun rights, it is important to note that this expansion must be balanced with public safety concerns. The proposed legislation aims to do just that.</p> <p>Mayor Rick Blangiardi has made a strong pitch for the legislation, citing the long-standing gun-free culture of Hawaii and the need for common-sense restrictions to protect people's safety. The Honolulu Police Department also supports the intent of the bill and the bill as it is written.</p> <p>Opponents of the bill have argued that it is unconstitutional and that it infringes on their rights to carry guns wherever they go. However, it is important to note that this legislation does not restrict gun ownership, but rather restricts where guns can be carried. Additionally, the right to bear arms is not absolute and must be balanced with public safety concerns.</p> <p>The concerns raised by opponents, such as Council Member Tulba and Council Member Tupola, about the implementation and signage of the law can be addressed through effective communication and collaboration between city officials and the community. It is also important to note that several officials have stated that they have no data to support the contention that licensed gun owners pose any particular risk to others.</p> <p>It is essential that we prioritize the safety of our communities over the individual right to carry guns. The passing of Bill 57 will ensure that sensitive places such as schools, government buildings, parks, and public transportation remain safe spaces for all.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.</p> <p>Me ka mana'o nui,</p> <p>Hooipo Pa Nakea, Castle High School Teacher</p>		
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Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 23, 2023 @ 10:59 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I oppose this bill</p>		

Name: Alysha T	Email: wtfomglol808@gmail.com	Zip: 96701
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 23, 2023 @ 11:00 AM
Testimony: I strongly oppose this bill that is unconstitutional		
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Testimony: I oppose this bill.		
Name: Clayton McNair	Email: Cd.mcnair@hotmail.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 23, 2023 @ 11:51 AM
Testimony: "Shall not be infringed" is pretty clear..		
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 23, 2023 @ 09:47 PM
Testimony: I support restrictions on where concealed weapons may be carried as outlined in Bill 57.		
Name: Deedra Sielken	Email: deesiel@aol.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 24, 2023 @ 06:45 AM
Testimony: I oppose this bill as written. As written the sensitive places is an overreach and will not hold up to the Supreme Court's requirement of sensitive places meeting historical precedence. Doing this is a clear violation of my constitutional right. Andria Tupola's version is the one to use.		
Name: Bernardo Soriano	Email: bern.soriano@gmail.com	Zip: 96701
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 24, 2023 @ 02:12 PM
Testimony: I oppose bill 057. What this bill does is restrict the rights of law abiding, tax paying citizens to potentially defend themselves against a violent and deadly attack. It will also give criminals more opportunity to commit violent/deadly crimes as they will know law abiding citizens will be left potentially defenseless. HPD cannot be at all places at all times. They are understaffed as it is. Unfortunately, by the time HPD is called and arrives at the scene of the crime, the deadly/violent crime has already occurred and the HPD is there to document/record the crime. All law-abiding citizens want is a fair, constitutionally given chance to defend their		

life and their loved ones lives wherever they may be. It is more about saving law abiding citizens' lives vs loss of life. Criminals don't obey laws and will continue to commit violent/deadly crimes at any given place. This bill does nothing to prevent or deter that.

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Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 24, 2023 @ 02:45 PM

Testimony:

There is no historical precedence for these types of public carry of arms within the scope of the SCOTUS v. Bruen decision. The totality of the places one may not carry, according to this bill, effectively limits carry to the same list of places one may keep a firearm in the current statute.

The purpose of the right to bear arms is for self defense. This bill creates so many gun-free zones, anyone traveling between their home and more than one other place would be forced to leave their firearm at home or be in violation of this ordinance. Few people travel from point A to point B and back without needing to visit other points between. It would only take one gun free point to negate carrying firearms to any point.

The Supreme Court has found that an employer may not ban firearms from their private parking lot for employees, because employees have the right to be armed while commuting. To prohibit firearms from being stored in the parking lot violates one's Second Amendment rights. I believe this bill does the same. It creates an environment in which one may not have a firearm in so many places, it effectively disarms the public in almost all public places.

Other states have tried this, and are presently enjoined by the court from enforcing their new laws. This indicates the court believes the plaintiffs have a high likelihood of prevailing on the merits.

This law creates a default position of prohibiting firearm carry at a significant number of locations with the right to carry being the exception -- the opposite of how the right to bear arms was intended. This is plainly obvious when businesses must place signage announcing firearms may be carried, otherwise carry there is illegal. This specific portion of the bill has already been ruled in court to be a violation of the business owners' First Amendment rights -- forcing them to publicly express their position on legal firearm carrying in public.

I strongly oppose this measure and urge anyone voting to research how similar bills are failing in other states. To move forward with this bill is to deny the rights of our citizens with no regard as to constitutionality or lack thereof. Making such laws in the face of such illegality wastes taxpayer resources, wastes time better spent on more pressing problems, and thumbs a proverbial nose at the Bruen decision. This bill will be certainly challenged in court.

To move forward is tantamount to telling the people of Honolulu, "We don't care what the people want. If you don't like it, sue us." Unfortunately, those wasting taxpayer funds defending such laws in court are never held accountable for such wasteful behavior.

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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 24, 2023 @ 02:46 PM

Testimony:

The areas being restricted is too broad per Bruen. Wasting tax dollars again when this gets overturned in court.

Name: Samuel Aquino Jr	Email: samuelaq@gmail.com	Zip: 96797
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 24, 2023 @ 03:40 PM

Testimony:

I oppose this bill, as making "sensitive places" only empowers criminals to victimize unarmed citizens and is a violation of our constitutional 2nd amendment right to self protection in public.

Name:

Charles-Michael Victorino

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Representing:

Self

Position:

Oppose

Submitted:

Feb 24, 2023 @ 04:31 PM

Testimony:

I oppose this bill because it will disproportionately affect those that need to utilize public transport. Those who are arguably the most in need of concealed carry permits. Also if someone where to live in Waianae and work in downtown Honolulu or Waikiki their commute alone would pass through or adjacent to most of these places even if they could carry on public transport which would still preclude them from protection let alone be able to carry while stopping at the grocery store on the way home from work which means they now have to choose between safety and another commute just to remain safe and then still be unsafe on their way to the store?

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Representing:

Self

Position:

Oppose

Submitted:

Feb 24, 2023 @ 05:42 PM

Testimony:

The proposed bill places numerous restrictions on law abiding citizens. This is akin to medicating people who are not ill. Law abiding citizens are NOT the problem. In the meantime, we are allowing criminals to not have any bail requirements, releasing convicts before they serve their sentences, and we are decriminalizing the possession of dangerous drugs like crystal meth. We also allow theft to occur without prosecution. We are then shocked when crime rates go up and criminals commit crimes with no fear of consequences. This emboldens criminals to commit even more crimes. We are shocked when a criminal manages to build up a long history of arrests and convictions. Too many criminals look upon their lengthy crime history as a badge of honor. It builds up their street cred with other criminals. Tell me no one could have seen this coming? As actor Claude Rains said in Casablanca: "I am shocked, shocked to find gambling going on in here." We really need to reverse this fashion trend.

Rather than restrict law abiding citizens from protecting themselves and their loved ones, we need to address the criminals who are committing crimes. There ought to be consequences for criminal behavior. I remember a time when if you committed a crime you were punished. The additional fear of bringing shame to one's good name and the honor of the family has been replaced by: anything goes, and nothing will happen to you. This is the current fashion among too many people.

As someone who has supervised people for over 30 years, you notice things that people in Ivory Towers will never see. During an arbitration hearing I learned an interesting fact that confirmed what I suspected. The arbitrator was a well-respected former judge with impeccable credentials. This man also did work with educational experts and proponents of public education. During a lunch break he told me of an interesting fact that he just learned about.

Here is the FACT: If a boy (notice I said boy) in the 3rd grade is reading at a level that is substantially lower than his peers, the boy has a 40% chance of being incarcerated as an adult. These are very bad odds. Currently our prison systems are increasingly overcrowded with more and more adult MEN. Across the nation this trend is not being mirrored by an equal number of women in prison. We need to change our approach to crime to a proactive game plan.

During my career I have supervised many men with reading and writing deficiencies. Nearly all of these men served time in prison for serious crimes including: attempted murder, burglary, theft, and drug offenses. Many could not write a simple memo for requesting time off or a vacation change. Since I helped write the memos for them, I got to know them and their personal histories. These men were not fools. They simply never mastered basic reading and writing skills.

We currently have programs to help girls enter fields dominated by men. These programs are working. There are now more women than men entering colleges. There are also more women graduating from college than men.

The time has come to help our boys. If we are serious about reducing our crime and incarceration rates, then we must do this. There is no other option. The overwhelming number of people in our prisons are men. Boys with problems grow up to be men with problems. Building more and more prisons is not the answer.

We need to have remedial reading programs for our boys. These programs must be done on a timely basis. Once a child falls behind his classmates, it is difficult for the child to catch up. More boys than girls have learning and socialization difficulties. As I mentioned earlier the programs for girls are working and we need to keep these programs in place. We also need to institute more programs for boys with learning difficulties such as reading and writing or we can keep building more prisons.

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Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 24, 2023 @ 05:43 PM

Testimony:
The council has an opportunity to comply with federal law and their oath of office OR pass these regulations and flush taxpayer money down the toilet as they are challenged in court and overturned. Will you be remembered as people of honor or individuals who threw a tantrum and destroyed your constituents resources? The roads are full of potholes, downtown smells like piss, and the parks that should be attracting visitors look like war zones, yet this is the hill you guys want to die on.

Name: tony lee	Email: ling0821@hotmail.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 24, 2023 @ 05:44 PM

Testimony:
please Oppose this matter. Minimize the lawsuit and recourse from the Supreme Court.

Name: Casey Nakama	Email: casey_nakama@hotmail.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 24, 2023 @ 06:08 PM

Testimony:
I oppose this bill.

Name: Glenn A	Email: thenewrivers@gmail.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 24, 2023 @ 07:01 PM

Testimony:
To our elected leaders and representatives,

I'm gonna focus my testimony to what I see as one of the biggest problems with this bill

More work needs to be done to narrow the scope of the so called sensitive places where firearms can be prohibited. Please remember that the standard that was issued by the Supreme Court is that law needs to be supported by Text, History and Tradition. The first thing that needs to happen is to determine whether something is relevant according to the text of the 2nd Amendment Clearly it is related because it affects our ability as law abiding citizens to carry our firearms in public. Then if it is found to be at odds with the the Bill of Rights and the constitution, the burden shifts to the State/County to provide specific historical analogues which supports their ability to enact said law.

Again, according to NYSRPA v Bruen the allowable places that may be considered are as follows:

1) Court houses and prisons (this is already the case and rightfully so)
2) Government buildings where laws are made (not an indiscriminate ban in all government buildings or state/county property)
3) Polling places
4) and Schools but only to restrict students, not to include faculty, staff or other lawfully permitted adults

Anything outside of this does not meet the state/county's requirement to provide historical analogues from the founding period of the Bill of Rights and the US Constitution which is 1791 up until the early 1800's when the 14th Amendment was ratified. These historical analogues are similar laws that were enacted for such places during that time period. If no applicable historical analogues are found then the bill will be considered unconstitutional. You will not find any analogues that can be applied to this case. If you do the research, you will find that all restrictive gun laws where to prohibit unlawful or dangerous people. You will also find that many of the earliest gun laws were meant to restrict freed black slaves from owning guns for their protection. I don't think you want to go back in time and support racism in Hawaii right?

If you look at other similar laws across the nation and subsequent court cases in other jurisdictions you will see that they are being enjoined. The same thing will happen here if you try to push this bill through.

Bill 57 goes far beyond this frame work. More stringent work needs to be done in order for this bill in order to meet the constitutional avoidance rule in which any law cannot violate our constitutional rights as law abiding citizen's of the United States and the State of Hawaii.

I am appalled that any of our law makers would purposely push something through that will be a violation of our constitutional rights.

If you are proposing to include all those other public places in the "gun free zone" category what are you going to do to ensure that the public will not face any threat from someone who will target those places for the very reason that they are gun free zones. Are you gonna put metal detectors and extra armed security in all the malls and public parks? Are you going to put metal detectors and armed security in all of our public schools? What about of the public transit system, you gonna have an armed security officer on every bus and at every bus stop or terminal? Do you see the foolishness of pushing this bill through? The places are way too broad and over-reaching. There is no way this is permissible.

Any places you allow to be a "gun free zone" will be a target for mass shooters or other criminals and terrorists. You will in fact put the public at more risk.

If public safety is the concern, focus your efforts on restricting those who are doing the crimes. More strict curbing of "no bail" reforms for one. There are unfortunately countless recent examples of violent criminals who were released that immediately committed murder or other violent crimes.

Like it or not the 2nd Amendment and NYSRPA v Bruen frame work for interpreting our rights is hear to state. Let's focus the attention on creating a safe environment for all people in Hawaii by supporting things like gun safety and education programs, especially in our schools. How about better access to mental health and support systems to help people who are in crisis instead of criminalizing such folks as gun owners and infringing upon their rights. How about state sponsored gun safety programs to help gun owners more safely operate their firearms in public places.

People fear what they don't understand. Let's do these types of things to educate and inform the public so as to alleviate their fears and put them at ease.

Remember the law abiding gun owner is not the enemy. They are normal everyday folks who want the same thing as everyone a safer Hawaii for our families, kids and greater community. We are not the enemy but could be an asset and help contribute to the safety of all people in Hawaii

Thank you for hearing us
Glenn

Name: Jericho Cruz	Email: iloveeebabinka808@gmail.com	Zip: 96782
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 24, 2023 @ 07:08 PM

Testimony:
I do not support the bill that bans sensitive places. Revisions need to be made as it prohibits lawful abiding citizens to carry in places where crime happens. Citizens have the right to carry anywhere open to the public including malls, parks, and many more

Name: Ryan Fuller	Email: ryanisfuller1808@gmail.com	Zip: 96786
Representing: Hifico and HTD	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 24, 2023 @ 08:16 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I oppose this bill because it is unconstitutional. Mass shootings happen in gun free zones! Criminals conduct crime in gun free zones and this bill gives the upper hand to criminals cause they know law abiding citizens will not have a firearm for self defense. 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. And this bill infringes on our 2A rights.</p>		
Name: Jefferson Foust	Email: hefferson_jay_foust@yahoo.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Feb 24, 2023 @ 08:18 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>As a retired navy veteran I still feel it's my duty to defend the constitution so I have to oppose this bill as I feel it would violate the second amendment.</p>		
Name: Rory Fujimoto	Email: chiefcornerstone1234@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 24, 2023 @ 10:50 PM
Name: Lori Fujimoto	Email: roaringlow808@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 24, 2023 @ 10:52 PM
Name: Robert Hechtman	Email: hechtmanr@gmail.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 24, 2023 @ 11:22 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I strongly oppose bill 57!</p> <p>It is obviously designed to discourage/ prevent law abiding citizens from concealed carry of a fire arm for self defense. It is intact a de facto ban and in direct contradiction of both the 2nd amendment and the recent Bruen decision. It will not hinder criminals or deter them from carrying illegally as they don't follow the laws anyway. This bill will not make our communities safer. In fact it will have the opposite effect. Decent people will not be allowed a means to protect themselves and be easy prey to criminals. Look at the recent rise in violent crimes the past few years.</p> <p>Please vote against this bill.</p> <p>Aloha,</p> <p>Robert Hechtman</p>		
Name:	Email:	Zip:

David Lau	vicness151@yahoo.com	96701
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 05:49 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I oppose BILL057. Nowhere in this bill does it state the needed text, history and tradition as it relates to the second amendment. The Supreme Court ruling on Bruen is the law of the land. Law makers can disagree with the ruling, but they do not have the power to ignore it. This bill is unconstitutional.</p> <p>The second amendment is a constitutionally protected right. Law makers are treating it like its a privilege. We the people have a right to self defense. The police and law enforcement do not have a duty to protect its' citizens. (Castle Rock vs. Gonzales) The police are not obligated to protect the public, yet in this bill, we are being stripped of our right to self defense. The constitution was written to control the government. It was not written to control its citizens. We the people oppose Bill057.</p>		
Name: Galen Pao	Email: gpao563@gmail.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 07:01 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>To whom this may concern:</p> <p>I, Galen J. Pao, want to go on record opposing Bill 057.</p> <p>Restricting firearm concealed carry licensees from these sensitive places specified on the Bill is unconstitutional. The Bruen decision set forth by SCOTUS clearly states that an individual has a right to carry firearms in public. Public places should be accessible to ALL law abiding citizens, not only for some. This is what this Bill being proposed will do.</p> <p>Criminals do not follow laws. But law abiding citizens do. This Bill will once again circumvent a citizen's right to protect themselves and blatantly violates the 2nd Amendment and the recent SCOTUS ruling.</p> <p>While it is widely agreed that there are places where firearms should be restricted, this Bill literally encompasses ALL public places where citizens need and want to access. There are no historical precedence for some of the places that are being proposed as "sensitive places". Banning firearms on public transportation, for instance, is ridiculous. The same goes for parks and beaches.</p> <p>Violence is a sad reality. Safety is EVERYONE'S concern. But to tip the scales in favor of the criminal element that do not and will not follow laws is irresponsible on behalf of those elected and took the oath to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States which includes the 2nd Amendment.</p> <p>I ask that Bill 057 be reviewed and amended as such where it will implement the recent Bruen decision by SCOTUS and not circumvent the very intent of the decision.</p> <p>Again, Bill 057 is unconstitutional. It is your duty to make sure it does not pass into law as it is currently drafted.</p> <p>Thank you. Galen J. Pao</p>		
Name: samuel levitz	Email: sailorsaml@gmail.com	Zip: 96814
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 08:31 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>We strongly OPPOSE Bill 57, as it clearly infringes on our individual rights granted to us by the US Constitution. Let's set an example for the rest of our country to follow by doing the right thing and conserving our freedoms and keeping them intact.</p>		

Mahalo		
Name: Romeo Yadao	Email: romeo.yadao@ymail.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 08:36 AM
Testimony: I oppose BILL057		
Name: Raymund Bragado	Email: ray729man@yahoo.com	Zip: 96797
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 08:37 AM
Testimony: Aloha, my name is Raymund Bragado. I'm a retired veteran with 2 combat deployment to Iraq in 2003 and 2008. I support and defend the Constitution. Our 2nd Amendment is under attack by this bill. Please reread the 2nd Amendment and support our Constitutional right. God bless you and God bless USA.		
Name: Harry Pace	Email: surfgeorge@yahoo.com	Zip: 96771
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 08:38 AM
Testimony: United States Constitution: Second Amendment: "the right to... bear arms... shall not be infringed". This proposed law would obviously, without question or doubt, infringe the right to bear arms. Therefore any member who votes for this bill is violating their sworn or affirmed oath of office to support and defend the Constitution of the United States, and is therefore a traitor. The only vote possible, for a non-traitor, is; NO.		
Name: Samuel Webb	Email: sebb67@yahoo.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 08:41 AM
Testimony: I oppose this bill because, criminals do not follow your laws, this only blocks law abiding citizens from CCW except at their own residence.		
Name: Danny Yamada	Email: d808yamada@gmail.com	Zip: 96782
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 08:45 AM
Testimony: As a law abiding taxpayer I oppose bill 57. It goes against my 2nd amendment rights.		
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Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 08:46 AM
Testimony: I oppose BILL057(22)		
Name: Timothy Soderholm	Email: tsoderholm@icloud.com	Zip: 96797-5448
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 08:48 AM
Testimony: Strongly oppose this measure. This measure essentially destroys the right to bear arms outside the home, and therefore destroys the even more fundamental right of self-defense. This measure is certain to fail judicial scrutiny.		
Name: Wilfred Lum	Email: ahaolelo@yahoo.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 08:48 AM
Testimony: I stand in opposition of bill 057 as it is written due to the fact that it allows very little areas where a lawfully, permitted concealed carry citizen may defend themselves or others. I understand that some areas are without reproach such as the courthouse and airport. However, one cannot deny the fact that crime happens everywhere and can happen at anytime. Criminals are committing brazen crimes of assault and battery during the daytime knowing full well that their victims cannot defend themselves. If you read the requirements on how someone obtains a permit to conceal carry on Oahu you will see that the only people that will be allowed to get them are citizens who are law abiding. There are a lot of "hoops" that will need to be met and only the ones that pass all of them will be allowed to carry a concealed weapon. Please also note that you also need to be a legally registered handgun owner, which also has certain requirements that need to be met to acquire. Those who wish to support this bill should read what is required to obtain a handgun in the State of Hawaii, as well as the requirements to obtain a concealed carry permit and then see if having a fellow citizen who is responsible and trained is really a bad thing. The firearm will not be in plain sight, and criminals will now need to decide if committing the crime will be worth it since they won't know who is carrying a firearm or not. Criminals act if there is opportunity and if they feel they can get away with it. If they now question whether or not someone is armed, they may not risk it and not commit their crime. Criminals will also not go through this process and will continue to break the law. Being able to have the means to defend one's self and others will allow citizens the means to survive in the event of a violent act as well as protect others.		
Name: Blaine Stuart	Email: findbgs@gmail.com	Zip: 96720
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 08:49 AM
Testimony: If you can't identify relevant historical analogies from 1791 to defend the "sensitive places" restrictions then this bill will likely be enjoined before it can take effect. Every other jurisdiction in the US that has attempted similar laws has had them enjoined before they could take effect.		
Name: Paul Tauchas	Email: ptauchas@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 08:50 AM

Testimony:
 Aloha,
 It is proven, just about every day, that criminals carrying firearms do not obey the laws regarding GUN FREE ZONES. Law abiding citizens are left defenseless while criminals are assured that they will not be met with deadly force when they prey upon disarmed citizens.
 Gun crimes need to be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. No plea deals for gun crimes.
 Punish criminals, not law abiding citizens.
 What don't some lawmakers understand by 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."

Name: Reuben Waters	Email: Wsmaga@msn.com	Zip: 96786
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 08:51 AM

Testimony:
 I don't agree with the bill. Banding CCW I'm public is wrong and unsafe. That would only mean the the criminal will still have the upper have in law bidding citizens. Everybody knows criminals don't pay attention to the laws. If we are only allowed to carry our legally owned weapons in sidewalks then we are sitting ducks everywhere else. Criminals love gun free zones, because they don't have to worry about anybody fighting back, FREE PICKINGS. That's how they see it.

Name: Stephen Yuen	Email: outdooryuen@yahoo.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 08:52 AM

Testimony:
 I oppose this bill as it is unconstitutional as per the recent ruling from NYSRPA v Bruen. Also this does nothing to prevent a criminal intent on using a gun in a proposed restricted areas but does prevent law abiding citizen from protecting themselves.

Name: Ramiro Noguero	Email: ramironoguero@hotmail.com	Zip: 96708
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 08:52 AM

Testimony:
 I oppose because it goes against the constitution of the United States of America. The right to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.

Name: Anthony Kaaui	Email: tktrailer@yahoo.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 08:54 AM

Testimony:
 I am against bill 057, it doesn't make communities safer, criminals have been carrying firearms illegally for decades. I have been a victim of a criminal carrying an illegal firearm. And when a criminal pulls out a firearm, no matter the location, if this bill becomes law, in those places myself and others who choose to defend ourselves and others around us will be defenseless. Please let us curb the violence against kapuna and children that have been getting worse over the years

Name: Chris Culp	Email: chrisdculp1@yahoo.com	Zip: 96738
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 08:55

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<p>Testimony: This bill is outrageous, the vetting process for concealed carry should obvious that the citizens with it are completely law abiding, unlike the criminals that will never follow the law. All this does is keep the criminals safe from an armed law abiding citizen to protect themselves and family. A complete infringement on the Second Amendment.</p>		
Name: Donna Acdal	Email: dacdalcamp8@yahoo.com	Zip: 96737
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 08:58 AM
<p>Testimony: I oppose bill 57. I have the right to conceal carry in public because of public safety. I am a responsible law abiding citizen that follows the law. Any firearm obtained has been done legally. And I have taken classes to get it. And until the response time for law enforcement is better, I have a right to protect my family in a situation that endangers their life or mines. No one is responsible for my or my families safety except for me. We cannot rely on law enforcement to protect us. I live on an huge island with limited officers and police departments that are located miles apart from each other. This causes the response time for officers to average at least 15-20 minutes, longer in more rural areas. I refuse to be afraid and vulnerable or at the mercy of a criminal intent on inflicting harm. I refuse to have government tell me what I can and cannot do or what my rights are. You are taking away our rights to carry and to protect our selves and our families. When something goes down we only have ourselves to rely upon. Law abiding citizens like myself are not responsible for those who obtain firearms and use them to hurt and kill others, I shouldn't be held responsible for their actions by taking away my right to carry. -This is my testimony -Donna</p>		
Name: Floyd Yamamoto	Email: floydy03@gmail.com	Zip: 96732
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 09:04 AM
<p>Testimony: Restrictions for concealed carry should be limited to areas where crimes have not and will not occur.</p>		
Name: Robert Pitman	Email: rgpitman96@gmail.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 09:05 AM
<p>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</p>		
Name: Robert Coster	Email: rcoster22@yahoo.com	Zip: 06749
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 09:13 AM
<p>Testimony: Here we are again. As higher courts continue to find Hawaii's attempts at emasculating the Second Amendment of the Constitution as State overreach, and in clear violations of citizen's natural rights, supposed "representatives" just keep pushing their inane agenda which is not based on data, but instead on mistruths, fear mongering, and at times outright mistruths. How hard is it to understand that gun ownership and a right to carry by LAW ABIDING citizens is not a threat to public safety, but in fact provides a force multiplier for instilling hesitancy in CRIMINALS forcing them to think twice before committing an armed act of violence on our public streets and other locations where people gather to pursue their private lives. I implore the Legislators to act</p>		

on facts and not the dogma that's is nothing more than their personal fear(s) that are not based in reality. Your continued attempts do more harm than good to our society as a whole. How about you work on the root causes of violent crime? Poverty, despair of our youth, mental health and harmful drugs (meth, fentanyl, heroin, ect...) that produce violent side effects as a start. It's hard but that's what you signed up for. Continually putting out attacks on LAW ABIDING citizens do nothing and the voters are starting to realize that this continued push only wastes our tax dollars and consumes valuable time you could be doing real work to improve the populations prosperity and safety. This bill does nothing to improve public safety and I urge you to vote NO on HB-057.

Name: Chester Barayuga	Email: ccbarayuga@gmail.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 09:19 AM

Testimony:
I strongly oppose.

Name: Jonathan Cox	Email: hawaiiikailuabeach@yahoo.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 09:23 AM

Testimony:
Please don't pass this bill that would prohibit concealed carry to anywhere but sidewalks. People have the right to be able to defend them self's and it should not be limited like that. I feel it is a major overreach and a direct infringement on our constitution. You must remember that the constitution is not giving us the rights, but it's stopping government from taking away our rights. I feel the more armed good samaritans that are properly trained we have, the safer everybody would be. Mahalo for you time.

Jonathan Cox

Name: Jake Hanawahine	Email: da808rock@yahoo.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 09:45 AM

Testimony:
I Jake Hanawahine strongly oppose this bill

Name: Michael Rice	Email: generalikaika@hotmail.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 09:46 AM

Name: Jon Abbott	Email: jonwebsterabbott@yahoo.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 09:47 AM

Name: Larry Duclayan	Email: fyafyta@duck.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 09:58 AM

Testimony:

Members of the Honolulu City Council,

I strongly oppose Bill 057 and believe it to be unconstitutional to restrict law abiding citizens from protecting themselves, their loved ones, and neighbors in these so-called sensitive places. It will not stop or prevent the criminals from engaging in unlawful or criminal activity to do harm. All this bill will do is "empower" and/or "enable" criminals while at the same time restrict and prohibit the law abiding, licensed to carry citizen from possessing the means to self-defense and stop the threat.

I would like to suggest that if any or all of the council members are able to, that they would enroll and receive some form of gun safety class or training. In the hope of gaining knowledge, mana'o, by listening the firearms experts out there in our community.

Mahalo for your consideration,
Larry Duclayan

Name: Cass Nakasone	Email: onohunter@icloud.com	Zip: 96817-1067
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 10:05 AM

Testimony:

To Whom It May Concern,

I think it's time we stop this childlike thinking that laws are obeyed by persons with criminal intent or mental illness. Most crimes/violent offenses are committed DESPITE laws already present that forbid those actions. What makes lawmakers think criminals or those with violent intentions will obey laws that prohibit guns or violence in certain areas? Why don't we just make laws making it illegal to hurt other people? Don't you think that would be simpler? All that is accomplished with these foolish ideas is to make the lawful person helpless against criminals. And are the lawmakers willing to be held criminally or civilly liable for the safety of its citizens? If you forbid us from protecting ourselves, then you must somehow guarantee to provide safety. Any other proposed situation must have been suggested out of pure stupidity or malice towards the lawful public.

Name: Robert Okuda	Email: robokuda002@gmail.com	Zip: 96701
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 10:16 AM

Testimony:

Bill 57 is unconstitutional and will hinder our right to defend ourselves in most areas. Please vote "no" on this measure. Thank you

Name: Kyle Morgan	Email: motokkm@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 10:24 AM

Testimony:

I oppose this bill to restrict the rights of legally permitted firearms liscencees. Law abiding citizens who hold valid concealed carry permits should not be restricted in the areas that they may protect their families and loved ones. Crime is not restricted to the sidewalks so why are legal concealed carry pertrmitees.

Name: Kamakani De Dely	Email: kamakaniolu@hotmail.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 10:25 AM

Testimony:

I oppose this bill!

Name: Susan De Dely	Email: susandedely@gmail.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 10:26 AM
Testimony: I hereby oppose this bill !		
Name: Gener Macaraeg	Email: rambomack@aol.com	Zip: 96793
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 10:35 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Aloha,</p> <p>I oppose and against bill 57.</p> <p>This bill goes against The Second Amendment which grants citizens the right to self protection anywhere at any time. The right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.</p> <p>This bill will leave law-abiding citizens defenseless, and unable to protect themselves at any given place where crime can occur. It will help criminals instead of helping defenseless law abiding citizens. This bill will not help or prevent crimes from criminals. Criminals will likely commit crimes against citizens in these so called "sensitive areas", since criminals know that citizens will be easy targets and the Police will likely not going to be there to protect them.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Gener Macaraeg</p>		
Name: Steven Lee	Email: stevenleebiz@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 10:35 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I OPPOSE Bill 57.</p> <p>First, it violates the US Constitution and the Supreme Court's Bruen decisions that states that although "sensitive places" that prohibit guns can be established, they must not be so extensive as to prevent a person's ability to exercise his rights under the Second Amendment.</p> <p>Secondly, I support the Honolulu Police Department and have assisted in their investigations on crimes and criminals. I have have been threatened with bodily harm and I have had my life threatened. When I called 911 to report my death threat, the responding HPD officer told me that they can't protect my life from an attacker. He told me that I need to protect myself and that I should carry a gun for my own self-protection.</p> <p>There are times when an individual citizen has a very legitimate and life-threatening need to carry a gun for their self-protection. Bill 57 would make it impossible for me or anyone else to legally protect my life against a threat such as the one I experienced.</p> <p>I urge you to please respect our our Constitution and the law.</p> <p>Bill 57 violates the highest law of the land.</p> <p>If you knowingly approve this bill in violation of the Constitution, you send the signal that you knowingly and willingly violate the</p>		

law and that the public can do the same with the laws you make.

Name: Bradd Haituka	Email: bonefishless@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 10:36 AM

Testimony:
I am writing in opposition to this unconstitutional bill. Similar bills like this bill have already been ruled in federal courts to be unconstitutional. Please honor your oaths and kill this bill.

Name: Tim Waldmann	Email: wolfstalker20@gmail.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 10:39 AM

Testimony:
This is just another method to restrict the 2nd amendment. once again a person or persons that have gone through the process of obtaining a license to carry concealed or otherwise are not the problem and they follow the laws. this bill will not stop the criminals from carrying. the law abiding citizens are not the ones whom are a threat to the public or the police, they are the ones who are the individuals who end up ending most threats before they get extreme, or hurt alot of innocent people. the people whom this bill will restrict are the ones who back up the lone officer that needs help, the individual who screams for help and stop the mass shooter as has been shown many times already. all this bill will really do is provide a list of known locations that no guns will be at and are easy targets for that individual who does want to harm someone or many someones. supporting this bill is, in my eyes telling that person that wants to kill someone else with a firearm, HERE IS THE PLACE TO DO IT, NO ONE ELSE WILL HAVE A GUN TO STOP YOU HERE...

thankyou..

Name: Luisito Tadeo	Email: eiuol808@yahoo.com	Zip: 96797
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 10:39 AM

Testimony:
I will opposed this bill

Name: Gordon Fowler	Email: gordyf@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96701
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 10:48 AM

Testimony:
All concerned
I am once again expressing my opposition to bill 57 and the whole concept that it represents.
The US Supreme Court has ruled that we may keep and bear arms defensively as dictated by the Second Amendment to the US Constitution.
May I point out that our state Constitution adopts the US Constitution in its entirety on the first page.
What is going on here is a try at a work-around to circumvent having to follow the Bruen ruling by SCOTUS.
You folks may not like what the Court has ruled, but, need to honor your oath to both Constitutions and vote against this bill. It is the law of the land. America is a land of laws.
It will be challenged in court as similar have in other jurisdictions, and not passed muster yet.
I further suspect that the fix is already in and that his measure will be passed despite opposition shown in previous hearings, some 2:1opposed at its last one. Let's hope that this time will be different
Aloha

Gordon Fowler		
Name: Mark Onnagan	Email: nagannokram@gmail.com	Zip: 96732
Representing: VALLEY ISLE SPORT SHOOTERS, HANDLEY'S, MAUI AMMO AND GUN SUPPLY	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 11:00 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I strongly oppose this bill! Why is the law abiding citizens always get treated like they are the bad guys. In obtaining the CCW permit requires the proper training to show that the law abiding citizen is capable of safely carrying a firearm anywhere. Why is the CRIMINALS always getting protected from the government and the highly trained law abiding citizens gets punished, I just don't get it!?</p>		
Name: James Malczon	Email: dukehawaiian@yahoo.com	Zip: 96740
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 11:20 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>The restriction of all law abiding citizens second amendment rights does nothing to keep the public safe. Criminals don't care home many laws you add to the books. These anti-2A laws only make the public more vulnerable to crime.</p>		
Name: David-Matthew Palompo	Email: palompo.david@gmail.com	Zip: 96826
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 11:22 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>The second amendment of the Constitution of the United States states "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." Hawai'i legislators have historically shown that they do not believe in upholding the Constitution by passing bills and laws that infringe on the people's right to keep and bear arms. Bill057 is another one of those bills, designed to make concealed carry so restricted that license holders might as well leave their defense at home. This is fundamentally unconstitutional, and if our legislators believe in their oath to uphold and defend the Constitution they will vote against this bill. The words "shall not be infringed" were absolute. We the people have rights, and bearing arms is one of those rights. I implore our legislators to not make the same mistakes as their predecessors and allow us to defend ourselves as so many other states have now allowed.</p>		
Name: Randy Horne	Email: randy@picturethisgraphics.com	Zip: 96760
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 11:26 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Please tell me why all gun legislation is aimed at taking guns away from honest citizens while forgetting the criminal element? I believe this bill goes against the second amendment and should be deleted:</p> <p>Second Amendment</p> <p>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> <p>If Hawaii had a legal carry system I believe crime would be reduced significantly, criminals are much less likely to rob and steal if their intended prey could be armed. Let's legalize concealed or open carry permits instead of catering to criminals for a change of pace!</p>		
Name: Brendan Mahuka	Email: bmkmahuka@gmail.com	Zip: 96707
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Oppose	Feb 25, 2023 @ 12:08 PM
<p>Testimony: Infringement on my rights = Lawsuit</p> <p>When seconds matter, law enforcement are only minutes away</p>		
Name: Wayne Asam	Email: wayne@ndshawaii.com	Zip: 96782
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 12:15 PM
<p>Testimony: Hi,</p> <p>As a trained competition shooter and recent CCW class graduate and applicant I vehemently oppose further restrictions on my ability to defend my family and children wherever I travel or traverse. Bills like these only make it hard for law abiding citizens. Where are all the bills to actually keep criminals off the streets, like the man who hit the teenage girl the other day. Why was he still driving? He should've had harsher penalties for his past infractions.</p> <p>This bill will only make it easier for criminals to hurt me or my family. Why? It makes no sense! Bills and laws like these are losing across the country so why waste our time and tax payer money with this nonsense. Keep it status quo and the 2A community will show you that you have nothing to worry about from us. Please start working to fight criminals instead of us, the law abiding gun owners.</p> <p>Mahalo</p>		
Name: Michael Elliott	Email: mike_elliotti@icloud.com	Zip: 96701
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 12:23 PM
Name: Russell Price	Email: rnfrmprice@gmail.com	Zip: 96790
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 12:26 PM
Name: Marcus Tanaka	Email: changemyoil66@yahoo.com	Zip: 96814
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 12:57 PM
<p>Testimony: So i guess this will pass because 6 members dont understand the constitution or do understand it, but refuse to obide by it (corruption).</p> <p>Nothing more can be said that hasnt been said before. Their minds are made up.</p> <p>So see you in court and no soverign immunity.</p>		
Name: Cheryl Tanaka	Email: localaznchick05@aol.com	Zip: 96814
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Oppose	Feb 25, 2023 @ 01:00 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>If this passes, thanks for making me a victim and taking away the best tool for me to defend myself against a bigger, stronger attacker.</p> <p>This goes for all women who you disarm. You and this bill only empower rapist, domestic abusers, felons, and active shooters.</p>		
Name: Daniel Yoro	Email: bibinkarules@yahoo.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 01:15 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Madams and Sirs</p> <p>Oppose Bill57. Stop infringing The People's Rights. You hurt law abiding citizens Criminals don't abide by any law Oppose Bill57 and any like it.</p>		
Name: Edward Robinson	Email: edrob@maui.net	Zip: 96753
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 01:21 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>The intention of "conceal carry" is for self defense (a legal right,) which may also stop a person from doing harm to others. It is counter productive to set up a scenario where a firearm must be left behind whenever the permit holder enters every building or open space that is not considered a sidewalk.</p> <p>A permit holder has been deemed responsible to carry a firearm safely and yet the proposed bill (57 RELATING TO THE PUBLIC CARRY OF FIREARMS) suggests that the permit holder cannot be responsible and safe when stepping off a sidewalk. This idea or belief does not make logical sense when a physical threat can occur anyplace, including off a sidewalk.</p> <p>I believe individual businesses owners have the right to ban firearms within their premises. To say that for 170 years it has been safe for the public because firearms were never allowed is inaccurate. Obviously a perpetrator would not be legally carrying a firearm or weapon and will ignore this premise, even if it becomes a law.</p> <p>Please do not pass this bill.</p> <p>Mahalo, Ed Robinson</p>		
Name: Aaron Kobiella	Email: kobiella.aaron@gmail.com	Zip: 96771
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 01:35 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>You have not shown proof of historical analogies in regards to each specific point in the proposal. It is clearly outlined that it is the States burden to do so and needs to be thoroughly presented before enacting any Bills, you have not because you cannot. To say otherwise is a lie under oath, otherwise prove it, if you can't/won't prove it then you know you have no ground to stand on and it is in fact lies and manipulation of the Law. This is a direct violation of the Supreme Court rulings in Bruen, the Supreme Law of the Land, of which you have sworn under oath to uphold. Perhaps dishonest or even traitorous to We the People... in any case it</p>		

lacks honor, integrity and dignity?

As the World becomes more chaotic and WW3 potentially on the horizon is creating a more defenseless society what you truly consider safe for others or even the future of your own family/children? This is naive ideology that has no place in securing our rights and protecting Our future.

Inciting others to break and enforce unproven bills, which is unconstitutional, is sedition. By ignoring and violating the second amendment and section 17, of both the US and State Constitutions you subject others to endangerment by rendering them defenseless in Public. You should be responsible for blatant irresponsibility disguised as "public safety". These unjust Bills only effect the Law-abiding Citizens and do nothing to limit or hold criminals responsible. Please explain how this Bill targets criminals and actually protects people, not just your empty opinions and rhetoric.

It is neglect of public safety the very terminology you manipulatively misuse. "Gun-Free" zones are highly targeted by criminals and it has been historically proven, unlike this Bill. Your neglect renders the public vulnerable to attack which therefore makes you responsible for any harm or deaths that may occur to a defenseless population. This is the equivalence of Administrative crimes... Truly shameful! This type of behavior is a major reason many people have lost faith in public servants, our system and Government... no true integrity, such actions are to blame, not law-abiding citizens.

You may fool some people sometimes, but you don't fool all the people all the time... because we see the light, even in this darkness!

Name: L Miles	Email: LesMs2021@gmail.com	Zip: 96749
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 02:00 PM

Testimony:

We still oppose this bill as it's unconstitutional and a further attempt to chip away at American's rights under the 2nd amendment.

We are also concerned that it gives a false sense of security because law-abiding citizens will abide by the law but the criminals will not, and they will also know that no one is armed in these zones.

I work in a "no guns allowed" building and there is no one there checking if anyone is carrying a firearm. We just had a mentally-disturbed individual threatening employees with a knife. Fortunately our police department was able to respond quickly. This person was previously arrested for attempting to force entry into our offices and verbally threatening employees. If this person who already has a criminal record was incarcerated, he wouldn't be able to commit more crimes. Anyone wanting to harm others can and will use anything such as a knife or car as a weapon.

What is needed is more mental-health care, strict enforcement of existing laws, and incarceration for convicted criminals. Those things would help the law-abiding citizens to be safer.

Name: William Fiebig	Email: wafiebig@hotmail.com	Zip: 96812
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 02:06 PM

Testimony:

Considering this bill, please keep the following in mind: HPD is currently way undermanned while simultaneously dealing with a rising crime rate. For some reason, the criminal justice system here is reluctant to keep criminals in jail, where they belong. Thus, citizens on the street more frequently face threats similar to those the police have to increasingly deal with. Police have firearms to deal with these threats but citizens are being denied their right to self-defense by lawmakers. This is not only un-constitutional, but immoral, especially when done by people claiming to champion human rights, none of which are as important or as basic as the right of self-preservation. You should not believe that by limiting the ability to carry firearms in certain locations, that those locations will be immune to crime or more specifically, a shooting. Criminals don't care about laws and regulations and certainly would not subject themselves to the administrative obstacles that need to be overcome to legally carry a firearm. They will illegally carry their illegally possessed firearm anywhere they feel like. Legal firearms concealed carriers are law abiding citizens who are

willing to undergo such stringent requirements to be able to legally carry their firearms for self-protection and quite possibly the protection of others. You never know when or where you will need to defend yourself. Most legal firearms owners also practice shooting more than your average police officer and are just as competent. Regardless, by passing laws like the one under consideration, you are NOT deterring criminals whatsoever, but dangerously HINDERING people's right to self-defense. If there is a shooting in one of the areas of concern, it is almost certainly going to have been carried out by a known criminal of record, not legally able to possess a firearm much less possess a permit to carry one. You really are targeting the wrong group of people here. Thank you for your consideration to this matter.

Name: Kevin Cole	Email: kjcole52@yahoo.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 02:11 PM

Testimony:
Aloha,

I oppose Bill 57. A citizen's Constitutional Right is not subject to limitations such as part of this proposed law. The presumption of violation of CCW holders is misguided at best. Individuals who wish to carry are already trained and vetted. Further limitations are improper and unwarranted.

V/R

Kevin J. Cole, Col USAF Ret.

Name: Noah Drazkowski	Email: noahdrzkowski@hotmail.com	Zip: 96761
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 03:02 PM

Testimony:
I oppose this bill.

Name: Fredierick De La Cruz	Email: derickdlzurc07@yahoo.com.ph	Zip: 96782
Representing: Team Hawaii Shooters	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 03:11 PM

Name: Nicolas Dramisino	Email: nikwave@yahoo.com	Zip: 96708
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 03:24 PM

Testimony:
I oppose any anti constitutional laws,especially those about disarming the citizens.

Name: Pato Giliberto	Email: patopajero@yahoo.com	Zip: 96779
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 03:30 PM

Testimony:
I oppose al unconstitutional laws restricting the public from the right to keep and bear arms.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
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Kaz Hanna	kaz.hanna.hi@gmail.com	96822
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 03:34 PM
<p>Testimony: I strongly oppose this bill. Not only is this an infringement against the right protected by the second amendment, it will not affect criminals that have no intention of following the law. It only forces law abiding citizens to become easy targets and victims.</p> <p>Also, SCOTUS has directly mentioned this type of law and have stated it will not pass constitutional muster.</p>		
Name: Raechel Saragosa	Email: raechel.brandon11@gmail.com	Zip: 96826
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 03:41 PM
<p>Testimony: Us women need to be protected at all times it doesn't matter where we are we need to be able to protect ourselves and our family!! Being able to carry only on the sidewalk is crazy</p>		
Name: Robert Inouye	Email: inouyern@gmail.com	Zip: 96797
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 03:49 PM
<p>Testimony: It's not about guns. It's about putting Trust in decent, law-abiding people who have been vetted and certified to carry a sidearm. Once they have passed that "test", they have met your trust, and should not be restricted to carry arbitrarily. Remember, Criminals will not be following the rules and law.</p>		
Name: Ryota Takuma	Email: XENISSANCE@GMAIL.COM	Zip: 96814
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 04:29 PM
<p>Testimony: I strongly oppose BILL057(22) that is introduced in regards to the sensitive places that limits the carry permission of a firearm for lawful conceal carry firearm owners to just sidewalks. This is a law that is both dangerous and is not well thought on how it can allow criminals to exploit the law for themselves to use firearms in such non-permitted areas and also limits anyone who has the capacity to stop a threat on any public places with a firearm. This bill will limit how one can protect anyone on most common places that a crime can occur and should be opposed.</p> <p>With regards, Ryota Takuma</p>		
Name: Patrik Watanabe	Email: watanabep002@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96720
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 04:33 PM
<p>Testimony:</p>		

Your attempts to create these gun free zones are in violation of our Second Amendment rights. You are jeopardizing the safety of all law abiding citizens who will be defenseless against the armed criminals. You should be held liable for any victim harmed by a criminal while obeying your gun free laws.

Name: Ross Mukai	Email: rossmukai@gmail.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 04:54 PM

Testimony:
All of these end-run workarounds to a supreme court ruling have already lost in other courts. These types of non solutions are just wasting public money on litigation.

Name: Jerry Ilo	Email: ILOJERRY@GMAIL.COM	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 04:59 PM

Testimony:
Strongly oppose! This is Government overreach! While you may oppose it, don't forget that it is a right. Why bog down our system trying to pass ordinance and laws that will be turn over in higher courts? Make it hard for criminals! Do not make it hard for law abiding citizens. The Police do not have an obligation to protect us. 911 is not a magic lamp that will make Police instantly appear. Only Criminals have anything to fear from legally armed citizens.

Name: Ed Au	Email: edau@live.com	Zip: 96701
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 05:31 PM

Testimony:
Oppose Bill 57, Vote No. This takes away law abiding citizens their right to legally carry a concealed firearm from most areas. It is those easy/soft areas where violence will happen. Disagree Bill 57.

Name: Dayton Quintal	Email: dasyhardyatz@hotmail.com	Zip: 96771
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 05:57 PM

Testimony:
I oppose bill057. My safety and security should not be dictated by other feelings. Feeling safe is a false sense of security thinking a sign or law will stop someone from committing crimes or bodily harm. Self protection is a right and a person should be able to use the most effective tool for self defense where ever the need arises. It's not like people wanting to do bad things will only do it on certain days or in certain places. You don't know when it.might happend hopefully never need to draw or fire your weapon but atleast you would be able to have a chance.

Name: Tony Wood	Email: horgurce@yahoo.com	Zip: 96717
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 06:08 PM

Testimony:
Sir/ Mam, this is yet another attack on a constitutional right. The US Supreme ruled we as citizens have the Constitutional right to bear arms. This bill is nothing, but an end run to deny the rights of Citizens. IT will do nothing to increase safety. Please do the right thing and vote no.

Name: Mark Woodward	Email: markawoodwardmd@yahoo.com	Zip: 96818
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 06:08 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I strongly oppose City Council Bill 57.</p> <p>This bill is overly restrictive and limits the locations where a concealed firearm can be carried to essentially the Koko Head Shooting Complex.</p> <p>This circumvents the constitutional rights of the citizens of the City and County of Honolulu, under the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America.</p> <p>The right of the people to keep and BEAR Arms, shall not be infringed.</p> <p>This bill continues to preserve safe areas for criminal /felons to carry out their activities without fear of interference by a armed law-abiding citizen.</p> <p>The requirements of this bill will also increase the chances of firearms being stolen from automobiles at shopping centers while the owners are shopping, unable to carry their firearm into the store.</p>		
Name: Sean Daniels	Email: sean.daniels0105@gmail.com	Zip: 96790
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 06:12 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I disagree with this bill and think it's just a way to skirt past concealed carry permits and is an infringement on my 2nd amendment rights.</p>		
Name: Markos Cabaong	Email: mcabaong@gmail.com	Zip: 80528
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 06:22 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I strongly oppose this bill.</p> <p>Once again, it does not stop the problem of a bad person committing a crime wherever they choose to. Criminals will not heed this or any law to carry out their bad intentions. It will only hamper and inconvenience the law-abiding citizens from lawfully carrying per our constitutional right to self-defense or protection of family, friends or someone in need. This law is unenforceable. Enforce the laws that are already on the books, restrict the people that need to be restricted and stop the violation of our Second Amendment Rights!</p> <p>Sincerely and respectfully, Markos Cabaong</p>		
Name: Eric Clark	Email: ejc148@hotmail.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 06:44 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>This bill has been publicly supported by the Governor and the Mayor of Honolulu. It seems to be their personal point of view, to create restrictions on Citizens' right to bear arms, not in line with recently confirmed Federal law. Any restrictions need to be directly related to restrictions applicable back at the time of Second Amendment, i.e. early 1800s. For example, bars, churches, schools may be justified in this way. All other attempts at restricting rights by the State of Local government will ultimately be decided in court and based on recent cases in other states will not prevail. Will be costly to litigate to taxpayers. This is not an</p>		

opinion, it is based on recently established Federal law. Please stop allowing the HI political leaders supporting this and related legislative attempts to impose their personal point of view on established Federal Law.

Hawaii politicians have got so extreme, that indeed on another related Bill HPD showed up to testify against, submit testimony in writing, and indeed cited the Supreme Court decisions on this matter as one of the reasons they opposed that Bill. Enough is enough.

thank you,
Eric

Name: Ken Nakakura	Email: kenakaloha@yahoo.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 07:30 PM

Testimony:
I oppose Bill 57.
Please stop imposing regulations and restrictions on concealed carry of firearms. You are restricting and regulating lawful, responsible gun owners. Who are following the rules. If you issue a concealed carry license, you are saying you trust us to responsibly carry our firearms and use them in a responsible way. In doing so the public would not even know we are carrying a firearm unless/ until there is a dire situation that makes it necessary. We would not be pulling it out and waving it around willy-nilly.
By putting restrictions on where we can carry, you would be forcing us to have to take it out and surrender it and have to secure it somewhere out of our direct control where it could possibly be stolen and used by a criminal to commit crimes. These criminals are who you need to be going after. Not responsible law abiding gun owners. These criminals will not follow any of the laws and regulations and restrictions you pass, and we all lose. Because they will continue to carry and use guns unlawfully, while your laws and restrictions, will take the firearms out of the hands of law abiding gun owners who have followed the law and jumped through hoops to earn a concealed carry license, only to have you throw new restrictions on us to prevent us from responsibly carrying our firearms anywhere.
For example, say a bank. A responsible concealed carry licensed person is not going to cross the line and become a criminal and pull out his gun to hold up the bank, and risk losing the right to carry his firearm for self and public defense. And throwing all that we've worked so hard for away.
Likewise in a school, a restaurant, a store, a shopping mall.
By issuing a person a concealed carry license, you are trusting them with the same responsibility as a police officer. Police cant be everywhere all the time, but a concealed carry licensed citizen can act and respond to a threat to public safety in the absence of police. But only if you don't restrict the places we can carry in.

Name: Michael Kekaha	Email: mkekaha@gmail.com	Zip: 96768
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 07:32 PM

Testimony:
Aloha,
My name is Michael Kekaha and I am a 16 year Corrections Officer and would like to submit testimony against Bill 057. I do not think this bill should be passed as there is no precedent for this bill. I understand that if private businesses wish to ban firearms on their property as that is their right. However, I do not feel that Federal or State government should be able to limit or ban firearms in public places. This bill will basically limit a law abiding citizen who has followed every rule or "obstacle" placed in front of them to legally carry a firearm for self defense to public sidewalks. I feel that is not what the Founding Fathers had in mind when the U.S. Constitution was written. I understand that citizens of Hawaii are fearful of citizens with guns, however, as the firearms are concealed, there should be no issue. With this bill, I would not be able to pick up my children from school until I travel home and secure my firearm even if this means going out of my way to pick them up. As a Correctional Officer, I am not permitted to penalize other inmates for one inmate's rule violation, so why does the Hawaii State Government feel that they can penalize law abiding citizens who only want to be able to protect their family and even their community in the unfortunate event where Police response is unable to arrive before unimaginable horrors take place because of criminals who do not fear the law? I will close

with this thought, crystal methamphetamine (ice) is highly illegal, however it is usually the drug of choice for drug addicts. Why? Again, criminals DO NOT FOLLOW THE LAW. By passing this ban, you only penalize law abiding citizens who do follow the law. Please, I beg you to vote against this bill.

Thank you.

Name: Elijah Kim	Email: ejkim173@hotmail.com	Zip: 96701
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 07:56 PM

Testimony:
Stop trying to pass unconstitutional laws like Bill057! I oppose this bill as it is against our right to bear arms. You are only trying to criminalize tax-paying, law-abiding citizens. Do your part as political representatives and uphold the constitution and our freedoms as Americans. Not try to take rights away.

Name: Craig Kashiwai	Email: ck43@appliedtech.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 08:13 PM

Testimony:
I oppose Bill 57 as it infringes on my Constitutional rights. Criminals do not obey laws. Stop treating the law abiding citizens of this great state like criminals.

Name: George Lisehora	Email: GLisehora@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 08:58 PM

Testimony:
I strongly oppose provisions in Bill 057 that render the community less safe.

"Sensitive Places" : Areas where concealed carry is prohibited, in the absence of controlled entrance involving metal detectors or body search for weapons to gain entry, increases the incidence of violent crime in those areas rather than decreasing it. Criminals are emboldened knowing that law abiding citizens will not be armed in these areas. Conversely, enactment of concealed carry authorization in the same type of areas such as public parks, buses, schools, campuses, shopping malls and public transportation reduces violent crime. The reduction is mostly due to deterrence of the initiation of the crime by the criminal. While some violent crimes are foiled by the presentation of the legally carried concealed firearm, or more rarely the firing of the legally carried firearm these do not account for the marked drop in violent crime rates seen in all States that enacted non-discretionary conceal carry legislation. The drop in violent crime rates as reported by FBI crime statistics is mostly due to criminals deciding that it is not worth the risk of being shot by a legally carrying victim. Violent crime goes down and non-confrontational crime rates go up when rates just prior to CCW initiation and rates measured a year or two after initiation are compared. This has been true in all 43 "shall issue" States.

Bill 057 Prohibits a trained, tested and licensed individual from carrying in "sensitive places". Criminals will select these areas to commit unopposed crimes. Mass shooters leave a paper trail, diary or manifesto that includes a description of how they selected the site of their crime. Most acknowledge the status of the target area as a gun free zone where minimal resistance is anticipated.

The Crime Prevention Research Center testified recently in Maryland's Senate Judicial Committee hearing on considering a similar bill to Bill 057. The text with hyperlinks is available at this web address: [Maryland SB1 proposes to ban](https://www.maryland.gov/govexec/pressroom/2023/02/23/022323-01.html) (crimeresearch.org) The text without hyperlinks is pasted below: Note the list of references at the end includes corrections of other presentations that have incorrectly interpreted data. For example, #13, refers to FBI statistics on active shooter incidents. Previously it was reported that 4.4% of active shooters were stopped by private citizens. When each case in the data base was reviewed in detail, it reveals over 34% were stopped by private citizens. Since 2020, 94% of mass shootings occurred in gun free

zones. When you limit analysis to mass shootings in areas where private citizens could legally carry guns, over 50% were stopped by private citizens. They are often stopped in less than one minute of starting. HB984 expands gun free zones and will result in increased loss of life and life altering injuries.

Proponents for Bill 057 have expressed concern that CCW license holders will become lawless and commit crimes themselves since they now can legally carry a concealed firearm with them. This has been studied more than once. Dr. Lott references the most recent study in his testimony below in which the rate at which CCW licensees engaged in any crime related to firearms was one twelfth the rate of firearms crimes enacted by police officers. Police officers as a group, showed a much lower incidence than the general population. CCW permit holders were the most law abiding group. Crimes by licensees were typically mild and non violent such as carrying into a "sensitive place" unwittingly or forgetting to have the permit in hand while carrying. With education, proponents of Bill 057 may realize that being surrounded by armed license holders makes them safer. Once the truth is understood, everyone except violent criminals will oppose Bill 057.

Bottom line: Hawaii has enacted a thorough vetting process that requires applicants to take specified training in firearms Hawaii State law, use of deadly force, potential criminal and civil consequences of using a firearm even if it was needed to save innocent life, and demonstrating this knowledge in written examination and marksmanship testing. Permit holders undergo background checks in search of criminal history, medical and psychiatric limitations and are highly scrutinized. Those who succeed in qualifying for the permit should be welcomed almost everywhere with their concealed weapon. The weapon is concealed and no one will even know it is there unless it is truly needed. If parents, teachers and administrators had had the option to be trained and armed in December 2012 in Connecticut, Adam Lanza would have never shot and killed 26 people at Sandy Hook Elementary School. Allow responsible people to carry in nearly all of the places that Bill 057 prohibits. We will all be safer. I am not guessing. It has already been demonstrated in 43 States. Similar restriction supporters were proven wrong in each State. The same will happen in Hawaii if we follow the examples of other States that have trusted their citizens and their State's credentialing process.

See Below, the testimony given by Dr. Lott in Maryland as their legislators grapple with the same issues:

Testimony before the Maryland State Senate Judiciary Committee on SB1 John R. Lott, Jr. President Crime Prevention Research Center johnrlott@crimeresearch.org

February 7, 2023

I would like to thank Chairman William Smith, Michael McKay who invited me to testify, and the other distinguished members of the committee for the opportunity to speak to you. SB1 proposes to ban the "transport of a firearm within 100 feet of a place of public accommodation." 1 That is a long list of places, from hotels to restaurants, movie theaters, sports arenas, and retail establishments. The implications of the Supreme Court's Bruen Decision. Take what Justice Thomas wrote in his Bruen decision last June. There are three passages that summarize the issue of sensitive places where concealed handguns can be banned.2 p. 17 -- "The test that we set forth in Heller and apply today requires courts to assess whether modern firearms regulations are consistent with the Second Amendment's text and historical understanding." p. 21 -- "Heller's discussion of 'longstanding' 'laws forbidding the carrying of firearms in sensitive places such as schools and government buildings.' 554 U. S., at 626. Although the historical record yields relatively few 18th- and 19th-century '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." p. 22 -- "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." The bottom line is clear. If the text of the Amendment or the debate over it isn't clear, the courts should look at the laws in common use (not a few outliers) at the time of adoption for the 2nd or 14th Amendments. Thomas noted that sensitive places during those earlier periods were common for "legislative assemblies, polling places, and courthouses." While Thomas seemed open to historical evidence on other places that banned carrying guns, the list of places provided in SB1 clearly bans guns in any place where the public congregates, which is explicitly what the Bruen decision indicates would be struck down. Nor has this extensive list of gun-free zones even been observed in any state laws until recently, so proponents for the gun-free zones can't even point to these prohibitions being in common use no. Indeed, the seven May-Issue states, of which Maryland had been one up until the Bruen decision, had relatively few gun free-zones. But New Jersey's new law now bans permitted concealed handguns in public places.3 New York's new law is much more restrictive than its previous list of sensitive locations.4 But even New York's law

doesn't go as far as SB1. For example, instead of banning guns in all restaurants, it limits the ban to places that serve alcohol. In 2021, 16 states banned guns in bars, and no states had a blanket ban in restaurants that served alcohol.⁵ While California's Governor Gavin Newsom is calling to change the state's law so that carrying guns would now be banned in churches, public libraries, zoos, amusement parks, playgrounds, banks and other privately-owned businesses, the legislation has yet to be passed.⁶ Will Gun-free Zones increase Public Safety? Maryland is moving to create more gun-free zones, though relatively few people in the state have a concealed handgun permit. By the end of 2022, there were 85,266 permits – one permit holder for every 55 adults.⁷ By comparison, there is one permit holder for every nine people in the 43 right-to-carry states. ⁸ Permit holders are extremely law-abiding and lose their permits for any firearms related violations at thousandths or tens of thousandths of one percent.⁹ Permit holders are convicted of firearms-related violations at 1/12th the rate of police officers. ¹⁰ Also relevant is that while the revocation rate for permit holders is low in all states, it is actually lower for Right-to-Carry states than for May-Issues states such as Maryland.¹¹ Unsurprisingly, concealed handgun permit holders don't stop mass public shootings in states such as Maryland or California or other very restrictive states. But they do make a difference in the 43 states where there are a lot of permit holders. Indeed, people legally carrying guns stopped at least 31 mass public shootings since 2020. ¹² And when Americans are allowed to legally carry concealed handguns, they stop about half the active shooting attacks in the US. ¹³ It is hard to ignore that these mass public shooters purposefully pick targets where they know their victims cannot protect themselves. Yet, the media refuses to discuss that these mass murderers often discuss in their diaries and manifestos how they pick their targets. For example, the Buffalo mass murderer last year wrote in his manifesto explaining why he chose the target that he did: "Areas where CCW are outlawed or prohibited may be good areas of attack" and "Areas with strict gun laws are also great places of attack."¹⁴ That is a common theme among mass murderers.¹⁵ These killers may be crazy, but they aren't stupid. Their goal is to get media coverage, and they know that the more people they kill, the more media attention they will receive. And if they go to a place where their victims are defenseless, they will be able to kill more people. Even if an officer is in the right place at the right time, a single uniformed police officer has an almost impossible job in stopping mass public shootings. An officer's uniform is a neon sign saying, "Shoot me first." Once the murderer kills the officer, the attacker has free rein to go after others. But where concealed carry is allowed, the attacker will have to worry that someone behind him is also armed. Take school shootings: Twenty states, with thousands of schools, have armed teachers and staff. There has not been one attack at any of these schools during school hours since at least 2000 where anyone has been killed or wounded. ¹⁶ All the attacks where people have been killed or wounded occurred in schools where teachers and staff can't have guns. Newsom's approach contrasts sharply with another country that faces constant terrorist attacks. After a Jan. 27 mass public shooting in Israel left seven people dead, Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu declared: "Firearm licensing will be expedited and expanded in order to enable thousands of additional citizens to carry weapons."¹⁷ Unfortunately, Maryland's strict gun control laws create fertile ground for successful mass public shootings. But the new push for more gun-free zones is guaranteed to give mass murderers and other criminals even more hunting grounds. Many promised that Maryland's 2013 Firearms Safety Act would lower the state's crime rates. Take the pre-pandemic data. The act instituted handgun licensing and training requirements that added hundreds of dollars and months of delay to a purchase, and handgun sales in the state plummeted by 36% from 2012 to 2019. Meanwhile, between 2012 and 2019, Maryland's murder rate rose three times faster than the national rate and four times faster than in neighboring states.¹⁸ The state's robbery rate also got much worse relative to either the national or neighboring rates. Conclusion. Criminals like to attack defenseless victims and they are attracted to gun-free zones. Indeed, 94% of mass public shootings occur in places where guns are banned. ¹⁹ But the legislature has to also consider what the courts are likely to decide after the Supreme Court's Bruen decision this past June, and the Supreme Court Endnotes

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8 John R. Lott, Jr., "Concealed Carry Permit Holders Across the United States: 2022," Social Science Research Network, December 12, 2022 (https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4279137).

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13 Crime Prevention Research Center, "Massive errors in FBI's Active Shooting Reports regarding cases where civilians stop attacks: Instead of 4.4%, the correct number is at least 34.4%. In 2021, it is at least 49.1%. Excluding gun-free zones, it averaged over 50%," Crime Prevention Research Center, October 3, 2022 (<https://crimeresearch.org/2022/10/massive-errors-in-fbis-active-shooting-reports-regarding-cases-where-civilians-stop-attacks-instead-of-4-4-the-correct-number-is-at-least-34-4-in-2021-it-is-at-least-49-1-excluding-gunfree-zon/>).

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Please consider the consequences if Bill 057 passes. Imagine I and other well trained individuals that have completed the required training, demonstrated knowledge on the written examination, demonstrated safe gun handling and marksmanship and have been issued carry permits by Hawaii, become the victims of an active shooter at our work place. We have the skill and ability to stop the shooter but will be unarmed because Bill 57 passed. There is no armed security at my work place. There are no police stationed at my work place. It will be like Sandy Hook or Uvalde or any other gun free zone that prohibited qualified individuals from protecting themselves and each other. More people will survive and be unharmed if Bill 057 is not passed. It is likely that the potential shooter at my work place may decide not to attack my work place at all if he knows the City and the State have now endorsed concealed carry and armed opposition is likely.

Voting yes to Bill 057 invites the shooter and renders victims helpless. Voting no deters crime and empowers law abiding citizens to protect themselves and each other.

Vote no to Bill 057.

Name: Lee Uchiyama	Email: uchis2k@gmail.com	Zip: 96701
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 09:30 PM

Testimony:
I oppose Bill 57 due to its unconstitutionality and government overreach. I can appreciate the willingness to keep the general public safe from criminals but this bill only restricts law-abiding gun owners. As we all know, criminals will always do what they wish regardless of any law and they will use any means necessary to commit their criminal deeds. Because of this, citizens who wish to defend themselves from these criminals shouldn't be forced to be at a disadvantage against them and be at the mercy of HPD's response time .

Name: Sean Loo	Email: seanhl10@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 09:56 PM

Testimony:
I oppose this bill because it infringes on our second amendment rights and inhibits law abiding citizens from defending themselves. Criminals do not follow the law and labeling somewhere as a sensitive place doesn't magically make it safe from criminals or prevent criminals from going to those places. This Bill only makes law abiding citizens more vulnerable to becoming a victim and would further embolden criminal intent in these areas because criminals will know that people in these so called sensitive places will be unarmed and unable to defend themselves.

Name: shon uekawa	Email: suekawa@gmail.com	Zip: 96782
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 25, 2023 @ 11:33 PM

Testimony:
Aloha,

I am writing to express my opposition to Bill 57.

There are several reasons why I believe Bill 57 would be problematic. First, a mandate requiring them to post signs indicating expressed consent for concealed carry be burdensome and expensive for businesses to comply with, particularly for smaller businesses with limited resources.

In addition, a mandate for posting signs indicating expressed consent for concealed carry could be counterproductive to public safety. By requiring business owners to post signs indicating their consent for concealed carry, it could create a false sense of security for patrons who assume that the presence of firearms makes the premises safer. This could lead to more dangerous situations if a shooting or other violent incident were to occur.

Furthermore, a mandate for posting signs indicating expressed consent for concealed carry could create legal liabilities for business owners. By requiring business owners to post a sign indicating their consent, it could be argued that they have a duty to protect patrons against the risks associated with concealed carry, which could increase the likelihood of lawsuits if a shooting or other violent incident were to occur.

In conclusion, I believe that Bill 57 would be burdensome and expensive to comply with and could be counterproductive to public safety. Therefore, I strongly urge you to oppose any such mandate.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Shon Uekawa

Name: Dennis Djou	Email: dennisdjou@hotmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 26, 2023 @ 12:13 AM

Testimony:
I oppose this bill

Name: Chad Ishitani	Email: ci48of1@gmail.com	Zip: 96782
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 26, 2023 @ 12:37 AM

Testimony:
Hello,
I am writing to submit testimony in opposition to Bill 57.
First, it is unconstitutional. This is no different from what New York has been trying and failing to do because it has been deemed unconstitutional.
Secondly, If the purpose of carrying a concealed weapon is for protection, then it makes no sense to limit where people are allowed to carry their weapon. How can you justifiably restrict people's right to protect themselves if you are unable to provide protection? There are no guards or police in the majority of 'sensitive places.' The whole point of concealed carrying a weapon is because of when no one else is there to provide protection.
I ask that you don't play politics with people's lives. We have seen a very sharp rise in violent crime. Too often committed against the most vulnerable in the community. All 'sensitive areas' do is advertise where to commit crimes, as criminals know that no one is armed and able to put up a fight.
Danger is everywhere and unless a person is somewhere where protection is provided then isn't it up to that person to protect themselves? If for no other reason, but logistically?

Name: Rudolph Pangelinan	Email: rpangelinan@rlp-hi.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 26, 2023 @ 05:09 AM

Testimony:
Do you really believe that criminals will adhere to this bill if passed? Law abiding citizens will follow laws entitled to us by the constitution. Criminals will not. You are wasting our time as this bill if approved will be challenged in court and we will be spending taxpayer money to undo the handcuff our constitutional rights from this bill. Please do not approve bill 57.
Thanks.

Name: Tom Lundell	Email: lundellt001@gmail.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 26, 2023 @ 07:19 AM

Testimony:
I strongly oppose this unconstitutional legislation. Personal agendas or shameful bills should never trump our constitutional rights as law abiding citizens.

Name: Stuart Sasabe	Email: ssasabe@yahoo.com	Zip: 96797
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Oppose	Feb 26, 2023 @ 07:25 AM
<p>Testimony: A criminal will do whatever needs to be done. This includes packing firearms and using them wherever he wants to. This is another law to restrict the legal ownership of firearms, not for the criminals.</p>		
Name: STEVEN ORIMOTO	Email: steveor99web@gmx.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 26, 2023 @ 07:54 AM
<p>Testimony: Strongly oppose</p>		
Name: Nathan Roldan	Email: nr24769@hotmail.com	Zip: 96786
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 26, 2023 @ 08:31 AM
<p>Testimony: I oppose this bill. It seeks to make it impossible for law abiding citizens to protect themselves in everyday places that they have the legal right to be. It further only exacerbates the problem of taking away freedoms from law abiding citizens. As set by the Supreme Court of the United States of America. Citizens have the right to protect themselves with force in any place they have the legal right to be. This bill will not pass constitutional muster. It also does not address the criminals that routinely break current laws. There are not enough police to enforce these laws that criminals don't follow. Further passage of this bill will only end in the courts overturning this piece of legislation. The time and money involved in this will not benefit the people of Hawaii. Please vote No.</p>		
Name: CLIFFORD CHEE	Email: cklchee@hotmail.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 26, 2023 @ 08:33 AM
<p>Testimony: I am nice to my neighbors, I donate to charities and volunteer my time. I also vote and have served in combat zones. But yet, I still feel like I'm treated like a second class citizen. The Bruen decision from the Supreme Court seems to make it quite clear on what is and isn't allowed.</p> <p>Please put aside personal feelings and show that the rule of law is what guides our country.</p> <p>Please oppose these highly restrictive regulations.</p> <p>Thank you for your public service.</p>		
Name: Mark Wales	Email: mamapeer@yahoo.com	Zip: 96732
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 26, 2023 @ 09:07 AM
<p>Testimony: Aloha, here we go again. It took 10 years for the last case to get through the courts. That is the reason why you are passing this law. Hoping it will take another 10 years four years to defeat it. And again wasting taxpayers money, knowing you were going to lose in the end. The constitution is what it is. It's like trying to stop the fireworks on New Year's Eve. If you really were going to pass laws to decrease gun violence. It would be, by putting the same money you're wasting right now, into mental health. 56% of gun Dead's is by suicide. this bill is a waste of money and time. Period.</p>		

Mahalo, thank you for your time.

Name: Joseling Silao	Email: jmsjr180@yahoo.com	Zip: 96818
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 26, 2023 @ 09:31 AM

Testimony:
I oppose Bill 57.
Please stop imposing regulations and restrictions on concealed carry of firearms. You are restricting and regulating lawful, responsible gun owners. Who are following the rules. If you issue a concealed carry license, you are saying you trust us to responsibly carry our firearms and use them in a responsible way. In doing so the public would not even know we are carrying a firearm unless/ until there is a dire situation that makes it necessary. We would not be pulling it out and waving it around willy-nilly.
By putting restrictions on where we can carry, you would be forcing us to have to take it out and surrender it and have to secure it somewhere out of our direct control where it could possibly be stolen and used by a criminal to commit crimes. These criminals are who you need to be going after. Not responsible law abiding gun owners. These criminals will not follow any of the laws and regulations and restrictions you pass, and we all lose. Because they will continue to carry and use guns unlawfully, while your laws and restrictions, will take the firearms out of the hands of law abiding gun owners who have followed the law and jumped through hoops to earn a concealed carry license, only to have you throw new restrictions on us to prevent us from responsibly carrying our firearms anywhere.
For example, say a bank. A responsible concealed carry licensed person is not going to cross the line and become a criminal and pull out his gun to hold up the bank, and risk losing the right to carry his firearm for self and public defense. And throwing all that we've worked so hard for away.
Likewise in a school, a restaurant, a store, a shopping mall.
By issuing a person a concealed carry license, you are trusting them with the same responsibility as a police officer. Police cant be everywhere all the time, but a concealed carry licensed citizen can act and respond to a threat to public safety in the absence of police. But only if you don't restrict the places we can carry in.

Name: Janie Davis	Email: janiedavis@me.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 26, 2023 @ 10:43 AM

Testimony:
I am fully supportive of the need to delineate spaces where guns are not allowed on Oahu. Please pass the bill as amended and incorporate it into law at the earliest possible date. Our safety is at stake!

Name: John Terry	Email: jack4002@me.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 26, 2023 @ 10:46 AM

Testimony:
Based upon the Supreme Court's BRUEN decision, Bill 57 would violate the constitutional rights of law-abiding Hawaiian citizens to bear arms in public for self-defense.
The Constitutional right to bear arms in public for self-defense is not "a second-class right, subject to an entirely different body of rules than the other Bill of Rights guarantees." (McDonald, 561 U. S., at 780 (plurality opinion). The exercise of other constitutional rights does not require individuals to demonstrate to government officers some special need. The Second Amendment right to carry arms in public for self-defense is no different.
The Supreme Court established 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.

“Legislative assemblies, polling places, and courthouses,” which the Court tells us were among the “relatively few” places “where weapons were altogether prohibited” in the 18th and 19th centuries.

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.

The Second Amendment was adopted in 1791; “Constitutional rights are enshrined with the scope they were understood to have when the people adopted them.” Heller, 554 U. S., at 634–635.

Consistent with the SCOTUS BRUEN decision, the burden falls on the state of Hawaii to show that the State’s proposed sensitive place requirement is consistent with this Nation’s historical tradition of firearm regulations beyond those outlined above by the Court when the Second Amendment was adopted in 1791.

The passing of Bill 57 would be in direct defiance of the SCOTUS and will violate the constitutional rights of law-abiding citizens in Hawaii to bear arms in public for self-defense.

Thank you,
John Terry
Kaneohe, HI
808-389-1245

Name: Mary Babcock	Email: marybandito@yahoo.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 26, 2023 @ 10:55 AM

Testimony:
I support bill 57. I am fully supportive of the need to delineate spaces where guns are not allowed on Oahu. Please pass the bill as amended and incorporate it into law at the earliest possible date. Our safety is at stake!

Name: KEVIN RICHARDSON	Email: kevrichardson@hotmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 26, 2023 @ 11:49 AM

Testimony:
Aloha. As a law-abiding citizen of the State of Hawaii I oppose this bill(s) and the continuing efforts of ill-informed individuals and miss informed law makers to restrict my 2nd Amendment Rights as a citizen of these United States. I am sure that the proponents of these impending violations of Constitutional Rights are aware that radical gun laws do nothing to curtail or reduce crimes. They only hamper the Constitutional Rights of law-abiding citizens and LEGAL owners of firearms. Criminals DO NOT adhere to laws and will continue to violate THESE proposed laws, hence your efforts will only hinder the LEGAL gun owner making your laws "null and void" of any due diligence. Not a single citizen will be safer because of these proposed violations of our Constitutional Rights. Criminals will continue to acquire firearms and commit violent crimes, regardless of your proposed violation of our Constitutional Rights, and the citizens of the State of Hawaii will continue to be defenseless victims of said criminals.

Name: Alan Urasaki	Email: alanurasaki@gmail.com	Zip: 96782
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 26, 2023 @ 12:31 PM

Testimony:
I stand in opposition to this measure. If a church property is deemed a sensitive place, will ministers who reside on church property be in violation of this law should they have a firearm in their residence for self defense in the home? Will ministers or

other employees be able to defend themselves on church property? This law would restrict their FIRST and SECOND amendment rights. For these reasons, please oppose this measure. Thank you.

Name: Nancy Taylor	Email: taylorn005@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 26, 2023 @ 12:44 PM

Testimony:
I strongly support Bill057. We must attempt to limit the danger that concealed guns poses to both our residents and our visitors.

Thank you for your consideration of my strong support of Bill057.

Name: Reid Oya	Email: oyathebaldguy@gmail.com	Zip: 96782
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 26, 2023 @ 12:50 PM

Testimony:
I oppose bill 057
Please stop infringing on the rights of law abiding citizens. This bill would ONLY restrict law abiding & responsible gun owners. CRIMINALS DON'T CARE about laws. They will carry firearms/ weapons anywhere they want and victimize people. Having responsible , law abiding citizens carrying concealed would give people a chance to defend themselves or others in an unfortunate incident. HPD can't be everywhere. WE are our own first responders.
Can you guarantee everyones safety? Nothing bad is going to happen to us? It is our right to be able to defend ourselves against threats & tyranny
The New York Senate just filed an amicus brief against NY's CCIA. Right in the table of contents says "the CCIA or Concealed Carry Improvement Act is nothing more than an attempt to reverse the SCOTUS recent decision in NYSRPA v Bruen and to abridge constitutionally guaranteed rights"
These types of laws are being struck down in many states because they are ALL unconstitutional.

Name: Luisito Tadeo	Email: eiuol808@yahoo.com	Zip: 96797
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 26, 2023 @ 01:22 PM

Testimony:
Im opposing this bill and i will fight the 2nd amendments.

Name: Lekeli Watanabe	Email: lnwatanabe@yahoo.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 26, 2023 @ 02:00 PM

Testimony:
I am submitting testimony to STRONGLY OPPOSE Bill 57. Crime happens in ALL locations. Limiting conceal to carry to specific locations prevents my ability to protect myself and my loved ones in ALL locations. The "sensitive areas" includes many areas and pretty much prohibits my ability to conceal to carry most of the time. Also, if I am allowed to conceal to carry in one location but must then travel to a second location, where am I supposed to store my firearm? This bill opens up a lot of logistical issues that seem to be geared toward criminalizing innocent people! With the current law enforcement shortage, relying on law enforcement to protect myself and my family is not practical nor is it safe. By the time law enforcement arrives to the situation, 99.9% of the time it is too late; either damage and injury is done and the criminals flee the scene.

Name: Lee-Ann Watanabe	Email: lmh24cycle@yahoo.com	Zip: 96822
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Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 26, 2023 @ 02:05 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I am submitting testimony to STRONGLY OPPOSE Bill 57. Crime happens in ALL locations. Limiting conceal to carry to specific locations prevents my ability to protect myself and my loved ones in ALL locations. The "sensitive areas" includes many areas and pretty much prohibits my ability to conceal to carry most of the time. Also, if I am allowed to conceal to carry in one location but must then travel to a second location, where am I supposed to store my firearm? This bill opens up a lot of logistical issues that seem to be geared toward criminalizing innocent people! With the current law enforcement shortage, relying on law enforcement to protect myself and my family is not practical nor is it safe. By the time law enforcement arrives to the situation, 99.9% of the time it is too late; either damage and injury is done and the criminals flee the scene.</p>		
Name: I Robert Nehmad	Email: rnehmad@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 26, 2023 @ 02:12 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I am a resident of the City & County of Honolulu and support this Bill.</p> <p>I am fully supportive of the need to delineate spaces where guns are not allowed on Oahu. Please pass the bill as amended and incorporate it into law at the earliest possible date. Our safety is at stake!</p>		
Name: Alvin Dalisay	Email: vindalisay@gmail.com	Zip: 96738-5304
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Feb 26, 2023 @ 02:13 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>My children and I recently had a dialogue coming to a sign at our post office about Guns are not allowed. Having a CCW permit, my children are more aware of places in our Island with "no guns allowed" sign on the doors such as hospitals and post offices. During this conversation My children tells me that it means that I could not take my firearm inside. I asked them who do you think is going to obey that sign?" You guys know that I will, But that is because I am a law-abiding citizen. But What about criminals? Bad guys who would do bad things anyway, would they care about a sign on a door?" My children can even see that a sign banning guns would not make any difference to a bad guy, if anything it is an open invitation for them to carry out their criminal activities. That's exactly what we law-abiding citizens keep saying. And that, in its simplest form, is why we are so opposed to gun-free zones or proposed sensitive areas of Bill 57. They just don't work. And honestly, wouldn't businesses want to encourage law-abiding, responsibly armed citizens to carry their firearms and let these criminals know we are not afraid? That way, if a criminal does come in with intent to do harm, perhaps there would be a better chance to avoid or deter a bad situation. As someone recently commented, "If I am a criminal planning a heinous crime and I know I can walk into a place with a gun ... knowing everyone else are not going have one, what is there to motivate me to not do it? Or if I know I can walk into a place with a gun ... and any number of guns in return will be pointed right back at me, do you think I would have the same motivation as the previous scenario?"</p> <p>I believe that our right to bear arms provides us with a unique opportunity that enables us to progress from a dependent or a victim ... to a survivor or a protector... from sheep to a sheepdog....My lawful constitutional right to bear arms and carry a firearm gives me my God given right to protect myself, loved ones and others against life threatening situations. I understand this right also demands a lot of responsibility, my kids would say with great power comes great responsibility. I can speak in behalf of responsible gun owners that we enjoy training with our firearms and thrive to improve our skills every range day. I watched the first hearing of Bill 57 and I have to say that there is a gap that we need to bridge, both parties to sit and have a dialogue, talk story to better understand where each party is coming from. I understand the fear of the anti-firearms carry group with so many law abiding citizens carrying a firearm, I get it. But lawful, responsible qualified trained gun owners sounds safer to deter criminals disregarding these laws if logic holds, we should also be wary of the ineffective gun-free zones.</p> <p>Respectfully, Alvin Dalisay</p>		
Name:	Email:	Zip:

lynne matusow	lynnehi@aol.com	96817
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 26, 2023 @ 02:16 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>The latest draft of Senate Bill 1230 says "Private property of another person without authorization" means property that is privately owned or leased including but not limited to residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, institutional, or undeveloped property, unless the owner, lessee, operator, or manager of the property has provided express authorization to carry firearms on the property or premises, or clearly and conspicuously posts a sign at the entrance of the building or on the premises indicating that carrying firearms is authorized on that property or premises.</p> <p>I may have missed it, but I do not see anything similar in Bill 57 and the proposed CDs. I live in a high rise condo in Honolulu, with at least 1,000 residents, from infants to centenarians, some with mobility issues or dementia, plus visitors, contractors, workers, passing through daily. I am very concerned about people with firearms transversing the halls and riding the elevators, where we are trapped in transit with other riders.</p> <p>The language in SB1230 protects us. I fear Bill 57 does not.</p>		
Name: Kauai Lucas	Email: lucas@kaulana.net	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 26, 2023 @ 03:15 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>As a Native Hawaiian born and raised on O'ahu, Council District 4 resident, Neighborhood Board #2 member, I support the efforts of the Council to safeguard the public through the appropriate regulation of firearms. Please pass Bill 57.</p> <p>me ka pono, Kauai Lucas</p>		
Name: Osa Tui	Email: otui@hsta.org	Zip: 96819
Representing: Hawaii State Teachers Association	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 26, 2023 @ 03:46 PM
Name: Estella Berg	Email: estellaberg@gmail.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 26, 2023 @ 04:14 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I am fully supportive of the need to delineate spaces where guns are not allowed on Oahu. Please pass the bill as amended and incorporate it into law at the earliest possible date. Our safety is at stake!</p>		
Name: bryan flower	Email: bcflower@outlook.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 26, 2023 @ 04:48 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I object to the State's definition of Sensitive Places for CCW holders. The idea of being a CCW holder is you are shield to community not a spear of criminality. Severely limiting a valid, legal, CCW holder flies in the face of current court opinions and creates, potentially endangers the public and segregates those wishing to comply with the Constitution and Supreme Court</p>		

precedent into a group of second-class citizens.

Recent Supreme Court rulings determined people have a right to defend themselves outside the home. However, this State has taken that ruling and twisted it to say yes, you can have a firearm outside the home; however, you cannot do anything with it nor will you be able to take it anywhere. This is to say the people have to be reliant on the government for protection at all times and in all places, something impossible. What criminal cares about the laws heaped upon the citizens? How will severely limiting the ability to defend yourself protect them? The State is treating the law-abiding citizens as the criminals as a social pariah, because they wish to have the ability defend themselves. The State should take a commonsense approach to address only limited areas of specific concerns not capriciously calling nearly all areas of public interaction a sensitive place.

Name: Dawn Morais	Email: dmoraiswebster@gmail.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 26, 2023 @ 05:27 PM

Testimony:
The daily reports of gun violence on the mainland are overwhelming. Innocent people are being gunned down as they go about their business of just living. This is something we should do all we can to prevent in Hawaii.

I support making very clear the spaces where guns are not allowed on Oahu.

Please pass the bill as amended and incorporate it into law at the earliest possible date. The community is counting on its elected officials to ensure public safety. Mahalo.

Name: Judith Armstrong	Email: judithannarmstrong@gmail.com	Zip: 96815-1506
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 26, 2023 @ 05:59 PM

Testimony:
I am fully supportive of the need to delineate spaces where guns are not allowed on Oahu. Please pass the bill as amended and incorporate it into law at the earliest possible date. Our safety is at stake!

Name: jayson guzman	Email: jguzman@hawaii.edu	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 26, 2023 @ 06:02 PM

Testimony:
Stop empowering criminals. Criminals don't follow rules, these rules will only hinder law abiding citizens to be able to protect themselves and allow them and their families to become easier victims.

Allow people to be able to protect themselves. With the criminals trying to fund gambling or drug habits, they will find easier victims if they know that most people tend to follow the law and will be unarmed and unprotected.

Stop viewing guns as offensive items, but in the defensive sense. Similar to a fire extinguisher- it can be used to beat someone over the head, but it's also useful to put out a fire. Imagine if fire extinguishers were banned and people needed to rely on the fire department to save them. People can be their own first responders to prevent situations from becoming worse or deadly when their right to safety and security is breached.

The actions of others also should not dictate punishment for those who do follow the rules. Just as if we ban everyone from driving a car because a drunk driver killed several people- it's not fair to everyone else to suffer from the misdoings of people who do not follow the rules.

Here in Hawaii, we cannot even control the use of aerial fireworks. All the fireworks ban did was create a market for it. Same with

banning the areas where one can carry a firearm- the criminals will still do it and not care about the rules. All it does is put more people in danger and at the mercy of the criminals.

The concealed carry courses emphasize consequences. The lawful gun owner knows not to intervene if they don't know the backstory of a situation. There is too much to lose for a gun owner to try to become the hero if they don't know the full story- and this is emphasized in the class.

There were many times when I was with my two young children when homeless people who were harassing us were around. Luckily, Each time I was able to retreat to safety with my kids. If there is a chance when I won't be able to escape, it would be nice to be able to have a firearm with me to help ensure the safety and survival of me and my family.

Please allow people to have the right to protect themselves and their loved ones.

Name: Stephen Kobayashi	Email: smk308@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Feb 26, 2023 @ 06:49 PM

Testimony:
I oppose Bill 57

Name: Alice Abellanida	Email: jesusnokaoi@msn.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 26, 2023 @ 07:01 PM

Testimony:
I am strongly opposed to this tyrannical piece of legislation. The 2nd amendment states:

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.

This bill screams infringement! This amendment was put in place to protect we the people from these kinds of bills. It is ridiculous! It is a lame attempt to punish law abiding citizens and embolden criminals.

Vote no on this atrocious bill.

Alice Abellanida
Makaha

Name: james wallace	Email: diehd49@yahoo.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 26, 2023 @ 07:34 PM

Testimony:
I am oppose to Bill 57. Then again I am not suprised hawaii is turning into a communist country. All our politicians are anti-USA constitution. WE THE PEOPLE are abidding by the law but now more people will conceal and break law. I dont blame criminals for carrying guns and drug dealers, they dont abide by law anyway. If it passes and more crime I blame our communist government again. They destroyed hawaii, and its by design. 2nd amendement is more important than tyranic laws so state will get sued again.

Name: Michael A Cobb jr	Email: mikecobbjr@hotmail.com	Zip: 96709
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 26, 2023 @ 07:47

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Name: Bruce Shimoda	Email: shimodab@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 26, 2023 @ 08:52 PM
Testimony: Please vote NO to this bill. This bill and others like it have been ruled unconstitutional in many jurisdictions. I oppose this bill as it is currently written.		
Name: Nadine Ferraro	Email: nadineferraro@mac.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 26, 2023 @ 09:06 PM
Testimony: I fully support the need to delineate places where guns are not allowed on Oahu. Please, PLEASE pass the bill as amended and incorporate it into law as soon as possible. I want to feel safe, as all Oahu islanders do, safe from gun accidents and misuse.		
Name: Eric Akiyama	Email: eric1991j@gmail.com	Zip: 96819
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 26, 2023 @ 09:36 PM
Testimony: Aloha, I strongly oppose Bill 57. This bill will make it easier for criminals to select their victims in "sensitive places" where the law abiding citizen will be restricted from being able to protected themselves. Please do not pass this bill.		
Name: L. Miles	Email: LesMs2021@gmail.com	Zip: 96749
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 26, 2023 @ 09:56 PM
Testimony: We are opposed to this bill for the following reasons: It is unconstitutional and is more chipping away law-abiding citizens rights under the 2nd amendment. We do not believe it will make "sensitive areas" safe. It all sounds good and of course it would be ideal if no one had firearms in these locations. But only law-abiding citizens will abide by it. This will make law-abiding citizens less safe, because criminals who don't care about laws will know that they won't meet any resistance should they be intent on committing a crime. I work in a building that already is a "sensitive area" with "NO GUNS ALLOWED" signs posted. There are no metal detectors and no one is checking if anyone has guns, knives or any other weapons. We had an incident where a mentally-unstable person forcibly tried to enter our offices and verbally threatened employees because someone looked at him wrong. He was arrested. However, due to the new trend of being lenient with criminals, this individual returned again, this time with a knife, again threatening employees. Fortunately our police department was able to respond quickly. How will this law prevent that individual from coming back with a gun next time and knowing no one in the offices is armed and he has 10 or 15 minutes before police will arrive? Mentally unstable people intent on committing crimes do not care about "sensitive areas." Many times mass shooters were "known to law-enforcement." Why didn't law-enforcement do anything to prevent the shooter's actions or check if they had access to firearms as soon as they became known as a problem? Why is it always the law-abiding citizen that are targeted instead of the criminals? How will this bill actually make law-abiding citizens safer? Are you all going to take personal responsibility if something still happens in a sensitive zone? You all that have decided it's better to let criminals out of prison, defund police, and defund mental health services should be held personally responsible if law-abiding citizens are harmed by your decisions.		

The first two hearings show approximately double the “oppose” as “support.” You need to listen to why people don’t support this. We want our legislators to do more than make us FEEL safe. We actually want to BE safe. But when criminals are allowed to commit crime after crime with little to no consequences, we are not safe. We are not safe just because an area is designated as a “sensitive area.” Criminals do not care about sensitive areas and would be more emboldened to commit crimes because they would know there would be little to no consequences.

Name: Laurence I Laforga	Email: laurence@waipahu.net	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Feb 26, 2023 @ 09:57 PM

Testimony:
I am against the government limiting constitutional rights especially for law abiding citizens. How are you going to enforce the situation about being 100 feet away from protesters? If the person carrying a firearm was in an area and then the protestors moved with 100 feet that person needs to move? Why? And if they kept moving, the person would need to keep moving away?

Are you saying that the need to protect yourself with a firearm will NEVER happen on government own land? Or a park? Or around children? How about being able to protect children? The government does not have the right to diminish our constitutional rights especially when they have been upheld by the Supreme Court.

Name: Gaye Chan	Email: gayechan@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 26, 2023 @ 09:59 PM

Testimony:
I am fully supportive of the need to delineate spaces where guns are not allowed on Oahu. Please pass the bill as amended and incorporate it into law at the earliest possible date. Our safety is at stake!

Name: kimo Galon	Email: kimogalon@yahoo.com	Zip: 96826
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 26, 2023 @ 10:59 PM

Testimony:
Aloha All,
I strongly oppose Bill57. This bill is severely unconstitutional. This bill is a detailed version of what currently exists in Hawaii's firearm restrictions. As written the ordinance states that we are not permitted to carry anywhere in our county with the exception of our home, shooting ranges, and sidewalks. Heller vs DC, which ruled that we the people have the right to bear arms outside the home. There is no text or history that shows any kind of prohibition of carrying a firearm in "sensitive places" with the exception of federally prohibited areas.

The State and City shall recognize the Supreme Court cases that have laid the laws of the land. We encourage you the city council to follow suit with the Supreme Court decisions. It is appalling that you will directly take away our constitutional rights and continue to waste the taxpayers money and willing to risk a lawsuit that will cost the city and state money.

The right to self defense is our Constitutional Right. These ordinances will not protect anyone including innocent bystanders and continue to encourage violent crime in our cities.

I have seen way too much crimes around my neighborhood parks, malls and other public and private sectors. We are law abiding citizens but are treated less than the criminals that continue to ravage our state.

Name: Rikki Rutt	Email: rikkirutt@yahoo.com	Zip: 96782
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Oppose	Feb 27, 2023 @ 01:11 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I am once again submitting testimony in strong opposition to the proposed bill 57. First off, we have already seen similar restrictions in the mainland that this is modeled after already beginning to be overturned in the courts. By prohibiting carry by licensed individuals in public areas goes completely against the ruling of the supreme court. Also, only law-abiding individuals will obey (the responsible people that will not be the source of problems) resulting in the rules providing no safety. Another issue with the proposed rules is that on prohibitions on private property. The ruling the courts issues determined that carrying a firearm outside of the home is a constitutionally protected right. That is the default, and if an individual does not want to allow that on their private property it is their right to post such. The default being no carry permitted unless explicitly stated is a blatant disregard of the ruling of the supreme court. The proposed rules are unconstitutional and go against not only the recent supreme court ruling but also other court rulings. Add to that the fact that it will provide absolutely no benefits to public safety (and will actually be detrimental to the it). An added issue is that these rules will be challenged in the courts and as we have seen have precedence to be overturned which will only end up costing the residence and taxpayers of the City and County of Honolulu through the waste of public funds to fight the challenges to the proposed rules. I hope that the Council use logic and facts and do not pass this bill. I would like to add my thanks and gratitude to council members Okimoto, Tulba, and Tupola for their no votes at the past reading, and for listening to the overwhelming majority of submitted testimony in objection to this bill. I hope the rest of the council can follow in their example and do right by their constituents.</p>		
Name: William Lono	Email: willskillz80h8@gmail.com	Zip: 96795
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 02:53 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I am in opposition of Bill057. This bill restricts my 2nd Amendment right, to bear arms. By limiting places where Conceal Carry holders can carry. Criminals will still carry in places that you are trying to restrict law-abiding citizens from.</p>		
Name: Jonathan Montenero	Email: mountainblack1873@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 03:41 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>As violent criminals do not now obey gun-control laws, how will this proposed law make law abiding and peaceful gun owners any safer?</p> <p>Creating so-called "sensitive" places only creates free fire zones for violent criminals.</p> <p>One needs only to look at EVERY major city across the U.S., especially those with very restrictive gun laws - i.e. Chicago, LA, St. Louis, DC - where violent crimes have seen surges over 100%(!!) and realize the failure of such feel-good proposals only serving up sound-bytes to politicians.</p> <p>In contrast, the states that have liberally permitted residents to lawfully protect themselves with firearms, especially in light of the ridiculous defund-the-police movements, have seen significant drops in crime.</p> <p>I urge legislators to not waste tax-payer time with useless bills that will have no effect.</p> <p>Instead, support the lawful and peaceful voters with ordinances that actually improve their lives.</p>		
Name: RYAN TINAJERO	Email: ryan.c.tinajero@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 03:44 AM
Name: steve kumasaka	Email: macsak@gmail.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 05:30

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<p>Testimony:</p> <p>STRONGLY OPPOSE this bill</p> <p>this bill is an unconstitutional overreach, and will result in time consuming and costly lawsuits that the city will LOSE, just like other jurisdictions across the US</p> <p>please consider Ms Tupola's draft CD1, which kept within the boundaries of the recent supreme court decision (Bruen)</p> <p>mahalo</p> <p>steve</p>		
Name: Ted Baldonado	Email: baldonado.ted@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 05:58 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I OPPOSE Bill 57. I DO NOT agree to proposed changes in the bill.</p> <p>Allowing appropriate signage should be to dissuade the carrying of concealed pistols/revolvers. If a business does not want concealed carry in the facility, then they should have "No firearms allowed signs" verses having signage to allow for the practice. By mandating that signs are required for entry, this allows for business to be targeted by opposing groups. How are we (responsible citizen) are to defend ourselves with our chosen form.</p> <p>I oppose the restriction of my ability to carry written in this bill. I approve of the historical location of places where firearms are not allowed: Schools, Government buildings, court houses, legislative assemblies and pooling places. Public parks and transportation are main areas where we are targeted. As a public transport user, this greatly inhibits my ability to conduct daily activities and I am left defenseless in such an event.</p> <p>I hope this bill can be revised with the aid of those who the currently bill can potentially affect. As stated before. I OPPOSE this current bill.</p>		
Name: Chad Cummings	Email: Nalo_b@yahoo.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 06:08 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>This bill infringes on our God given Constitutionally protected right. Seems like bills that prohibit law abiding citizens are meant to protect criminals!</p>		
Name: Jerry Yuen	Email: jerry.t.yuen@gmail.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Pu'uloa Rifle and Pistol Club	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 06:23 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I strongly oppose Bill 57. This bill is unconstitutional and prohibits law abiding citizens the use of firearms as tools to defend themselves against criminal attack. There are 500,000 to 2,000,000 estimated times that legal gunowners use forearms to defend themselves in the US every year. This does not happen in Hawaii since the legal concealed carry is constantly challenged or prohibited. The crime rate is rising due to the catch and release justice system. The criminal does not fear the police or the courts. This bill will only embolden the criminal to prey on the unarmed citizen.</p> <p>Jerry Yuen</p>		
Name: woody child	Email: wcinkona@usa.com	Zip: 96743
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Oppose	Feb 27, 2023 @ 06:27 AM
<p>Testimony: I strongly oppose BILL057.</p>		
Name: Gavin Lohmeier	Email: onederful100@aol.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 07:41 AM
<p>Testimony: oppose bill 57. it is way too restrictive. there will be lawsuits to follow because it is infringing on the second amendment. sincerely Gavin Lohmeier</p>		
Name: Keith Kikkawa	Email: kbushido@yahoo.com	Zip: 96786
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 08:23 AM
<p>Testimony: Why place so many restrictions on law abiding citizens who wish to practice their 2nd amendment right? Why do you not trust them? Individuals who have been granted a CCW permit would have had to pass stringent requirements set forth by HPD. They are not criminals. Please allow them to practice their 2nd amendment right to the same degree as others in our great country.</p>		
Name: Joshua Y	Email: jyamashiro@yahoo.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 08:31 AM
<p>Testimony: I oppose this bill. It is completely un constitutional & goes against recent supreme court rulings Furthermore, the city council continues to ignore their constituents who oppose this bill instead of actually representing the people who voted for them.</p>		
Name: Shayla P	Email: onelongsniff@hotmail.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 08:32 AM
<p>Testimony: I oppose this bill.</p>		
Name: Joshua Y	Email: Cookiehi808@gmail.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 08:33 AM
<p>Testimony: I oppose this bill as written.</p>		
Name: Joshua Y	Email: joshuay@hawaii.edu	Zip: 96706

Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 08:35 AM
Testimony: I oppose this unconstitutional bill		
Name: Matt L	Email: mattscalling@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 08:42 AM
Testimony: To All Councilmembers, I am fully supportive of the need to delineate spaces where guns are not allowed on Oahu. The incidences are on the rise and carrying concealed weapons have not been proven to deter crime of any sort. Please pass the bill as amended and incorporate it into law at the earliest possible date. Our safety is at stake!		
Name: Rodney Salm	Email: resilientreefs@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 09:03 AM
Testimony: I am fully supportive of the need to delineate spaces where guns are not allowed on Oahu. Please pass the bill as amended and incorporate it into law at the earliest possible date. Our safety as law-abiding citizens of the State is at stake!		
Name: Peter Roa	Email: daveselectric808@gmail.com	Zip: 96759
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 09:15 AM
Testimony: I oppose this bill for countless reasons.		
Name: Christine Wong	Email: 8xtine@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 09:35 AM
Testimony: Anyone who claims to need to carry a gun in these public places has some sick self defense fantasies and the vast majority of us can see right through it. They should just join the military and fight a war if they want to kill people so badly. Why should the rest of us with a modicum of common sense suffer just so these people can get their rocks off?		
Name: Davin Asato	Email: davin.asato@gmail.com	Zip: 96732
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 09:40 AM
Testimony: To Whom It May Concern, I am writing to encourage the opposition of Bill57. Aside from the bill already being highly unconstitutional and being challenged in New Jersey Supreme courts, this Bill would make it impossible for law abiding citizens to continue to exercise their 2nd		

Amendment right to self protection outside the home. You can never predict when you will be a victim of crime, you can only be prepared to respond. Please ensure the safety of your citizens and validate their ability to protect themselves.

Please oppose Bill 57.

Name: Xavier Baker	Email: xavierbaker0@gmail.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 09:47 AM

Testimony:

I am in strong opposition of this bill. It's sad I even need to be submitting testimony again for this bill. The fact that it has been 3-1 against this bill every hearing should speak for itself. If you took an oath to serve the people and the people say no to this bill but you ignore it...well I guess you are going against your oath. During this whole process it looks as if the anti 2a group feel only they should be heard. This bill is very unconstitutional. And all I can say is be ready for the many lawsuits to come if this bill passes. Lots of wasted time a money over something that is a constitutional right and should be granted without all these unnecessary restrictions, no matter what your personal emotions are on the subject.

Name: Karen Kahn	Email: karekahn33@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 09:57 AM

Testimony:

I am fully supportive of the need to delineate spaces that prohibit guns on Oahu. Hawaii has always been a relatively safe place with little gun violence. Let's not change that. Please pass the bill as amended and incorporate it into law at the earliest possible date. Our safety is at stake!

Name: Ellen Carson	Email: egcarson@icloud.com	Zip: 96814
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 10:01 AM

Name: Ellen Carson	Email: ellenloveshawaii@gmail.com	Zip: 96814
Representing: Church of the Crossroads	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 10:12 AM

Name: Kyle Hara	Email: kylehara@gmail.com	Zip: 96797
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 10:28 AM

Testimony:

I'm writing in opposition of this bill. If a law abiding qualified citizen have a CCW license, They have already passed many checks and hurdles from mental background, criminal background, classes and shooting qualifications. They should be able to carry and protect self and others around them. Crime and criminals do not abide by rules and laws or locations, they are opportunist, and will target sensitive places. Why make it harder for good citizens that just want to protect themselves and loved ones? What good does it do if you can have the tool to protect but can't have it with you?

Name: Kyle Hara	Email: kylehara@gmail.com	Zip: 96797
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Oppose	Feb 27, 2023 @ 10:34 AM
<p>Testimony: I'm writing in opposition of this bill. If a law abiding qualified citizen have a CCW license, They have already passed many checks and hurdles from mental background, criminal background, classes and shooting qualifications. They should be able to carry and protect self and others around them. Crime and criminals do not abide by rules and laws or locations, they are opportunist, and will target sensitive places. Why make it harder for good citizens that just want to protect themselves and loved ones? What good does it do if you can have the tool to protect but can't have it with you?</p>		
Name: JOHN D'ADAMO	Email: dadamo@hawaiiintel.net	Zip: 96795
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 10:44 AM
<p>Testimony: I Oppose Bill 057 Over Reaching, unconstitutional and will only end up in court at taxpayers expense.</p>		
Name: Kurt Fevella	Email: lionkurt1@gmail.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 10:58 AM
Name: Rita Kama-Kimura	Email: seeknfind@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 11:39 AM
Name: Rod eye Rego	Email: hotrodrego@aol.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 11:40 AM
<p>Testimony: I oppose Bill 57 on the grounds it clearly violates my 2A right to legally conceal carry in public places. City and county officials must realize ones personal safety is he or she responsibility not the government. If the government respects the individual right to choose what type of self defense an individual my use in public. It should allow a law abiding citizen legally carrying a licensed firearm. The city is not responsible for my personal safety at anytime day of night please reconsider Bill 57 clearly unconstitutional don't use public safety as an excuse.</p>		
Name: Susan Salm	Email: suzeandrod@hawaiiintel.net	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 11:42 AM
<p>Testimony: I am fully supportive of the need to delineate spaces where guns are not allowed on Oahu. Please pass the bill as amended and incorporate it into law at the earliest possible date. Our safety is at stake!</p>		
Name: Taarna D'Adamo	Email: taarna83@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 11:42

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<p>Testimony: Overreaching, unconstitutional, will only end up in court at taxpayers expense.</p>		
<p>Name: Scott Shimoda</p>	<p>Email: Scott_shimoda@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Zip: 96782</p>
<p>Representing: Self</p>	<p>Position: Oppose</p>	<p>Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 11:43 AM</p>
<p>Testimony: I strongly oppose this bill. No other words will be needed.</p>		
<p>Name: Cindy McMillan</p>	<p>Email: cindy.mcmillan@librarieshawaii.org</p>	<p>Zip: 96813</p>
<p>Representing: Hawaii State Public Library System</p>	<p>Position: Support</p>	<p>Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 11:53 AM</p>
<p>Testimony: HSPLS written testimony supporting Bill 57 submitted by Stacey Aldrich.</p>		
<p>Name: ROBIN TAKATA</p>	<p>Email: robin.takata1@gmail.com</p>	<p>Zip: 96825</p>
<p>Representing: Self</p>	<p>Position: Oppose</p>	<p>Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 11:58 AM</p>
<p>Testimony: I oppose Bill 057(22) as it infringes on my right to keep and BEAR arms.</p>		
<p>Name: Michael Wee</p>	<p>Email: mike.wee@hawaiiantel.net</p>	<p>Zip: 96816</p>
<p>Representing: Self</p>	<p>Position: Oppose</p>	<p>Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 11:59 AM</p>
<p>Testimony: I strongly OPPOSE Bill 057. This measure only creates gun-free zones that criminals will exploit. They don't care about "sensitive place" restrictions and will take their guns wherever they want. This measure actually enables criminal behavior, possibly resulting in a successful mass shooting! All you accomplish is to disarm law-abiding citizens and leave everybody with no means of self-defense. Put yourself in the shoes of a criminal and you would be happy to see this legislation become law!</p>		
<p>Name: Howard Wolff</p>	<p>Email: wolff.howard@gmail.com</p>	<p>Zip: 96822</p>
<p>Representing: Self</p>	<p>Position: Support</p>	<p>Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 12:04 PM</p>
<p>Testimony: I support bill 57. Guns do kill people.</p>		
<p>Name: Daisy Tim</p>	<p>Email: alohafromdaisy@gmail.com</p>	<p>Zip: 96701</p>
<p>Representing: Self</p>	<p>Position: Oppose</p>	<p>Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 12:13 PM</p>
<p>Testimony: I am writing to OPPOSE the Bill 57, Honolulu's Sensitive Places Bill.</p>		

People NEED to be able to protect themselves against crazy, criminal harmful minds. I approve of self defense methods, and that includes firearms.

Getting rid of guns, through gun control will NOT protect people. The PROBLEM is, it's the person BEHIND the gun that's the dangerous part. You can have a knife to help cut food, or hurt people. They don't ban KNIVES, do they? Cars have been known to run over people and kill them. Cars are good to transport people and supplies. They don't ban CARS do they??? It's crazy, criminal people BEHIND the guns, the knives, the cars that cause harm to innocent bystanders.

So banning firearms isn't a valid solution to danger. Banning crazy people, and criminals who have firearms is a better solution. And THEY are probably the ones who wouldn't turn in their firearms. In fact people who have firearms are more responsible and able to protect innocent people in stores and in dangerous gang situations to avert harm and death.

So banning weapons that will help protect people and letting the crazies go free, will help with depopulation. Is THAT your goal??? How much are you getting paid to put up this Bill? And how are the politicians, they celebrities, the sports athletes being protected? With water guns? You gonna BAN them too? And I wonder honestly if you people who are wanting this to pass, have hidden arsenals of firearms yourselves. "Do what I say, not what I do".

Daisy Tim

Name: Benel Piros	Email: soripleneb@gmail.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 12:17 PM

Testimony:
I OPPOSE due to the fact a LAW ABIDING Citizen is restricted to Lawfully carry and protect themselves at all times while in a public setting. Criminals don't follow the LAW and this Bill will do nothing to stop crime.

Name: Jordan Au	Email: jordan-726@hotmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 12:27 PM

Testimony:
To whom it may concern,

I strongly oppose Bill 57. This bill will effectively ban carrying of firearms for self defense in most places that a person can go. Many shootings have taken place in so called "sensitive places" because criminals know people there are unlikely to be armed. Making most places a sensitive place will only make them more dangerous.

Furthermore, this bill violates the Bruen decision. In the Bruen decision, gun laws are required to comply with the text, history, and tradition of when the second amendment was written; which was in the late 1700s. This bill uses a law from the 1850s for justification which makes it invalid for this argument. For these reasons, and others I think this bill should not pass.

Thank you,
Jordan Au

Name: Jacob Holcomb	Email: jake@mailbox.org	Zip: 96819
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 12:34 PM

Testimony:
All you managed to accomplish here is putting together a list of the best places for a mass shooter to kill as many people as

possible with minimal chance of encountering effective resistance. Next one is on you.

Name: Kalbert Young	Email: uhgovrel@hawaii.edu	Zip: 96822
Representing: University of Hawaii	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 12:34 PM

Name: MARTIN V. COOPER COOPER	Email: marty.cdb@gmail.com	Zip: 96784
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 12:39 PM

Testimony:
This bill does not meet either the strict interpretation of SCOTUS recent ruling, by Justice Thomas, regarding the Bruen Case. Nor does it meet the SPIRIT of the law.

Name: Dirck Sielken	Email: dsielken@hipco.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 12:47 PM

Testimony:
Aloha,

I strongly oppose House Bill HB984 as written. The Second Amendment says "the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed". The Honolulu City Council at the Mayor's request has full intent to infringe on law abiding citizens 2nd Amendment Right. This is evident in the Mayor's testimony given on February 22nd. When he made his intentions clear by stating "we certainly don't want them in public places."

There shouldn't be more restrictions for law abiding citizens to possess and or conceal carry the firearms they own. Sentences 10-13 really speak volumes on the direction the bill should be. They list the sensitive spaces that have historical precedence. Everything else added for sensitive spaces is an infringement of our Constitutional Rights and it makes it near impossible for a law-abiding citizen to legally carry their conceal carry firearm. The sensitive spaces listed in this bill have already been done in other states like New York and have been found to be unconstitutional. The additional sensitive spaces listed in this bill should be removed. Why would you pass a bill into law when you swore an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States.

OATH OF OFFICE

Section 4. All eligible public officers, before entering upon the duties of their respective offices, shall take and subscribe to the following oath or affirmation: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, and that I will faithfully discharge my duties as to the best of my ability." As used in this section, "eligible public officers" means the governor, the lieutenant governor, the members of both houses of the legislature, the members of the board of education, the members of the national guard, State or county employees who possess police powers, district court judges, and all those whose appointment requires the consent of the senate. [Ren and am Const Con 1978 and election Nov 7, 1978; am SB 1440 (1992) and election Nov 3, 1992]

Please stand by you Oath of Office and put forth a bill that doe snot infringe on the law abiding citizens 2nd Amendment Right.

Thank you,
Dirck Sielken

Name: Gabriel Kekauoha	Email: gkekauoha16@gmail.com	Zip: 96791
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Oppose	Feb 27, 2023 @ 01:30 PM
<p>Testimony: I oppose this bill. This bill will infringe law abiding citizens right to protect themselves, from criminals whom will certainly ignore this law and perhaps even target these area's where they know people have been disarmed. This bill shall not be passed!!!!</p>		
Name: Ryan Bell	Email: belr@me.com	Zip: 96701
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 01:47 PM
<p>Testimony: Bill seems over bearing on ones second amendment right. Where are firearms going to be allowed by ones second amendment right? Law abiding citizens are allowed to carry a firearm.</p>		
Name: Sarah Sumadi	Email: ssumadi@everytown.org	Zip: 98146
Representing: Everytown for Gun Safety	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 02:21 PM
Name: Nandita Sharma	Email: nanditaranisharma@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 02:58 PM
<p>Testimony: I ask the Committee to support the bill.</p>		
Name: Jon Cornforth	Email: jon@cornforthimages.com	Zip: 96754
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 03:21 PM
<p>Testimony: I am a resident of Hawaii and lawful gun owner.</p> <p>Over the past decade, support for our Second Amendment gun rights has been growing which the US Supreme Court helped expand further in their recent Bruen decision. Hawaii's lawmakers have decided that they do not like this legal ruling and prefer to double down with additional unconstitutional legislation.</p> <p>I was recently touring colleges on the mainland with my daughter. During one of our campus visits, a professor was sadly shot and killed by a disgruntled former grad student who was not only banned from campus, but was also prohibited from legally owning a firearm. As we were told that it was safe to leave, I noted how ironic all the "Gun Free Zone" signs were all over that campus. During a visit to another university, we were informed that their dorms had gun safes. I know which one I felt safer visiting.</p> <p>Criminals will always find a way to commit crimes. Lawful gun owners are not the problem.</p> <p>I urge you to oppose this legislation.</p>		
Name: Martin Gour	Email: gourmartin@hotmail.com	Zip: 96720
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 03:24

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<p>Testimony: I appose this bill because it is unconstitutional!!! What other constitutional Rights require a license, have places you cannot exercise, or require the government's permission to exercise? This bill will just continue to cause unjustified arrests, harassment, and problems for the Law Abiding Citizens whom chose to carry for their defense! Stop attacking the constitution and read it instead!</p>		
Name: Lindsey Watanabe	Email: linzwatanabe@gmail.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 03:29 PM
<p>Testimony: Gun free zones have never worked. Criminals do not abide by the law. It does not matter how many restrictive gun laws you have in place. Criminals will never follow them.</p>		
Name: Ryan Willis	Email: willis19.r@gmail.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 03:39 PM
<p>Testimony: This type of "sensitive place" prohibition has already been ruled unconstitutional in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York by Judge Suddaby in Antonyuk v. Nigrelli.</p> <p>Examples of "sensitive place" desination not keeping criminals from doing criminal activity. Times Square is determined a "sensitive place" by the state of New York. They have had a stabbing at an arcade in MAY2022, Stabbing during New Year's Eve festivities on 31DEC2022 with heighted police presence, and just a deadly shooting on 10FEB2023.</p> <p>Locally, 13FEB2023, HONOLULU (KHON2) – "There have been more than 700 crime incidents reported to Honolulu Police (HPD) within the past seven days." -February 2022, shooting Nehua St. -March 2022, prior to Bruen decision, 19-yr-old shot and killed on Lewers St. -May 2033, prior to Bruen decision, shooting on Lewers St. -January 2023 man shot on Lewers St.</p> <p>Clearly HPD is not equipped to protect every one at the same time nor are required to protect the public but to enforce law, we need to have to option to protect ourselves. Waikiki would be a sensitive place and none of these CRIMES would've been prevented.</p> <p>Would we ever think about this type of prohibitions in respect to any other right of The People? Are the peoples rights limited in "sensitive places" when it comes to freedom of religion, speech, press, assembly as protected by the First amendment?</p> <p>Exemptions noted in HRS 134-11 ARE NOT greater than normal citizens. They are nomal citizens just like everyone else.</p> <p>Also, Schools have been a federal "sensitive place" since 1994, criminals target these places because they are a soft target and low to no resistance. Criminals will continue to do criminal acts, while law abiding citizens have to abide the law.</p>		
Name: Kanoë Willis	Email: ckwillis21@gmail.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 03:40 PM
<p>Testimony:</p>		

This type of "sensitive place" prohibition has already been ruled unconstitutional in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York by Judge Suddaby in Antonyuk v. Nigrelli.

Examples of "sensitive place" designation not keeping criminals from doing criminal activity. Times Square is determined a "sensitive place" by the state of New York. They have had a stabbing at an arcade in MAY2022, Stabbing during New Year's Eve festivities on 31DEC2022 with heightened police presence, and just a deadly shooting on 10FEB2023.

Locally, 13FEB2023, HONOLULU (KHON2) – "There have been more than 700 crime incidents reported to Honolulu Police (HPD) within the past seven days."

-February 2022, shooting Nehua St.

-March 2022, prior to Bruen decision, 19-yr-old shot and killed on Lewers St.

-May 2023, prior to Bruen decision, shooting on Lewers St.

-January 2023 man shot on Lewers St.

Clearly HPD is not equipped to protect every one at the same time nor are required to protect the public but to enforce law, we need to have to option to protect ourselves.

Waikiki would be a sensitive place and none of these CRIMES would've been prevented.

Would we ever think about this type of prohibitions in respect to any other right of The People? Are the peoples rights limited in "sensitive places" when it comes to freedom of religion, speech, press, assembly as protected by the First amendment?

Exemptions noted in HRS 134-11 ARE NOT greater than normal citizens. They are normal citizens just like everyone else.

Also, Schools have been a federal "sensitive place" since 1994, criminals target these places because they are a soft target and low to no resistance. Criminals will continue to do criminal acts, while law abiding citizens have to abide the law.

Name: Michael Leong	Email: mleonginhawaii@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 04:04 PM

Name: Daniel Covert	Email: dc_az3@yahoo.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 04:06 PM

Testimony:

Less than 3 weeks after a sensitive places bill like this was signed in New Jersey, the citizens of New Jersey received a TRO on the bill. The courts have warned that not following the Bruen standard will lead to quick summary judgements, tro's and even Justice Thomas and Justice Alito warned that overly broad sensitive places bills like this could be granted an emergency stay if the history and tradition standard is not met. I oppose this bill.

Name: Barbara Fischlowitz- Leong	Email: barbinhawaii@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Assistive Technology Resource Centers of Hawaii	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 04:08 PM

Name: Angelika Sielken	Email: angelikasielken@gmail.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 04:21 PM

Testimony:

I oppose this bill as written

Name: Eugene Cruz	Email: ginoraiders@gmail.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 04:44 PM
Testimony: I oppose this bill as written.		
Name: William Iaela	Email: william.iaela@gmail.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 04:50 PM
Testimony: To whom it may concern, I am writing in opposition to Bill 057(22). In the last hearing on Bill 057(22) on 22February2023, someone brought up the Law of the Splintered Paddle as part of his testimony. In case one is unfamiliar with its text, translated into English it reads as follows: "Oh people, honor thy god. Respect alike the rights of people both great and humble. May everyone, from the elderly to the women and the children be free to go forth and lie in the road without fear of harm. Break this law and die." Many have taken this to mean, and sadly, to imply that homelessness or the willful choice to remain indigent to have been an acceptable human condition to the Hawaiian people and their ruling class. Nothing could be farther from the truth and, in fact, is a misunderstanding and a misrepresentation of the historical facts of the matter. Originally, it provided for the safety of non-combatants in time of war and the protection of the innocent from undue harm and violence. The latest amendments to this bill only expand the areas the innocent will be forced to be left unguarded. Criminals by definition will not obey this unconstitutional overreach and the public will be left, as they already are, to be the victims of human predators. I'll close with Leviticus 19:16. "You shall not stand idly by when your neighbors life is at stake." William Iaela		
Name: Joe Ferraro	Email: joef@ferrarochoi.com	Zip: 96814
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 05:05 PM
Name: Richard Holibaugh	Email: richard.holibaugh@gmail.com	Zip: 96782
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 06:36 PM
Testimony: "It is the further purpose of this ordinance to protect sensitive areas that have traditionally been subject to restrictions on carrying or possessing arms therein; to protect health, life, and property; and to preserve the order and security of the City" As BILL057 (22) states. How can this be? Residents of the State of Hawaii have traditionally NOT been permitted to carry a concealed firearm. Ever. I don't know where the basis for these sentiments come from. Residents who will be granted a concealed carry permit from the Chief of Police, Honolulu Police Department, will have gone through a written exam, a live fire exam, background check, mental health check, and not to mention the scrutiny via the ATF Form 4473 when a firearm is LEGALLY purchased. I Oppose this Bill and I thank you for your time. R. Holibaugh		
Name: Christian Agcanas	Email: Christianagcanas@yahoo.com	Zip: 96797
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Oppose	Feb 27, 2023 @ 07:27 PM
<p>Testimony: I oppose Bill 57. Please stop imposing regulations and restrictions on concealed carry of firearms. You are restricting and regulating lawful, responsible gun owners.</p>		
Name: Marya Grambs	Email: mgrambs@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 07:57 PM
Name: Mitchell Weber	Email: mdotweber@icloud.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 08:05 PM
<p>Testimony: I strongly Oppose Bill57, The Bruen decision is not an expansion of gun rights, they always were there. The state of Hawaii & C&C of Honolulu had been found by our highest court of law to be in direct violation of not only the federal but our own state constitution. Bill 57 is a copy&pasted childlike attempt to take the proverbial ball home after losing the game. Regards, Mitchell Weber.</p>		
Name: Dana K Sato	Email: dsatoichi@yahoo.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 08:13 PM
<p>Testimony: I oppose this bill</p>		
Name: Jordan Van Barriger	Email: vbjordan1990@yahoo.com	Zip: 96749
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 08:24 PM
<p>Testimony: I oppose bill 57, it does nothing to stop criminals, it only puts law abiding citizens at legal risk.</p>		
Name: Clayton McNair	Email: Cd.mcnair@hotmail.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 08:27 PM
<p>Testimony: "the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be INFRINGED."</p>		

Its so clear...		
Name: chad maeda	Email: maedaa001@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 08:29 PM
Testimony: I strongly oppose Bill 57		
Name: Nelson Faulkner	Email: kaholof@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 08:33 PM
Testimony: Totally oppose. This bill would prevent us from protecting ourselves or loved ones in high crime areas. CCW permit holders are law bidding citizens. Criminals aren't. These laws wouldn't make the areas safer. It will make us easier targets to criminals since they know there wouldn't be any armed citizens in these areas. Thank you.		
Name: Edmund Silva	Email: ksilva808@gmail.com	Zip: 96804
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 08:34 PM
Testimony: Opposed.		
Name: Andy Lamug	Email: aslamug@gmail.com	Zip: 96786
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 08:39 PM
Testimony: As a responsible 2A supporter, I believe we shouldn't be limited on where we are able to have our registered ccw. Especially at beaches and parks because that's where everyone is most vulnerable. Being able to have a ccw would make the community safer.		
Name: Jefferson Foust	Email: jefferson_jay_foust@yahoo.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 08:40 PM
Testimony: As a retired navy veteran I still feel it's my duty to defend the constitution so I have to oppose this bill as I feel it would violate the second amendment.		
Name: Edelio Gerola	Email: edeliogerola@gmail.com	Zip: 96786
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 08:40 PM
Testimony: Aloha!		

I respectfully ask you to please oppose this bill for the reason that this bill practically disarms the law-abiding citizens. There are so many bills introduced that are similar to this in a sense that they affect only the law-abiding citizens. Please oppose.

Name: Ryan Matsumoto	Email: ryanm.matsumoto@gmail.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 08:45 PM

Testimony:
I strongly oppose Bill 57 because it infringes on our Second Amendment rights. Bill 57 will make law abiding citizens into criminals if they enter any sensitive places. Criminals do not care about sensitive places and will not follow this law if it's passed. If you care about the safety of citizens, you will not pass this bill. My wife is a high school teacher and I do not allow her to stay late or attend open house because I fear for her safety. She has nothing to protect herself from criminals and this bill will make it impossible for her to protect herself. This bill will ensure that she will never stay late or attend open house until she retires.

Name: Stephen Hazam	Email: sthazam@yahoo.com	Zip: 96814
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 08:52 PM

Testimony:
Please OPPOSE BILL057(22). This bill does not allow me to exercise my Second Amendment right to carry a firearm, guaranteed not granted, by the US Constitution. It ignores and/or distorts the the Breun ruling of the SCOTUS. It's expansive and unconstitutional determination of sensitive places makes it impractical to carry a firearm, which I believe is its intent. Everyday there are local media reports of violent crimes in Honolulu. These are often committed with weapons and often with illegal firearms. As a 75 year old senior, how am I to protect myself? Must I hide in my residence? I've been encouraged by Honolulu authorities to use public transportation and so I gave up my car. However, I can't carry on public transportation! You leave me defenseless and confined to my home. These are my "golden years" only to leave me in fear and be deprived of my constitutional right to carry. If passed this will eventually be overturned by the courts, in the same manner that the courts finally overturned your decades old policy of denying permits. These new requirements are disingenuous since they would have existed decades ago if you were really concerned with public safety, rather than denying a citizen of their Second Amendment rights. Ironically, my taxpayer dollars will be spent supporting this unconstitutional bill, before it is overturned. Please OPPOSE BILL057(22).

Name: Zoran Cullinan	Email: zorancullinan@gmail.com	Zip: 96823
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 08:56 PM

Testimony:
Banning firearms in public places is unconstitutional and would be restricting Kanaka to legally carry with permit in places where it would be needed most. Hawaii'i already has over restrictive laws concerning firearms and the people deserve better.

Name: Andrew Namiki Roberts	Email: a_roberts_84@yahoo.co.uk	Zip: 96815
Representing: Hawaii Firearms Coalition	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 08:57 PM

Testimony:
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 one hundred thousand registered law-abiding gun owners and is writing today in Opposition to BILL 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.

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:

Be at least 10 inches wide and 10 inches tall.

Have a yellow background.

Be located at least 24 inches from the ground.

Contain a pictogram that shows a firearm within a red circle and a diagonal red line across the firearm.

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 an 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.

Andrew Namiki Roberts
Director Hawaii Firearms Coalition.
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Name: Aaron Puahala	Email: apuahala@yahoo.com	Zip: 96701
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 08:57 PM

Testimony:
I oppose this bill as it does nothing but put law abiding citizens at risk for robbery, rape, assault, and even death. Criminals will know that their would be victims will be unarmed. Restricting law abiding citizens to only certain areas where they can protect themselves knowing the police cannot protect them as well is ridiculous. Once again I strongly oppose this bill..

Name: Anthony Sabatini	Email: sabatini911@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 09:00 PM

Testimony:
In 1981 case Warren vs District of Columbia the DC Court of Appeals ruled that police have no specific legal duty to act to protect individuals. Yes you read that right, the police have now legal duty to protect anyone.

In 1989 the landmark case of DeShaney v. Winnebago County Department of Social Services the SCOTUS ruled that the government (not even the police) had a duty to protect a 4 year old child from his father. This case has been cited in numerous cases and has been upheld every time.

Most recently cited and upheld in the June 27, 2005 ruling in Castle Rock v. Gonzales, the U.S. SUPREME COURT AGAIN RULED THAT THE POLICE DID NOT HAVE A CONSTITUTIONAL DUTY TO PROTECT A PERSON FROM HARM.

There is nothing in this agenda that will stop criminals from carrying firearms anywhere they like. This will only restrict and take away the SCOTUS decision and the Constitutional rights of legal gun owners. The City Council is setting up the city for massive and expensive lawsuits should this pass. These rules have already been shot down by courts on the mainland. Legal gun owners go through training and a long drawn out process to obtain a CCW, criminals don't. How is passing this agenda making anyone safer? In case members of the City Council haven't been paying attention, the majority of firearm related crimes occur in so called gun free zones. It is past time for everyone to acknowledge that no matter how many gun laws we pass, criminals will not abide by them. This only puts defenseless citizens in danger, such as the woman that was brutally beaten to death right outside of the

Kapolei police station.

Name: Kalani Kam	Email: unkokalani@gmail.com	Zip: 96750
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 09:03 PM

Testimony:
I oppose bill 57! This goes against the supreme court's ruling where historical context needs to be taken into account and the plain verbiage of the constitution needs to be upheld and adhered to. I'll repeat it again for those of you who refuse to read and or listen, "the right of the People to keep and BEAR arms SHALL NOT be infringed upon"!!!! There is nothing in history documented ever about "sensitive" places. Hence, unconstitutional! That is all

Name: Criston Kam	Email: unkokalani@gmail.com	Zip: 96750
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 09:04 PM

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Name: Kama Kam	Email: unkokalani@gmail.com	Zip: 96750
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 09:04 PM

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Name: Kahiau Kam	Email: unkokalani@gmail.com	Zip: 96750
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 09:05 PM

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Name: Justin Hortizuela	Email: jhortz808@gmail.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 09:05 PM

Testimony:
BILL057(22) will establish gun free zones. There are two big problems with gun free zones. 1. Gun free zones are UNCONSTITUTIONAL. 2. Gun free zones DO NOT WORK

1. Gun free zones are UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

The recent Supreme Court hearing expanded the right to carry firearms outside the home. Limiting where concealed carrying is allowed is unconstitutional.

2. Gun free zones DO NOT WORK

We all know about the mass shooting that happened at Robb elementary school in Uvalde, Texas. BILL057(22) will make all schools in Hawaii a "Gun free zone". Turning a school into a gun free zone lets those planning to commit atrocious acts know that they won't face any resistance at all. CRIMINALS DO NOT FOLLOW THE LAW.

Name: Kathi Kam	Email: unkokalani@gmail.com	Zip: 96750
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Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 09:06 PM
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Testimony:
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Name: Edward Inn	Email: edwardinn@ymail.com	Zip: 96818
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Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 09:17 PM
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Testimony:
This bill goes against my 2nd amendment constitutional rights as an American citizen

Name: Brian Fields	Email: bubbastubbs@live.com	Zip: 96771
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Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 09:17 PM
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Testimony:
I am opposed to this bill and I feel that it is an over reach of local government on my 2nd amendment right to carry a firearm. It is being misrepresented to the public by making it sound like there will be guns everywhere. We, the people who go through the prescribed government hoops to obtain a permit to carry are not the ones who are the problem.
I respectfully ask all involved to oppose this bill.

Name: Kevin Kacatin	Email: ukazzh@gmail.com	Zip: 96782
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Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 09:21 PM
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Testimony:
I am in absolute opposition to this measure. It would be irresponsible if the Honolulu City Council voted to advance a measure that WILL bring legal challenges in which the City and County of Honolulu will ultimately lose thus costing taxpayers in the long run. The banning of vetted and qualified citizens to protect themselves in public places is absolute evidence those supporting this measure are literally ignoring the incidents in which defenseless citizens have been assaulted by criminals that currently ignore existing laws. Those voting in favor of Bill 57 are in total support of criminal activity and and against basic self defense and you are all reprehensible individuals.

Name: Jerry Cruz	Email: jchawaii2@hotmail.com	Zip: 96782
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Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 09:26 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I oppose this bill. It's like having a conceal carry permit for nothing with all these restrictions that takes away our 2nd amendment. We should be able to carry whenever we want without being penalized by these proposed laws. We should be able to protect ourselves and love ones if that time comes, because what I see now a days in Hawaii crime is getting worse.</p>		
Name: Rosemarie Vailisale	Email: rvailisale@yahoo.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 09:30 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>As a victim of domestic violence and single parent of 4 young children, I oppose this bill. I am left with the trauma of constantly looking over my shoulders, and making sure my children are safe 25/7. As I live in public housing area- I am afraid that if anything ever does happen to confront me(and my family) at my feet that I am prepared at all time. I don't want to walk around believing that law will be there within seconds if I was to call out for help, instead I would rather be prepared on the spot.</p>		
Name: Kekoa Poki	Email: thathatter.co@gmail.com	Zip: 96795
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 09:31 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Aloha this is in regards to bill 57 and that we Oppose this bill for sensitive areas in the act that this island is not the same as it once's was. With the understanding that there has been robbery and kidnappings on our islands and in our state parks where we go and play with our keiki. We would love to think that all the criminals that cause your thinking of why you don't want guns in our state parks is going to follow this bill but the fact of the matter is that they are criminals because they don't. All this bill is doing is allowing us the law bidding citizens that have gone through all the requirements that you our state and city and county has put forward for us and allowing us to be vulnerable to these criminals that have proven to be relentlessly vindictive in and around our parks. We as a company set up and brake down for event also coach our kanaka keiki to paddle at our beaches as day to day practice also events like paddling meets and award ceremony even get togethers.</p> <p>We under stand to point of our federal and state offices but our parks is where we want to feel safe with with everyone families especially our keiki. With all the homeless and drug users on the rise and majority of them sleeping and staying in our state parks and beaches with a lot of them not even from our state this makes it hard to feel like we can control any out come. I would love to think that there will always be a police officer there when and where we need then but as you know the HPD is short staffed and can't be everywhere when needed. For that reason we have chosen to arm our selfs and be able to protect our property and family but if this bill goes threw we will only safe in the few places because we abide by the law as for the criminals they will not and continue to do the same as they always have.</p> <p>Please don't punish us the law bidding citizens for all the actions of what the criminals our this state has done please allow us the tax paying law bidding citizens to have our second amendment that was given to us all those years ago. If there is more people carry concealed carrying then the criminals won't know who and where it is safe for them to be a criminal. Restricting us from carry in all the places you want to block from us is keeping us from being a safe community in a all. Infringing on our second amendment is taking our right to keep our families and property that we work so hard for safe !</p> <p>Aloha, Kekoa Poki</p>		
Name: William Radebaugh	Email: william.radebaugh@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 09:33 PM

<p>Testimony:</p> <p>As a law enforcement officer and trainer for law enforcement officers for more than 22 years, I know all too well that this bill will affect law abiding citizens. Those who have gone the proper channels to obtain a CCW from the state should be trusted wherever they are. This bill will hinder law abiding citizens from protecting themselves, their families, and the public. It will also create target zones for criminals who will now be aware of locations that CCW registered citizens will not be able to carry and react.</p>		
<p>Name:</p> <p>Mark Fiesta</p>	<p>Email:</p> <p>marka.fiesta@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Zip:</p> <p>96797</p>
<p>Representing:</p> <p>Self</p>	<p>Position:</p> <p>Oppose</p>	<p>Submitted:</p> <p>Feb 27, 2023 @ 09:36 PM</p>
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Taking our 2nd amendment rights</p>		
<p>Name:</p> <p>Daisia Day-Dorman</p>	<p>Email:</p> <p>daisiadaanæ@gmail.com</p>	<p>Zip:</p> <p>96826</p>
<p>Representing:</p> <p>Self</p>	<p>Position:</p> <p>Support</p>	<p>Submitted:</p> <p>Feb 27, 2023 @ 09:43 PM</p>
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I support bill I do not want have to worry about concealed guns on campus or where partake in my daily activities</p>		
<p>Name:</p> <p>Sean McCann</p>	<p>Email:</p> <p>seanmccann@me.com</p>	<p>Zip:</p> <p>96734</p>
<p>Representing:</p> <p>Self</p>	<p>Position:</p> <p>Oppose</p>	<p>Submitted:</p> <p>Feb 27, 2023 @ 09:44 PM</p>
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>The amount of petty crimes, robbery, assaults, etc have increased due to your lax criminal justice system. Firearms in the hands of licensed and educated citizens give the people of Hawaii, citizens of the United States, the ability to protect and defend their family with the full weight of the US Constitution backing them. HPD response time to 911 calls are unacceptable. By limiting our constitutional right, you are putting lives in danger. Please vote NO to this unconstitutional overreach. This bill does NOTHING to remove firearms from the hands of criminals. Criminals will carry firearms REGARDLESS. Please stop endangering the lives of law abiding citizens. Mahalo.</p>		
<p>Name:</p> <p>Helen Lee</p>	<p>Email:</p> <p>etchsalon@gmail.com</p>	<p>Zip:</p> <p>96821</p>
<p>Representing:</p> <p>Self</p>	<p>Position:</p> <p>Oppose</p>	<p>Submitted:</p> <p>Feb 27, 2023 @ 09:53 PM</p>
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I am a single mother with a young boy. I never liked or wanted a gun until the last couple years. I went through the process to obtain a handgun. I sat through the handgun class, continue to practice at the range with my class instructor. I feel now more than ever I need to protect myself and my son. I am in the process of getting my CCW now but you at the City Council seem to only care about criminals and not about women or single moms like me. When will you protect us? This bill will only hurt us and empower criminals.</p> <p>Speaking as a woman and mother I hope you listen carefully and do not take away my ability to protect myself or my son.</p>		
<p>Name:</p> <p>Rosemarie Jauch</p>	<p>Email:</p> <p>rose.jauch@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Zip:</p> <p>96741</p>
<p>Representing:</p> <p>Self</p>	<p>Position:</p> <p>Oppose</p>	<p>Submitted:</p> <p>Feb 27, 2023 @ 10:04 PM</p>

Testimony:

Last year on February 15th a woman was bludgeoned to death on the steps of the Kapolei Police Department. Lifevhythreatening situations can present at any place, at any time to anybody.

The second amendment does not guarantee my right to bear arms. The second amendment prevents the government the authority to infringe upon my right to bear arms.

I oppose HB 57.

Name: James P	Email: dewd019@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 10:19 PM

Testimony:

I am writing to voice my firm opposition to this bill. This bill only serves to prevent LAW ABIDING citizens from exercising their innate natural right to defend themselves and will do nothing to curb the criminal element. I urge you as duly elected representatives to vote no on this bill and any like it.

Name: Matt Smith	Email: matt96813@gmail.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Law Abiding Citizens of this Country and State	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 10:34 PM

Testimony:

The politicians attempting to restrict the right of law abiding citizens to defend ourselves and our families are an embarrassment to their office. Time and time the local news shows crime is on the rise and the police cannot be expected to be there when needed.

When seconds count, the police are minutes away and yet weak politicians are continuing to attempt to require law abiding citizens to be victims of those who don't care that there are laws prohibiting crime.

Show some real leadership and show the criminal element that we the people are not defenseless and by doing so crime will decrease as criminals come to realize that not all are defenseless.

Name: Devin Sasai	Email: devinsasai@gmail.com	Zip: 89014
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 10:37 PM

Testimony:

As a former resident of Hawaii, (currently on the 9th island), NRA firearms instructor, and multiple CCW holder, I believe I have a unique insight into the nuances of how and where to properly conceal carry firearms. While I could give many examples, I would like to expand on 3 points on why I oppose Bill 57.

1. Bill 57 is a work around NYSRPA v. Bruen. Now that SCOTUS has made it clear that individuals have a constitutional right to bear arms outside the home, and that any proposed firearms legislation must be based on historical text and history, this proposed bill is being pushed to once again infringe on the rights of law abiding citizens by labeling them felons for carrying legal firearms in "sensitive places". This bill makes 99% of all public places illegal to carry a firearm. In essence, it bans the very right to concealed carry that SCOTUS just reinstated with the Bruen decision. A clear violation of the 2nd Amendment which are already being challenged in Circuit Courts around the country. It would be foolish for the County to enact an Ordinance that would surely be challenged in court here. Using up precious resources, time, and funds on a Bill which most certainly will be struck down.

2. Implementing an "Opt-Out" provision is both arbitrary and overreaching. While in Nevada we also cannot carry in areas like schools, government buildings, and such, the list of "sensitive places" is very select, and limited. In all other places, CCW is inherently allowed, unless specifically stated by the location. Also, if a location wishes to be No Firearms, they must also include

the statute on the sign. Otherwise a plain sign doesn't carry the weight of law. This allows businesses to "Opt-In" at their discretion. While you may want to say that a business in Hawaii can just "Opt-Out" by saying "Firearms Allowed", you completely miss the point. By having Bill 57 include an "Opt-Out" provision you infringe on the Constitutional Right of the individual by a blanket restriction of movement. By reversing it to an "Opt-In" standard, you (a) don't restrict the rights or movements of the individual, but (b) still preserve the private business rights to decide what is in their own best interests. The difference in the two is that one way makes law abiding citizens defenseless and potentially criminal, while the other does not.

And 3. By enacting this Bill you do nothing to stop the criminal from carrying an illegal firearm into any of these "sensitive places". The only thing this de facto ban does is place a tremendous burden on the law abiding citizen to "walk on eggshells" while in public. He or she is the only one at risk of becoming a criminal and forfeiting their rights because of a confusing and ambiguous ordinance of what they can do and where they can go. Is that truly your goal? Do you want good people defending themselves to become criminals? For that is all this Bill will do. It will not affect the felon illegally carrying a firearm wherever he pleases, at all.

While I know we all are concerned with what our society will be like with law abiding citizens carrying firearms in public. You and I cannot predict the future. We don't know what will happen. So how do we move forward? We move forward by trusting and believing in our neighbors. We believe that in our hearts, that people will be responsible and do the right thing. What you're doing with this Bill is that you are telling the public that you don't trust them. That you know better than them. And that is extremely arrogant and condescending. In fact, it tramples on the very freedoms guaranteed in our Constitution. So I implore all of you to defer this Bill, and trust in your fellow kamaaina. Your ohana. Work with the gun community (not against them) to make tweaks in the future to make concealed carry a positive for everyone- both pro and anti 2A. Stop treating law abiding grown adults as children who cannot make logical, reasonable, and responsible decisions to their own personal protection needs. That in itself is the essence of the word FREEDOM.

Name: David Ruiz	Email: Ruizd004@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96741
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 10:41 PM

Testimony:
Stop infringing!

Name: Timothy Miyao	Email: tmiyao@live.com	Zip: 96720
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 10:44 PM

Testimony:
Honorable Honolulu City Council,

I humbly ask you to oppose Bill 57 relating to Public Carry of Firearms. This legislation has me very concerned. Bill 57 is far overreaching and prohibits a citizen from exercising her/his Constitutional right. What is the National historical tradition that would support each regulation in this legislation? I humbly ask that you please oppose Bill 57 in its current form as it denies citizens' rights in locations without National historical precedence.

In the Supreme Court decision *New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. Bruen*. it was determined that regulations, put in place by the government, must adhere to our national historical tradition that is widespread. A state's history is insufficient to be used to justify violations of a Constitutional right. The Supreme Court's opinion included, and I quote, "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 firearms 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 of the Second Amendment's "unqualified command"". For your convenience, I attach a link to the US Supreme Court Ruling for *New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. Bruen*: https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/21pdf/20-843_7j80.pdf

In our national history voting service centers and government buildings were places that limited a citizen's constitutional right. These would pass the litmus test of our Nation's historical tradition of firearms regulation. Some of the places in this bill would not adhere to our National historical tradition.

Parks and places where people are assembled for an event do not meet the criteria of National historical tradition.

The prohibition of carry on modes of public transportation, such as buses, fail to meet the National historical tradition criteria. Washington DC is being taken to court for prohibiting carry on their Metro system. Bill 57 would prohibit a citizen's right to self-defense on buses. What of the people who rely on the city bus? How would they protect themselves walking between the bus stop and their home at night? These individuals are arguably at higher risk to be assaulted than someone operating a locked private vehicle. Yet Bill 57 would deny them the ability to protect themselves.

Which National historical tradition made First Amendment expressive activities a sensitive location? Bill 57 dictates that a citizen can exercise his/her First and Second Amendment rights but not at the same time. Bill 57 says that a citizen needs to choose between two constitutionally guaranteed rights. It will hinder either a citizen's freedom of assembly or right to bear arms.

Prohibition on the carry of firearms on private property, if determined and advertised by the property owner, meets the criteria of National historical tradition. However, Bill 57 inappropriately adds that it is the responsibility of the businesses to post signs saying that "carry is permitted". In most other states businesses are responsible for posting a sign indicating that NO carry is allowed. This would also align with the widespread concept of establishments posting "No shirt, no shoes, no service" and "No food or drinks allowed". Firearm business owners in Hawaii have often been harassed by unsavory members of the public. This harassment would no doubt escalate and include any business that posts a sign that carry is welcome.

When reviewing Bill 57 please carefully consider the United States Constitution and Supreme Court ruling in New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. Bruen. Many components of Bill 57 infringe on Constitutional rights without meeting the requirement of National historical tradition. Please oppose Bill 57 in its current form. I appreciate your time and all that you do for the people of Hawaii!

Name: Martin Marcello	Email: mmarcello05@gmail.com	Zip: 96701
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 10:56 PM

Testimony:
I oppose this bill

Name: Sara Deguchi	Email: ichigo@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96818
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 11:00 PM

Testimony:
I oppose this bill. Criminals won't follow the law, and law abiding citizens won't be able to protect themselves if they want to. Very unconstitutional.

Name: Jake Hanawahine	Email: da808rock@yahoo.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 11:01 PM

Testimony:
I oppose

Name: Austyn Sanft-Eugenio	Email: austynsanfteugenio@gmail.com	Zip: 96762
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 11:07 PM

Testimony:

Aloha, I am a local of Oahu born and raised in Laie. I have always been a supporter of firearms but never saw a direct need to have them on me, especially living on the peaceful country side. A few days ago my car was broken into and the suspects that did it were still in the area casing out other cars. I stopped the spotter and confronted him about my car window being smashed in and my things gone, that's when three other cars pulled up all full of Micronesian males around the ages of 20-30 about 4 in each car (I know they were because I asked them). All I had on me at the time was a pocket knife. If I had a firearm on me doesn't mean I would be escalate the situation or feel more confident but safer my options are more broad and I'm not backed up against a corner. Nowadays I've been thinking to myself wondering how my home has changed from Hawai'i to anywhere else in the world. Please allow me to have the tools to protect myself and others around me if the need arises. Mahalo Nui. Education is the key to all things I believe. The more education we have as a people the safer we'll be. Also as of right now I'm a proud gun owner but I do not have my CCL, I will apply for it soon.

Name: Jarek de Vera	Email: jarekdevera@gmail.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 11:11 PM

Testimony:

Whether it's for self defense, defense of their family, their fellow citizens, to secure a free state, or simply because they felt like it - It is the People's right to keep and carry their firearms whenever and wherever they please as much as it is their right to speak and pray freely. If I am wrong, please point out where in the Constitution or Bill of Rights it states that citizens are unable to do so or where it says that the governing and judicious entities that are supposed to protect these rights have the power or the duty to restrict it.

Public spaces, places of business, and government operated facilities are the very places where the government should not be able to restrict a citizen's right to carry as it is space owned by the people, paid for by the people. More so such places are most likely to be a target for an Evildoer to commit atrocities - making it the very place where citizens should have their right to bear arms to defend themselves and others against such acts. The only person(s) who can tell another when and where they can carry is the lawful, free of government influence, private owner(s) of an establishment(s) of concern. A Public Servant's duty is to protect this owner's decision - not make it for them.

Name: Justin Arzaga	Email: jlwarzaga@gmail.com	Zip: 96829
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 11:20 PM

Testimony:

I oppose.

Name: Alan Miller	Email: mill8316@gmail.com	Zip: 96818
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 11:24 PM

Testimony:

This bill is still extremely similar to the previous versions that I have written detailed opposition for. I still strongly oppose this bill because it is overly broad and restrictive, and it will limit my second amendment right to effectively defend myself outside my home according to US Supreme Court Bruen Decision.

Name: Susan Doyle	Email: su69@me.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 11:30 PM

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Marlee Kamakaala-Miller	mkamakaala@gmail.com	96818
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 11:33 PM
<p>Testimony: I oppose this awful bill. The sensitive places outlined are far too broad and definitions and regulations within the bill are far too subjective.</p>		
Name: Michael Trejo	Email: mtrejoechelon27@yahoo.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 11:49 PM
<p>Testimony: Aloha I am writing this testimony against bill 57 which will only affect the law abiding citizens. The criminals and the people who choose to not follow your laws because they do not care about your laws will not be affected. I have talked to so many friends and family who have been victims of criminals. More worrisome I have talked to individuals who have openly laughed at the previous laws and carried guns concealed without a permit. Many of these individuals being prohibited possessors with a felony and say they would carry weapons concealed regardless of the laws. I do not understand why you all continue to make these laws that do nothing to actually stop criminals. I am assuming you all just do not want responsible citizens to exercise their right to defend themselves and the ones they love or others. I respectfully oppose bill 57 and hope for your understanding in this important rule that affects the law abiding not the criminals Mahalo.</p>		
Name: Michael Botell	Email: precisionarmshawaii@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 11:49 PM
<p>Testimony: I strongly oppose this bill. We have a right to defend ourselves through the Constitutionally guaranteed right to keep and bear arms. This is an obvious attempt to, yet again, strip us of our rights. Just follow the Constitution no matter if you like it or not.</p>		
Name: Rob Mihada	Email: onebeegfaka@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 28, 2023 @ 01:25 AM
<p>Testimony: I strongly oppose this Bill as it's simply unconstitutional as per Bruen and Heller. Bruen specifically states that any law or limitation to keep and bear arms must have historical precedent from when the 2nd amendment was ratified in 1791 or re-ratified 1868. The burden is on the state to prove their laws and limitations are based on those historical precedents. Justice Thomas wrote in Bruen: The right to keep and bear arms in public for self defense is not "a 2nd class right, subject to an entirely different set of rules than the other Bill of Rights guarantees." 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 makes the people in 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 nor safe spaces. It only makes our community more vulnerable [...].</p> <p>I am a law abiding citizen. The 2nd Amendment protects my right to carry a firearm so that I may protect myself. Bills like this do not support my rights as an American Citizen. Bills like this actively restrict my rights and the rights of all Americans.</p>		

These laws empower and encourage criminals.
 The average police response time can be anywhere from 3 minutes to 15 minutes, by that time I could be beaten, raped or killed.
 Do not restrict my ability to protect myself or my family.
 It is your responsibility to encourage your citizens to protect themselves and their community.
 Unless your goal is to make your citizens victims.

Name: Richard Adams	Email: rich2italy@hotmail.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 28, 2023 @ 01:49 AM

Testimony:
 Bill 57 represents exactly what our forefathers thought of when the 2nd Amendment was drafted. A few individuals with special interest holding the power over the general public. You, as representatives, should be ashamed. You are pulling a "back door stunt" intended to further restrict law abiding citizens rights after being handed a legislative defeat by a higher court. Do not pass this bill.

Name: Shane I	Email: shaneishikawa@gmail.com	Zip: 96819
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 28, 2023 @ 02:59 AM

Testimony:
 This is a bill that I strongly oppose

Name: Jamie Detwiler	Email: jamied1025@gmail.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: President, Hawaii Federation of Republican Women	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 28, 2023 @ 05:59 AM

Name: Sara LaBelle	Email: labelles@hawaii.edu	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 28, 2023 @ 06:09 AM

Testimony:
 I am a mother, military spouse, and UH Mnoa graduate student. My family has been stationed in Hawai'i twice. Both times we moved here, I breathed a sigh of relief that we would be safer from guns here than we are on the continent. The Bruen decision has been devastating for those feelings of safety. As a lifetime school volunteer, I have been part of active shooter drills in elementary schools. They are terrifying (even for the grownups who know they are simulations) and traumatize our children. My university has to train me to run, hide, or fight (<https://manoa.hawaii.edu/dps/active-shooter/>). I just want to learn and research. Our families should not have to live this way. Concealed carry permits increase our collective risks of experiencing gun violence (Smart, R., 2023, online: <https://www.rand.org/research/gun-policy/analysis/concealed-carry/violent-crime.html>). I urge you to pass BILL057(22), CD1 to enact all measures possible to reduce the harm of Bruen by defining sensitive locations where concealed guns are not allowed—permit or not. Please keep us as safe as the law allows. Thank you for your time.

Name: Alan Medeiros	Email: medeirosa001@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96749
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 28, 2023 @ 06:12 AM

Testimony:
 This Bill will get people killed. I'd rather have a legal CCW holders at any kind of function at any public or private place or a school, .The reason being if a criminal who has a gun was to go to these safe zones and start shooting up the place shooting at people or

God forbid our children, these victims may have a chance with a CCW holder on-site to provide protection until police can arrive. Events like this won't happen if the bad guy knows someone there has a gun and is willing to use it to defuse the situation. I don't know about you all but personally I will take a bullet in order to save another person's life...would you?
 So yeah I oppose this Bill,
 Thank you
 Alan Medeiros

Name: Kaleo Nakoa	Email: kanaboy04@hotmail.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Feb 28, 2023 @ 06:12 AM

Testimony:
I wish to testify via Zoom

Name: Edwin Wise	Email: ewise911@gmail.com	Zip: 96782
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 28, 2023 @ 06:41 AM

Testimony:
I oppose this Bill057 relating to the public carry of firearms. I am a law abiding citizen and I'm looking out for the well being of myself and my family.

Name: Jessica Gellert	Email: jessica@gellertmedia.com	Zip: 96786
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 28, 2023 @ 07:05 AM

Testimony:
I strongly oppose this bill. Those who can legally carry should be allowed to carry where they may need to use their firearm for protection. There is crime everywhere. Law abiding citizens should have a right to protect themselves wherever they go.

 This only hinders law abiding citizens. Criminals will carry wherever they please and use their weapons for evil. Law abiding citizens just want the right to protect themselves and their families.

 The average police response is 5 minutes. A criminal can do a lot of damage in 5 minutes. If there is a law abiding citizen there carrying - they can take down the criminal before the police arrive and save lives. I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS BILL. MAHALO.

Name: Kristofor Gellert	Email: krigellert@gmail.com	Zip: 96786
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 28, 2023 @ 07:09 AM

Testimony:
I oppose this bill. It hinders those who legally carry from being able to protect their loved ones. Crime can happen anywhere. Criminals will know law abiding citizens are not allowed to carry in these specific areas and that beach and park goers are just easy targets. Mahalo.

Name: Gordon Lau	Email: makuahills@gmail.com	Zip: 96701
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 28, 2023 @ 07:20 AM

Testimony:
I oppose Bill 057 as it would restrict carrying a weapon in areas where you may need it most for your protection and/or protection of others

Name: Todd Yukutake	Email: todd@hifico.org	Zip: 96701
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 28, 2023 @ 08:04 AM

Name: David Vea	Email: 321go930@gmail.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 28, 2023 @ 08:34 AM

Testimony:
I strongly oppose Bill 57, Honolulu Sensitive Places law. I agree with most law-abiding gun owners of Hawaii that this type of bill is a knee-jerk reaction to the Supreme Court Decision in Bruen vs New York Rifle and Pistol Association (NYRPA). Section 1 of this Bill states, the purpose of this ordinance is to define those sensitive locations consistent with our 2nd Amendment and the Supreme Courts ruling in Bruen v NYSRPA. However, Bill 57 is in direct opposition to the Supreme Courts recent Decision. It is as if the proposing official of this bill did not take the time to do his due diligence to review the Supreme Court's decision in its entirety to understand the intent and or how the use of Text, History, and Tradition was used to arrive at this decision. Firstly, Bill 57 and its proposed definition of Sensitive Places is contrary to the Supreme Courts decision in Bruen. More specifically, Bill 57s attempt of a laundry list of locations is effectively to characterize most public areas as a "sensitive-place" lacks merit because there is no historical basis for the city and county of Honolulu or the State of Hawaii to effectively declare all common locations a "sensitive place." The Bruen decision declared the burden falls on council representative and the city to show that the City and County of Honolulu or the State meet proper-cause requirement is consistent with this Nation's historical tradition of firearm regulation. To do so, the city would need to demonstrate though the historical record reflecting these were actual "sensitive places" where weapons were "altogether prohibited." They failed to do so in the bill of subsequent committee meetings. The argument claimed by these proposing officials if this bill indicates that the other purpose of this ordinance is to protect sensitive areas that traditionally been subject to restrictions on carrying or possessing arms actually holds no weight because prior to the Bruen decision, law enforcement and other personnel were the only personnel permitted to carry firearms. Consequently, this is not a historical account of a sensitive place "where weapons were altogether prohibited." Moreover, for proposing officials to claim any locations were previously and historically restricted locations is disingenuous because law abiding citizens were Not allowed to carry a firearm for self-defense at all. I do agree that the court used laws forbidding the carrying of firearms in sensitive places such as schools and government buildings but expanding the category of sensitive places to most common areas as described in Bill 57 is overreaching, too broad, contrary to the Bruen ruling, and more importantly contrary to 2nd amendments intent. The Supreme Court explained this in Heller, stating the "textual elements" of the Second Amendment's operative clause—"the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed"—"guarantee the individual right to possess and carry weapons in case of confrontation." With that being said and using modern examples as a reference, statistically most mass shootings in the past decade occur in these common places. Statistically, when these shootings occur and the shooter is confronted by a law-abiding gun owner, the threat is neutralized far quicker and with far less bloodshed than those incidents that occur in a gun free zone a.k.a. sensitive place. Please take the time to review the data, the courts decision, and we can avoid a longer drawn battle in the courts if this is passed which will result in Supreme Court vacating this law. If the overreaching and broad definition of sensitive places is passed as stated in this bill, I fear more litigation, drawn out legal battles, wasting the people's time, the people's money, and it will be contributing to the ever-decreasing confidence the public has in their elected officials. If the rule of law was adjudicated at the highest court in the land but yet we do not uphold this law and decision as declared by the Supreme Court, will we be a land of lawlessness? I pray for our leaders and that we make the right decision. If there is any text we must heed, it is God's word. "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn." Proverbs 29:2.

Name: Lisa Gibson	Email: lisahgibson@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Indivisible Hawaii	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 28, 2023 @ 08:42 AM

<p>Testimony: Indivisible Hawaii strongly supports this bill</p>		
<p>Name: Robert Marks</p>	<p>Email: rmarks808@gmail.com</p>	<p>Zip: 96816</p>
<p>Representing: Self</p>	<p>Position: Support</p>	<p>Submitted: Feb 28, 2023 @ 08:43 AM</p>
<p>Testimony: Members - This bill is an appropriate response to Bruen that protects Honolulu's people. Please pass this measure.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted, Robert Marks</p>		
<p>Name: Jarred Burns</p>	<p>Email: jarredk@hawaii.edu</p>	<p>Zip: 96706</p>
<p>Representing: Self</p>	<p>Position: Oppose</p>	<p>Submitted: Feb 28, 2023 @ 08:49 AM</p>
<p>Testimony: I feel that restricting my ability, as a law abiding citizen, to conceal carry in the proposed areas strips me of my right to defend life. This bill will only further empower those who seek to do evil. With the events going on in todays world I am constantly reminded of the most powerful answer as to why someone needs to carry a gun, and that answer simply was "because evil exists". Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>		
<p>Name: Bonnie Tokita</p>	<p>Email: bonniet1970@gmail.com</p>	<p>Zip: 96782</p>
<p>Representing: Self</p>	<p>Position: Support</p>	<p>Submitted: Feb 28, 2023 @ 08:52 AM</p>
<p>Testimony: I am fully supportive of the need to delineate spaces where guns are not allowed on Oahu. Please pass the bill as amended and incorporate it into law at the earliest possible date. Our safety is at stake!</p>		
<p>Name: Michael Scully</p>	<p>Email: mikskull007@gmail.com</p>	<p>Zip: 96707-1137</p>
<p>Representing: Self</p>	<p>Position: Oppose</p>	<p>Submitted: Feb 28, 2023 @ 08:54 AM</p>
<p>Testimony: Aloha A "sensitive place" is a place that is guarded by armed police 24/7. A park is not a "sensitive place". As we have sadly learned, if a criminal has deadly intent with a weapon in a park or a school, who is going to stop them if the police cannot get there in time. Concealed Permit license holders abide by the laws, have trained with firearms to achieve competency and safety standards and take our 2nd amendment rights seriously. We have accepted the huge responsibility to protect ourselves, family, and other vulnerable citizens in deadly encounters. Every day across this great nation police officers, mothers, children, and vulnerable citizens are protected by concealed carry permit holders who are hailed as heroes by their local politicians. Do not make Concealed carry permits prohibitive by overarching legislation that restricts and hampers law abiding citizens to legally protect themselves and those in need.</p> <p>See links honoring Concealed Carry Permit holders who saved lives: po</p>		

<https://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/man-who-took-out-church-gunman-to-receive-states-highest-civilian-honor/2290236/>
<https://www.cnn.com/2017/03/17/us/beyond-the-call-of-duty-arizona/index.html>

Name: MARCUS YOUNG	Email: MARCUSYO@GMAIL.COM	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 28, 2023 @ 08:54 AM

Testimony:
I am writing to oppose major points that I feel do not benefit the community members but give more favor to criminals.

Prohibiting firearms in sensitive places as listed would be in violation of the spirit of the carry laws protected by recent court decisions that have been ruled unconstitutional and the restrictions are being dismantled in other states like New York, Washington and Oregon.

Carry insurance/Firearm insurance isn't established nor is there any evidence that the amounts and reasons for them are beneficial to the safety of the community and responsible owners.

Name: Erik Sunio	Email: e_sunio@yahoo.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 28, 2023 @ 08:56 AM

Testimony:
I do not support this bill. It goes against my rights as a citizen. This should not be passed. We should be allowed to defend ourselves.

Name: KAROLLE BIDGOOD	Email: JOSIE.BIDGOOD@GMAIL.COM	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 28, 2023 @ 08:57 AM

Testimony:
I am in full support of the need to delineate spaces where guns are NOT allowed. Please pass the bill as amended and put it into law as soon as possible. Thank you.

Name: Elisabeth Sherman	Email: elisabeth.sherman@me.com	Zip: 96755
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 28, 2023 @ 09:02 AM

Testimony:
I support Bill 57.

Mahalo,
Elisabeth

Name: Victoria Anderson	Email: vanderso@hawaii.edu	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 28, 2023 @ 09:03 AM

Testimony:

We need to create and make clear the spaces where guns are not allowed on Oahu. Please pass this bill as amended and incorporate it into law as soon as possible, for the safety of Hawaii's people.

Mahalo,
Victoria Anderson

Name: Esther Geil	Email: esthergeil@gmail.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 28, 2023 @ 09:05 AM

Testimony:
We need to specify spaces where guns are not allowed on Oahu. Please pass the bill as amended and pass it into law at the earliest possible date for everyone's safety!
Thank you!!

Name: Lois Langham	Email: llangham7@gmail.com	Zip: 96814
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 28, 2023 @ 09:20 AM

Testimony:
I support the need to delineate spaces where guns are not allowed on Oahu. Please pass the bill as amended now and incorporate it into law. Our safety is at stake!

Name: Connie Mitchell	Email: angiek@ihshawaii.org	Zip: 96817
Representing: The Institute for Human Services	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 28, 2023 @ 09:23 AM

Name: PAMELA SUMMERS	Email: xfer0@msn.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 28, 2023 @ 09:32 AM

Testimony:
I support bill 57.

I am fully supportive of the need to delineate spaces where guns are not allowed on Oahu. Please pass the bill as amended and incorporate it into law at the earliest possible date. Our safety is at stake!

Name: Ted Bohlen	Email: tbohl8@yahoo.com	Zip: 96823
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 28, 2023 @ 09:38 AM

Testimony:
Please protect our safety in public spaces by passing this bill!

Name: Lynn Otaguro	Email: lmotaguro@yahoo.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 28, 2023 @ 09:38 AM

Testimony:

I am fully supportive of the need to delineate spaces where guns are not allowed on Oahu. Please pass the bill as amended and incorporate it into law at the earliest possible date to keep our communities safer.

Name: Chris Marvin	Email: cmarvin14@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Everytown Veteran Advisory Council	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 28, 2023 @ 09:39 AM

Testimony:

Aloha, I am Captain Chris Marvin, US Army retired, submitting testimony in support of Bill 57, relating to firearms and sensitive locations. I am a Honolulu resident, a combat wounded veteran of the war in Afghanistan, and an expert on gun safety.

As a consultant, I lead the veteran engagement strategy for the nation's largest gun violence prevention organization, Everytown for Gun Safety. I also lead the Everytown Veteran Advisory Council, a national group of veterans who advise the organization on gun safety measures. The organization, council, and I all strongly support this bill.

I will begin by noting that no matter what the Supreme Court has decided or what laws this legislature creates, there will always be places on this island where no individual has the discretion to carry a personal firearm. These include Schofield Barracks, Joint Base Pearl-Harbor Hickam, Marine Corps Base Hawai'i, and every other military installation in the city and county.

In the military, we treat our bases and posts as the ultimate "sensitive locations", where the only place you'll find loaded weapons are on shooting ranges and carried by military police and sentries on duty. We do this because we are a profession of arms, and better than anyone else in this country, we understand the danger of having weapons in the wrong hands, at the wrong time, or in the wrong place.

In the military, we have a weapons culture built on three pillars: training, safety, and accountability. Every service member is vigorously trained before possessing a firearm, safety is paramount at all times, and all members of the chain of command—up to the generals and admirals—are responsible for what the lowest ranking military member might do with his or her weapon. For these reasons, and to protect our own, the military has the strictest prohibitions on carrying personal firearms.

Honolulu must follow the military's lead to keep our citizens safe the same way military leaders protect their service members. In this state, we are lucky to have a city council that has continuously passed gun safety laws that keep our citizens from harm. Because we live on an island, we lack the terrestrial interstate gun trafficking that plagues other locales. As a result, Hawai'i has the lowest gun violence rates in the nation.

Now that the Supreme Court has stripped away the city and county's steadfast attempts to make our own laws and keep the people of this island safe from a nation-wide gun violence epidemic, we must take further action.

Bill 57 is that needed action. By identifying sensitive places where gun consumers and licensed gun carriers are prohibited from carrying a firearm, we can put off the carnage and death that we see in virtually every other state.

Vocal opponents of this bill from gun rights groups will tell you that they can be trusted to carry a gun in public because they are responsible gunowners—they are likely right. The very loud and vocal minority of Honolulu residents who oppose gun safety measures do so with only their own individual rights in mind. They complain about having how inconvenient it is for them to fill out paperwork, sit for interviews, or pass background checks. They conclude that these onerous tasks should not apply to them, because they are trained, responsible gun owners.

However, laws are not made to only protect the public from gun experts. Laws are made to protect the public from the least common denominator—the bad actors that try to possess a gun. This legislative body doesn't have the privilege to only act in concert with the rights of an individual or a small group, this legislature makes laws for all Honolulu residents.

Ask these gun rights advocates if they believe that every potential gun consumer in Honolulu is as safe, experienced, and responsible as they are. They will tell you no. That is why we need to make sure our laws cover those people with less experience who may be less safe and less responsible. Our community deserves as much.

To illustrate further, we all may agree that a professional racecar driver could drive 100 mph on H-1 without injuring anyone. After all, he's a professional with years of experience. But we would never raise the speed limit to 100, just because that racecar driver

wants it that way and is qualified to drive that fast. We create speed limits that will keep all drivers safe, even those with less skill. The same must be true of our limits on carrying firearms.

In addition, this bill will support HPD's efforts to enforce the laws on the books. The more locations that are considered "sensitive locations," the easier it will be for police to determine and enforce where guns cannot be possessed. Making private businesses sensitive places by default will ease the burden on law enforcement.

Data from other states tells us unquestionably that the increase in guns in Hawai'i and the increase in guns in public will lead to an increase in gun violence, gun injuries, and gun death. How much more manpower will HPD require for each and every shooting that occurs? And even a justified shooting will require orders of magnitude more police intervention and taxpayer dollars than would simply monitoring sensitive places.

Moreover, if the gun rights advocates who oppose this bill are to be believed, the reason they want to carry a firearm is to "protect" themselves and those around them by exacting some form of extra-judicial killing—i.e. the myth of the "good guy with a gun." This is no more than vigilante justice undertaken by a group of people who not law enforcement officers and who aren't trained in the use of guns to a standard agreed upon by the very public they claim to defend. The idea that we would allow citizens to behave as judge, jury, and executioner for any perceived crime they stumble upon is ludicrous and antithetical to the values we hold here in the Aloha State.

Most importantly, because this bill creates a default for business owners that guns are not allowed inside their place of business (unless they explicitly welcome them) this bill is pro-business, especially small businesses. Can you imagine how many mom-and-pop shops will be relieved not to have to confront a man with a gun who they don't want in their corner store? How many teenage restaurant workers will not be forced to ask if the patron who just entered with a pistol is licensed or not? Keep the burden off of these hard-working folks by making sure our laws are water tight.

Opponents of this bill talk a lot of rights and freedom. Bill 57, gives the right to all people in Hawai'i to not live in fear of gun violence. It gives small business owners the freedom to run their shops the way they want to. And it gives this council the autonomy to govern our city and county in a way that we all believe will keep us safe.

Name: Christine Trecker	Email: christinet54@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 28, 2023 @ 09:45 AM

Testimony:
I support Bill 057(22)

Name: Judith Wong	Email: judith.jam@gmail.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 28, 2023 @ 10:14 AM

Testimony:
I support bill 57. Due to the US Supreme Court decision that Hawaii and its counties must allow people to carry concealed firearms, it is essential that government define appropriate limitations in order to protect the people of Hawaii. Hawaii has long been the safest state with respect to gun violence and this is a credit to the laws and restrictions that have been in place thus far. Bill 57 establishes the requirement of holding a license in order to carry a firearm and clearly defines "sensitive places" including schools, places of government, places of worship, hotels, bars, charitable organizations and other locations that have sadly been locations of gun violence in other states. This component of the bill helps keep the population of Honolulu safe. I support the portion of the bill that provides that firearms shall not be carried on private property open to the public without the express authorization of the owner, lessee, operator or manager of the property. This provides more security for the public. Owners that wish to allow firearms on their property have the right to opt-in if they choose. Allowances are made in the bill to allow responsible gun owners the opportunity to use firearms at the Koko Head Shooting Complex and at city-owned facilities during the operating hours of an organized, scheduled firearms show or exhibit. Therefore, the law is not unduly onerous to the careful and responsible gun owner. To summarize, I support Bill 57 (2022) which will address the issue of the US Supreme Court's decision while protecting the

safety of the people of Honolulu and our visitors.		
Name: Cheryl Bellamy	Email: cbella4272@gmail.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 28, 2023 @ 10:22 AM
<p>Testimony: I support bill 57</p> <p>I am fully supportive of the need to delineate spaces where guns are not allowed on Oahu. Please pass the bill as amended and incorporate it into law at the earliest possible date. Our safety is at stake!</p>		
Name: Saul Caldeira	Email: saulcaldeira@gmail.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 28, 2023 @ 10:37 AM
<p>Testimony: I oppose this bill.</p>		
Name: Roberto Viernes	Email: Viernesr006@Hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 28, 2023 @ 10:43 AM
<p>Testimony: Dear Committee Members, This bill will do nothing to increase public safety. It will punish lawful citizens who want to exercise their right to defend themselves and their loved ones with a firearm inside and outside their home. This bill would make it impossible to conceal carry in almost anywhere on Oahu. Criminals do NOT obey the law. They will continue to perpetrate crimes in the same areas where we as citizens will not be allowed to conceal carry a firearm. In addition, this bill would render the ability for lawful citizens to conceal carry useless. The fees for a conceal carry license is simply a tax on those of us who want to be safe and protected. In regards to requiring insurance for conceal carry, there are NO companies that provide this type of insurance which will in fact render anyone with a conceal carry license a criminal without this insurance. This bill looks to me like a bill designed to destroy the right of citizens to conceal carry in the state of Hawaii. Therefore I implore you to vote 'NO' on this bill. Thank you,</p>		
Name: Elizabeth Miller	Email: alizarisms@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96785
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 28, 2023 @ 10:52 AM
<p>Testimony: I not only fully support certain spaces where guns are not allowed on Oahu, i support ALL spaces being off limits to guns, except by authorized police officers. It seems insane to me that this is even an issue, given all the growing gun violence in the USA, INCLUDING Hawaii, of all places!!! We need tighter gun laws here. To loosen gun laws and allow open carry ANYWHERE is irresponsible for public safety.</p>		
Name: Deb Nehmad	Email: dnehmad@bradyhawaii.org	Zip: 96825
Representing: Brady Hawaii	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 28, 2023 @ 11:00 AM

Name: Saul Caldeira	Email: saulcaldeira@gmail.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 28, 2023 @ 11:11 AM
Testimony: I oppose this bill.		
Name: Dale Hayama	Email: youngguns@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96819
Representing: Young Guns	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 28, 2023 @ 11:16 AM
<p>Testimony: Dear Honorable Council members:</p> <p>I would like to communicate our strong opposition to Bill 57. This Bill is deeply flawed and unconstitutional. This Bill runs directly counter to the United States Supreme Court decision that forced the local county police departments to start issuing CCWs here in Hawaii.</p> <p>Bill 57 is similar to legislation that has been passed in New York and New Jersey. Litigation has already ensued, challenging these unconstitutional laws with injunctions being issued by Federal Courts in regards to "sensitive places". If passed Bill 57 will be met numerous legal challenges that will cost Oahu taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars and will likely meet a similar fate.</p> <p>Please stop wasting Oahu taxpayer dollars trying pass a bill that infringes on our Constitutional Rights.</p> <p>I personally have an out of state CCW permit, which I exercise where I am legally allowed to. Our CCWs, gives my fiance and myself peace of mind, as we are senior citizens, Asians, and the primary targets of many criminals out there. Many years ago, my fiance and I applied for a CCW here on Oahu and were both denied on the premise that there was no situation that the police department could not protect us from; Well needless to say, every single law enforcement officer that I have spoken to since, active and retired, said that was a lie. We now, finally have an opportunity to defend ourselves outside our home, but this Bill will give the criminals back the power to do harm to law abiding citizens and infringe on our Constitutional Right to protect ourselves. Please do not empower the criminals with Bill 57.</p> <p>Please understand "SOFT" targets, before you go any further. That's where most, if not where all mass killings take place. Basically they are "GUN FREE" Zones or "Safety" Zones as are they are being proposed. Trust me they are far from "Safe", except for the bad guys looking to do harm. The bad guys do want to go anywhere near where they could be confronted by an armed citizen.</p> <p>On a final note, many uninformed citizens think of CCW holders as cowboys looking for a gun fight. The fact is, CCW holders are usually the most responsible citizens in society. They hold themselves to a higher standard and the crime rate for CCW holders are far less than Law Enforcement personnel!</p> <p>Please do not pass Bill 57 and infringe further on our Constitutional Rights.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.</p>		
Name: Kenneth Pascarelli	Email: kpdiscgolf@yahoo.com	Zip: 96725
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 28, 2023 @ 11:41 AM
Testimony: As a concerned citizen of Hawaii I wish to oppose this measure, it will only allow criminals to be the ones carrying guns in places		

lawful citizens cannot.		
Name: William Carreira	Email: will.carreira@gmail.com	Zip: 96797
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 28, 2023 @ 11:44 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I am writing to STRONGLY OPPOSE this bill. The right to self-defense cannot be limited to sidewalks. I feel you should be allowed to carry firearms in all locations with the exceptions of Banks and Courthouses. Basically buildings that already have armed guards.</p> <p>This bill is ridiculous and needs to be voted down immediately.</p>		
Name: JarrinJames Canionero	Email: canionero_jarrin@yahoo.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Feb 28, 2023 @ 11:45 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I have a right to defend myself and my loved ones</p>		
Name: Zhizi Xiong	Email: alohadivinedesign@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: CARES	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 28, 2023 @ 11:54 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>CARES testifies in strong support of Bill 75.</p>		
Name: Elizabeth Nelson	Email: hawaiielizabeth@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 28, 2023 @ 11:58 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I am in full support of the need to delineate spaces where guns are not allowed on Oahu. Please pass the bill as amended and incorporate it into law at the earliest possible date. Our safety and the safety of our children and elders is at stake.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>Elizabeth Nelson</p>		
Name: Erica Yamauchi	Email: aloha@ericayamauchi.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Moms Demand Action, Hawai'i Chapter	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 28, 2023 @ 12:39 PM
Name: Sarah Sumadi	Email: ssumadi@everytown.org	Zip: 96813
Representing: 93 Hawai'i Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense Volunteers & Supporters	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 28, 2023 @ 12:48 PM



February 28, 2023 at 1:00 pm

City Council Chamber

Committee on Executive Matters and Legal Affairs

To: Chair Tyler Dos Santos-Tam
Vice Chair Radiant Cordero

From: Paige Heckathorn Choy
Associate Vice President, Government Affairs
Healthcare Association of Hawaii

Re: Support, with amendments suggested
Bill 57 (2022) CD 1, Relating to the Public Carry of Firearms

Thank you for the opportunity to provide support of this measure. We concur with the approach that this bill takes, which presumes that firearms will not be allowed on the premises of businesses and sensitive places, while still allowing those entities that wish to allow firearms onto their properties to do so.

We support proposed amendments by Councilmember Esther Kiaaina to include healthcare facilities—including hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, clinics, community health centers, and other settings where providers and patients are seeking to heal—be added to the list of sensitive places and urge this committee to adopt those changes.

Healthcare providers hold a unique space in our society—they are called upon to treat those who are victims of violence, while also ensuring that their premises are kept safe from those who wish to do harm. We have heard stories from our members over the years about their need to increase security on their campuses to ensure that dangerous weapons are not brought in to potentially cause injury. This takes an incredible amount of resources and vigilance. It is also not foolproof—we have seen in many states the tragic consequences of weapons such as firearms being brought into hospitals and nursing homes, with some documented cases of providers being killed while on the job.

This bill presents a compromise that seeks to maximize the safety of the public. As an industry devoted to caring for others, we support this approach and want to ensure that all who provide and seek needed services and treatments can feel secure.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this measure.



North Shore Ko'olau Diversity Collective

To: Committee on Executive Matter and Legal Affairs, Honolulu City Council

Hearing Date: Friday, February 28, 2023

Re: Testimony in Support of Bill 57 (2022), CD1

From: Joe Wilson, North Shore Ko'olau Diversity Collective

Dear Chair Dos Santos-Tam, Vice Chair Cordero and members of the committee

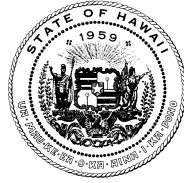
I write on behalf of the North Shore Ko'olau Diversity Collective in STRONG SUPPORT of Bill 57 (2022), CD1 and its proposed CD2 amendments to define those sensitive locations within the City and County of Honolulu where the carrying of firearms is prohibited, consistent with the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc. v. Bruen*, 142 S. Ct. 2111 (2022).

As a grassroots effort working to ensure that our rural O'ahu communities are welcoming, inclusive, and supportive of m̄hū and LGBTQ+ individuals, families, and allies, personal and public safety are paramount, particularly amidst new waves of homophobic and transphobic activism in the islands.

We appreciate and support any and all efforts by City Council to ensure that as many public and private spaces as possible remain free of guns and firearms that allow antagonizers to do harm.

Organizing Committee

Joe Wilson – Elizabeth J. Rago – Michelle Johnson Blimes – Kunane Dreier – Bethany Berry-Weiss – Hao Le – Torrey Lock



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COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE MATTERS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS
Tuesday, February 28, 2023
City Council Chamber
1:00 pm

By Stacey A. Aldrich
State Librarian

Bill 57 (2022), CD1 RELATING TO THE PUBLIC CARRY OF FIREARMS

To: Councilmember Tyler Dos Santos-Tam, Chair
Councilmember Radiant Cordero, Vice Chair
Members of the Executive Matters and Legal Affairs Committee

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) offers the following comments on Bill 57 (2022), CD1 which defines 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*, 142 S. Ct. 2111 (2022).

Statewide, HSPLS libraries regularly host school-sponsored visits, as well as serve as classroom space for school-sponsored functions. In many instances, public libraries also share the same property as schools. Therefore, for clarity, HSPLS respectfully requests that public libraries are specifically named as locations where the possession of firearms are prohibited.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this measure.

BILL057(22) RELATING TO THE PUBLIC CARRY OF FIREARMS

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Rory K. Fujimoto, S/A, 10/3/2022
last four of social security number 7680

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Lori K. Fujimoto, 10/3/2022
last four of social security number 7284

Bill 57 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. **I will be among those suing the city should this law come to pass.**

If you feel the absolute need to pass this bill, pass Andrea Tupola's CD1. It will be the most likely to survive a lawsuit.

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. And should the State pass its version of this bill, this bill will be rendered moot anyway.

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.

The City, much less the State, does not have the resources to reasonably make all these proposed Sensitive Places secure. The very nature of Concealed Carry means you are doing it in secret and not advertising that you are doing so. Unless each and every private business is now going to buy metal detectors and hire security guards, the businesses will likely never know that someone is carrying a firearm, legally or illegally.

Private Businesses already have the right to deny people on their premises for any reason. Right now they can put up a sign that says 'No Concealed Carry allowed', and those that respect or fear the rule of law will comply. Again, those who do not fear or respect the law will not be stopped by it.

Someone intent on doing bad things will not be stopped by a law or sign. No mass shooter has been stopped by a 'no guns allowed' sign. Just this past month we've had a man run over and kill two students in a crosswalk. He was not supposed to be driving in the first place and had over 150 traffic related violations against him. He not only still somehow got a hold of a car, but

drove without a valid license. Once he turned himself in he was immediately released again. How is anyone supposed to fear or respect the rule of law when those who clearly break the law face almost no or lessened repercussions? Under this bill I would be treated far more harshly for having my gun on me in a business than a convicted felon caught with multiple firearms in his possession.

The incident I speak of is when a convicted felon was apprehended by HPD, had 5 firearms in his possession and when prosecuted only received 2 years probation instead of what should have been 25 years in prison (5 years is supposed to be the minimum sentence for the Felon in Possession charge, every other law this man broke should have added to that).

Parks are by their very nature widely open to the public. Unless you have guards actively patrolling and searching people who might potentially have firearms, this law will only stop those who fear the consequences of law. And given recent events and proposed changes to laws, those consequences become less and less of something to fear, and more and more of a joke.

We already have students walking around school campuses with firearms and other weapons with impunity, and I shouldn't have to remind you that it is already illegal for them to do so on many levels. And in most cases not only is nothing done about it but security are actively advised not to engage these shouldn't should they be found.

The City shouldn't even be taking this up at all with the exception of the 5 sensitive places spelled out in the Bruen Decision that are under their control.

- Public Schools
- Polling Places
- Courthouses and Legislative bodies (not simply City/Government property)
- Prisons
- Jails

Aloha,

I strongly OPPOSE Bill 57. As I sit here and write this I am in disbelief at the level of animosity expressed in this bill toward lawful gun owners. This bill will do nothing to increase public safety, and I am confident it was never meant to.

Instead it makes an effort to punish those lawful citizens who want to express their right to defend themselves and their loved ones with a firearm both inside and outside their home. As the fourth person to receive my concealed carry license here in Honolulu County I can tell you the proposed sensitive places put forward in this bill will make it impossible for me to carry almost anywhere on Oahu. Indeed, the places that this bill would make off limits to legal concealed carry are the very places where I would expect needing to defend myself using my firearm. Let's face it- criminals will not obey this bill if it turned into law. Saying this is almost a cliché at this point but it is nonetheless true.

Case in point - a few weeks ago a young mother and her 6 month old infant were brutally run down by a man in a car, who then began beating the woman to death with a tire iron. One good Samaritan tried to stop the attacker but was also beaten brutally. The delay in concealed carry permits over the past six months has prevented hundreds of people from getting their concealed carry license. If the Chief of Police had simply issued permits under the existing rules it is possible an onlooker may have been able to stop the attacker by presenting their legally carried firearm - and hopefully the attacker would have stopped without a shot being fired. Sadly, this was not the case and if this bill is passed into law it will strip the ability of all concealed carriers from legally carrying concealed into Walmart or any other store, park, bank, bus, or rail. Here's the real point - IT WILL NOT STOP THE MURDERERS, RAPISTS, MUGGERS, or other violent criminals.

You will assuredly hear the people in favor of this bill say they do not want to have shoplifters being attacked in their stores by concealed carriers- do not fall for this logical fallacy - for the theft of property does not meet the threshold where deadly force is lawful. All gun owners know this. Also, do not fall for the fallacy that they do not want their employees from having to ask a person carrying a firearm concealed to leave - a concealed firearm literally means no one knows you are carrying it.

I urge you to OPPOSE Bill 57. Mahalo for your consideration.

Jon Abbott

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 received one in January. Based on statistical data, there could be as many as 60,000 applicants in the near future for all islands. I am in **STRONG OPPOSITION** to BILL57. This bill is an attempt by the State of Hawaii Legislature to do an end around to the NYSRPA v Bruen decision which if you have been following the federal cases in New Jersey and New York upon which your bill is a cut and paste, you will see strong federal judge opposition to any so called "Sensitive Places" legislation. I have previously provided the five locations that are meeting with the historical context and analogous too. These locations as defined in Bruen, Heller Caetano and McDonald are as follows: Legislative Buildings, Court Houses, Polling places, Schools (public and historically applying to students), Jails and Prisons.

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I **strongly oppose** the patchwork of hopscotch locations that is created with BILL57. This bill is directed at LAW ABIDING gun owners and not the criminal element of Hawaii who on a regular basis violate

state and federal gun laws. This is the same

Here is a summary of the latest federal court decision regarding "Sensitive Places" I suggest the legislature take heed of the current court rulings and standings on this issue to reformulate a bill to the "Five Locations"

Case is Segal v Platkin New Jersey Bill A 4769 for reference.

US District Judge Renee Bumb issues a TRO against this bill

"After all, the Supreme Court was clear that in order for ANY gun control legislation to pass constitutional muster under the Second Amendment, such legislation must be consistent with historical tradition. The State has had six months since Bruen to identify well-established and representative historical analogues."

Certainly, Defendants anticipated challenges to the legislation and should have been better prepared to defend the legislation constitutionality"

"Private property owners have always been able to deny access to people, but to then say as a law abiding person have to ask permission or have the owner give permission every time, is not what the law historically has required"

"And what this does is it restrains the Second Amendment to a right only to carry on public property, which historically is not correct"

US District Court Judge Renee Bumb granted a TRO against the following NJ restrictions:

1. Parks, beaches and recreational facilities
2. Public libraries and museums
3. Bars, restaurants, other places where alcohol is served
4. Entertainment facilities
5. Casinos
6. Private property
7. Carrying of functional firearms in vehicles

"At the same time, the Court implore the Presiding Officers to focus their argument on the legitimate legal issues pending before this Court after the clear dictate from the United States Supreme Court in NYSRPA v Bruen."

"But the Bruen Court expressly stated that the government may not simply posit that the regulation promotes an important interest" in the

Second Amendment context.

Instead, "the government must demonstrate that the regulation is consistent with this Nation's historical tradition of firearm regulation."

"While the legislature may disagree with Bruen, it may not disobey it."

US District Judge Renee Bumb

It is not in the interest of Hawaii to enter into additional litigation upon which the overwhelming results are against the side stepping of Bruen by introducing "Sensitive Places" laws.

The attempt by the Hawaii Legislature to mandate insurance for the free exercise of a civil right is abhorrent. It doesn't exist as the so called lawyers from the state AG will try to tell you. Insurance at no time would cover illegal conduct. Are you requiring all criminals in Hawaii to get insurance and register with the state? I didn't think so.

Firearms training requirements are beyond the scope of what the legislature is allowed to do. While mandating a hunter safety course and a qualification course for CCW is beyond the norm for most states, you completely fail to mandate a gun safety curriculum in our schools at all levels appropriate to their age. Gun safety leads to responsible gun owners.

Mandating recurrent classroom training is a financial burden in the FREE exercise of a right.

If you want efficiency and standardization you will include the background and mental health checks with a common standard for qualifications for all islands, a five (5) year permit and it will be valid on all islands. No other state has you becoming a felon by going to a different county.

Your "Duty to Inform" is a Forth Amendment violation unless the individual is being detained or arrested for a crime.

Anyone who has not been adjudicated by medical authority cannot be denied based on a non-medical individuals "feelings" Seek medical determination to avoid violating the rights of individuals.

Individuals under TRO who have not be subject to a court proceeding do not have to relinquish firearms without a proper court determination. Get TRO requests and both parties in front of judges immediately so the system is not used a means of one party to get back at another. FACTS MATTER.

HPD cannot "farm out" it's duty to a third party nor make subjective character determinations. Subjective Moral Character standards are another form of MAY ISSUE which was found to be UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

Any denial by a county police chief should be heard by a judge and not right back to the organization that denied the CCW permit.

If you are going to charge someone, charge them, pending charges is not a reason to deny individual rights.

Signage by businesses has been determined to be coerced speech and a First Amendment violation of the business owner. Don't you think

that after the first CCW permits were issued businesses would have put up signs if they wanted too? There are none anywhere. Just as it should be. A CCW holder has a concealed weapon and its use is only in the most dire situations for the protection against death or serious bodily injury, kind of like the Walmart parking lot incident 2 weeks ago.

CCW holders should be allowed to carry any legally owned pistol or revolver they own.

While the intention of this law is to protect public safety, there are several arguments against them: Violation of Second Amendment Rights: Concealed carry sensitive places laws can be seen as a violation of the Second Amendment right to bear arms. Gun owners may argue that they have a right to carry their weapons with them wherever they go, and that these laws unfairly restrict their ability to do so. Ineffectiveness: Concealed carry sensitive places laws may be ineffective in preventing gun violence. Criminals who are intent on committing acts of violence may simply ignore these laws and bring weapons into sensitive places regardless. Meanwhile, law-abiding citizens who have obtained concealed carry permits may be disarmed and left vulnerable in these areas. Potential for Discrimination: Concealed carry sensitive places laws may also have the potential to discriminate against certain groups. For example, if a law prohibits carrying weapons in places of worship, it may disproportionately impact members of certain religions who have a tradition of carrying weapons as part of their religious practice. Inconsistency: Concealed carry sensitive places laws can be inconsistent and confusing. Different states and jurisdictions have varying laws and definitions of sensitive places, making it difficult for gun owners to know where they can and cannot carry their weapons. Unnecessary: Finally, some argue that concealed carry sensitive places laws are simply unnecessary. Many states already have laws that prohibit the carrying of weapons in certain places, such as courthouses and airports. Adding additional restrictions may not significantly improve public safety, while creating additional burdens for law-abiding gun owners. There are several compelling reasons to support the concealed carry of firearms that are worth considering. Self-defense: The primary argument for concealed

carry is that it allows individuals to protect themselves in dangerous situations. In today's world, crime rates are increasing, and individuals can become victims of violent crimes at any time. By carrying a firearm, individuals can increase their chances of defending themselves and their loved ones from harm.

Deterrence: The knowledge that potential victims may be carrying firearms can also act as a deterrent for would-be attackers. Criminals are less likely to target individuals who they believe may be armed, as they fear that their criminal activities could be thwarted by a well-prepared victim. This deterrent effect can help reduce crime rates and improve public safety.

Second Amendment: The right to bear arms is protected by the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. This right ensures that individuals have the ability to defend themselves, their families, and their property from harm. By restricting the right to carry firearms, we would be infringing on this fundamental right.

Responsibility: Many people who choose to carry firearms take their responsibility seriously. They undergo extensive training and education to ensure that they are knowledgeable about firearms safety, and they follow all local and state laws regarding the use and carry of firearms. These responsible individuals can serve as models for others, promoting responsible gun ownership and safe firearm use.

Empowerment: The ability to carry a firearm can also provide individuals with a sense of empowerment. Knowing that they have the means to protect themselves and their loved ones can boost their confidence and help them feel more in control of their lives. This empowerment can have positive effects on mental health and wellbeing.

The Second Amendment of the United States Constitution is considered by many to be an important safeguard of individual freedom for several reasons:

- Protection of individual rights:** The Second Amendment guarantees the right of individuals to keep and bear arms, which is seen as a fundamental right for self-defense and the protection of individual liberties.
- Balancing of power:** The Second Amendment serves as a check against potential abuses of power by the government, as it allows citizens to defend themselves and their rights should the government attempt to infringe upon them.
- Historical context:** The Second Amendment was written at a time when the founding fathers were deeply concerned about the potential for government tyranny and the need to protect individual rights.
- Preservation of cultural heritage:** For many Americans, the right to own firearms is an important part of their cultural heritage and is seen as a symbol of freedom and independence.

Overall, the Second Amendment is considered by

many to be an essential component of American freedom and a critical part of the framework of individual rights enshrined in the U.S. Constitution. If this bill passes it will be met with an immediate lawsuit seeking a TRO and Honolulu County will be responsible for all legal fees for the plaintiffs. Gun owners would also have cause for a class action suit with damages paid by Honolulu County. It is best to defer this bill, let it die and let gun rights organizations sue the state if they try to pass SB1230 or HB984.

<https://www.uslawshield.com/key-second-amendment-supreme-court-cases/> <https://www.harvard-jlpp.com/attention-originalists-the-second-amendment-was-adopted-in-1791-not-1868-mark-smith/> <https://www.talksonlaw.com/briefs/text-history-tradition-test> <https://fedsoc.org/commentary/publications/bruen-s-preliminary-preservation-of-the-second-amendment>

“To reason by analogy, it is as though [the government] banned all speech, but exempted from this restriction particular people (like current or former political figures), particular places (like private property), and particular situations (like the week before an election). Although these exceptions might preserve small pockets of freedom, they would do little to prevent destruction of the right to free speech as a whole. As the [Supreme] Court has said: “The Second Amendment is no different.” District of Columbia v. Heller, 554 U.S. at 635. It too is, in effect, destroyed when exercise of the right is limited to a few people, in a few places, at a few times.”

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I am in **STRONG OPPOSITION** to this and all other bills that attempt to INFRINGE upon the 2nd Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens. Passing of this bill will result in lawsuits by multiple organizations who are watching your actions closely and have been successful on the same issue in NY and NJ.

I am available to further discuss options and remedies to this and other bills proposed this session.

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Michael Elliott

The Honorable Tyler Dos Santos-Tam, Chairman
The Honorable Radiant Cordero, Vice Chairman
Committee on Executive Matters and Legal Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairman Santos-Tam; Vice Chairman Cordero,

I am writing to register my STRONG OPPOSITION to Bill 057 (all forms put forth to date), the proposed legislation on public carry of firearms.

I oppose this bill for many reasons. To enumerate a few:

- 1) This bill will do nothing to prevent violent criminals from using firearms to commit crimes anywhere in the State. Violent criminals pay no attention to "sensitive place" restrictions, and in fact use the existence of such "gun free zones" as primary targets for attack, simply because violent criminals know that such areas pose the least physical risk to themselves, and are thus more likely to be left to carry out their intended violence without interruption.
- 2) This bill attempts to impose the same punitive measures taken against law-abiding citizens as the legislators and Governors of New York and California, which have in effect denied recent Supreme Court rulings affirming that law-abiding citizens have the individual right to keep and bear arms, and that this right does not stop at the boundaries of the home. This denial takes the form of, in essence, declaring nearly every public place as a "sensitive place", and thus forbidden to citizens bearing arms. The intent, clearly, is to ensure that the bearing of arms outside of the home is made impossible, and/or completely impractical. Such attempts to get around *Heller*, *Bruen*, and like rulings have been expressly forbidden by the Supreme Court. Yet, here we have the same such attempt being made in Hawaii. An attempt that is every bit as Unconstitutional.
- 3) This bill goes further by exempting certain persons from observing "sensitive places", in exercising their right to bear arms. This is, once again, forbidden. The Supreme Court has ruled that the Government cannot restrict the right to bear arms to certain subsets of law-abiding citizens. What's good for one is good for all, otherwise such legislation is Unconstitutional.
- 4) The attempt to pass legislation which is itself forbidden under The Constitution sets a very bad example. Because it puts forth the idea that certain groups in our Nation are above the Law of the Land. This is a very dangerous slippery slope. Laws must be consistent with the Constitution, and must apply to all, equally. Otherwise they are meaningless.

So. PLEASE vote AGAINST this bill. It is not only bad policy, making public places more dangerous for citizens, but it also blatantly violates the supreme law of the land, which is the Bill of Rights as enshrined in The Constitution of the United States.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Sources is Hawaii News.

This shows up that street crime can not be denied that it's been increasing. I strongly oppose bill 57 due to NO ADDRESS FOR A CRIME. Thus constitutional gun = legally acquired gun = concealed permit gun should no limitation where to bring them.

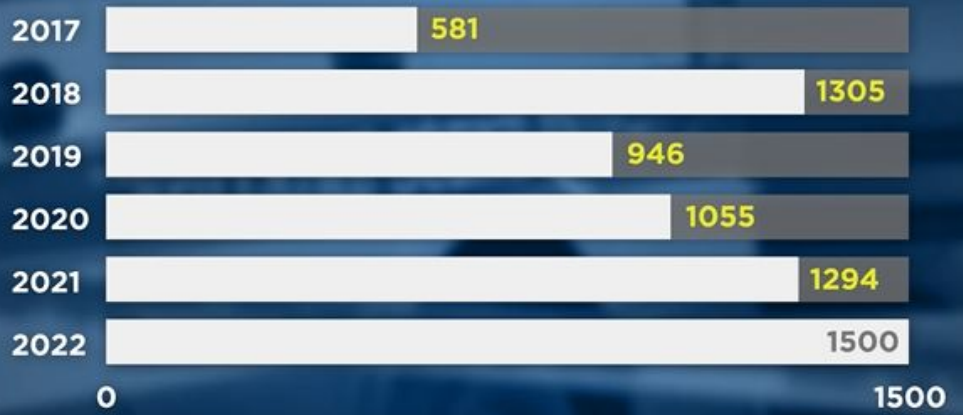
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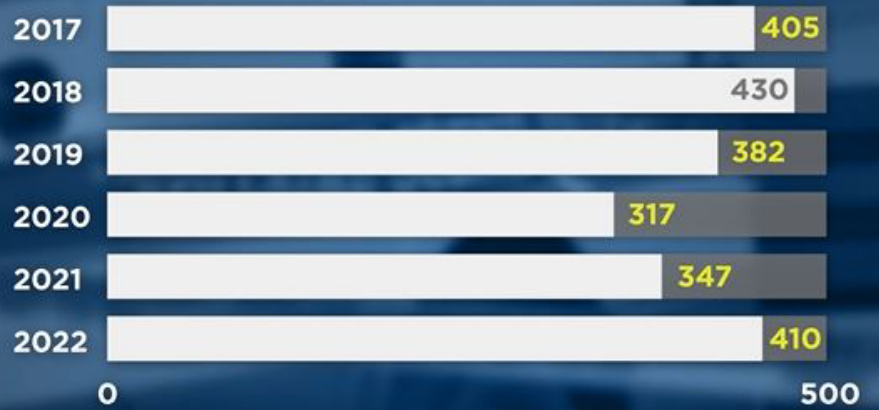
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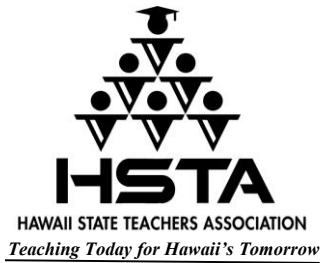


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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON
EXECUTIVE MATTERS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

RE: BILL 57 (2022) CD1 – RELATING TO THE PUBLIC CARRY OF FIREARMS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023

OSA TUI, JR., PRESIDENT
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Chair Dos Santos-Tam and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association **supports Bill 57 (2022) Proposed CD2**, relating to the public carry of firearms. The bill intends to define those sensitive locations within the City and County of Honolulu where the carrying of firearms is prohibited.

Across the nation there have been proposals that would allow firearms on school campuses such as having school resource officers, arming teachers, or allowing concealed carry permits. **We want to ensure that our public school campuses, including our public charter schools, remain protected as sensitive locations where firearms are not permitted.** While school districts and communities have a desire to protect against school shootings, the practice of policing in schools including the “School Resource Officer (SRO) model has not been successful in reducing school shooting deaths. In fact, one study which examined 179 shootings on school grounds across the nation found that SROs did not make any difference in preventing deaths or injuries.

Although this bill doesn’t call for arming teachers at all, we want to warn against any such action in the future, as this idea too, is sometimes offered as a solution to gun violence, when **it could actually contribute to more gun violence as access to guns is what increases gun violence.** Arming teachers is opposed by school safety experts, law enforcement agencies across the nation, and the National Education Association (NEA) of which HSTA is an affiliate.

Having firearms on school campuses does not keep students, teachers, or staff safe. In fact, the exact opposite is true. Access to firearms, having any firearms on campus, increases the opportunity for gun violence. We need to ensure schools are safe places for learning, free from firearms, and we definitely need to continue to protect our school campuses and surrounding areas by making sure they are deemed sensitive locations where firearms are not permitted.

For the sake of our students and teachers, the Hawaii State Teachers Association asks your committee to **support** this bill.

BILL057 (22)

Dear City Council,

Please do not pass this restriction on the carrying of firearms by the public.

These restrictions excessively burden the public who have a right to self-defense from having access to their tools where ever they may face a dangerous confrontation. Why do you feel it necessary to limit the public's ability to defend themselves when the aggressors, criminals, have no such limitations? Criminals can do anything but we the public have limitations? Who are you protecting with these ordinances anyway?

Perhaps you should read the 2nd Amendment and the 14th Amendments before you jump to the wrong conclusions regarding the rights of the People who you are violating.

Why spend the taxpayer's time and money defending laws that are clearly against the U.S Constitution or even passing these ordinances in the first place? Everyone has the right to self-defense not just the criminals who brake the laws and seem to have access to firearms with few consequences. The police do not have the responsibility to ensure the safety of the individual citizens and most of us can't afford private armed guards. Most of us have a difficult time affording our basic daily needs. What about the people who deal with dangerous individuals every day at the bus stop who protects them? This proposal will embolden the criminal element in our neighborhoods. They will know we can't defend ourselves things will only get worse for the public.

We must carry the most effective tool for self-defense that we can obtain with our limited financial abilities. The current rules in place for the concealed carrying of a firearm are very burdensome for the public. Each individual, tax payers who pay for everything, deserve the ability to exercise the rights guaranteed by our creator and codified in the U.S. Constitution. I don't understand why you believe it necessary to turn our rights into privileges with this proposal. Do not pass this bill. Each council member who votes in favor of this proposal votes against our constitutional rights and should be held accountable.

City Council Bill 57 CD1 and CD2—EK; TDST2

Constituent Council District: 3
Constituent Stance: **Oppose**

Committee on Executive Matters and Legal Affairs
City Council Chamber
Tuesday, February 28, 2023
1 P.M.

Councilmembers,

I continue to **oppose** the City Council’s **Bill 57 Committee Draft 1 (CD1)**, Councilmember Kia‘āina’s proposed **Committee Draft 2 (CD2—EK)**, and Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam’s **Committee Draft 2 (CD2)** because all variations of the bill serve as repeat circumventions of the United States Supreme Court’s decision in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc. v. Bruen*.

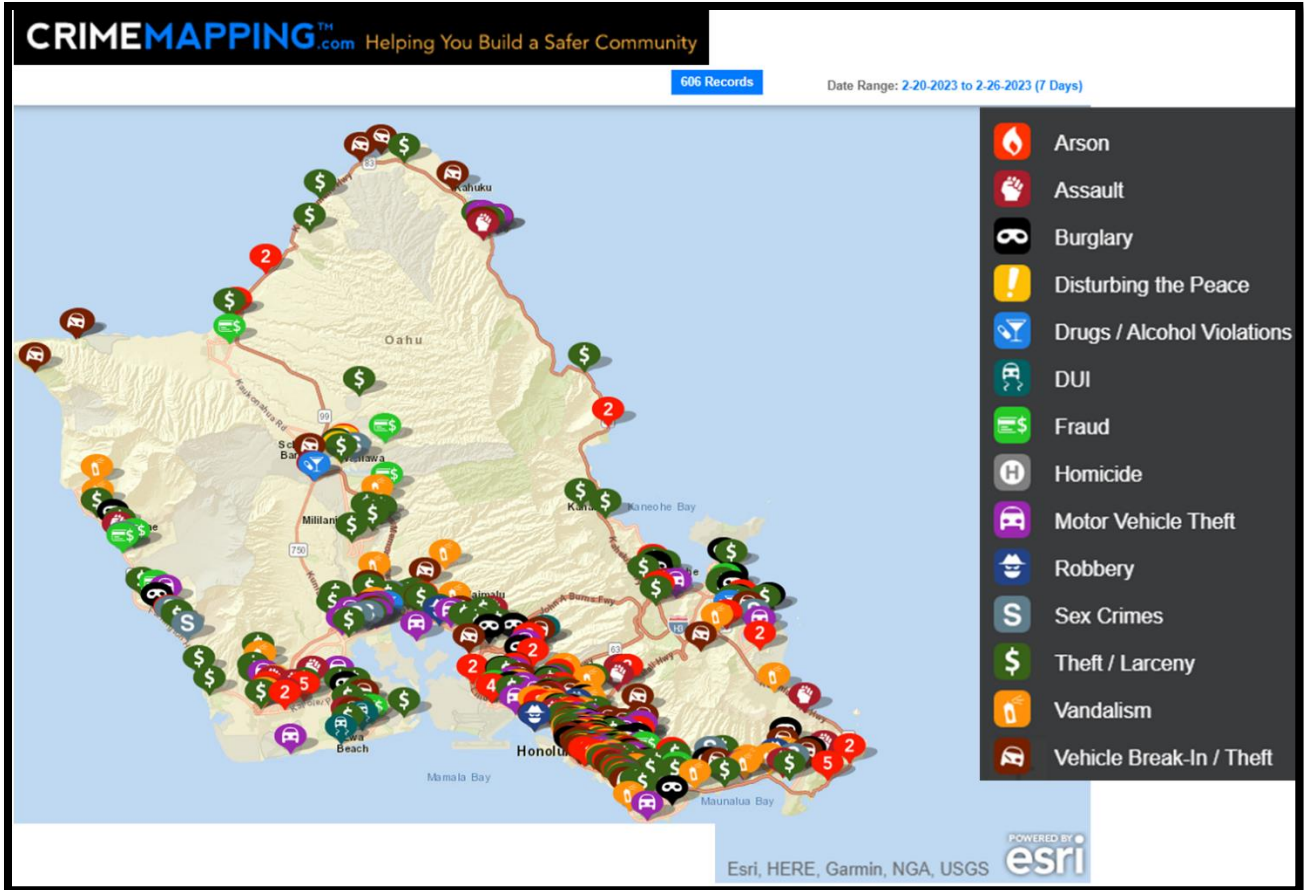
Continuous Overexpansion of CCW Prohibition

Bill 57 and all of its proposed **CDs** impose additional prohibitions against lawful Conceal Carry Weapon (CCW) capabilities by expanding prohibitions to additional so-called “sensitive places.”

Sec. 41. .2 Definitions in all **Bill 57 CDs** have not changed and continue to broadly define “Businesses” and “Business Establishments” to encompass virtually every single private business on the entire island that does not fall under express City purview. Such broad definition continues to prevent businesses from distinguishing themselves as private entities that are distinctly separated from public government offices that are managed by the City and County of Honolulu. **Bill 57 CD1** and Councilmember Kia‘āina’s **CD2—EK** continue to restrict CCW licensee movement by banning CCW carry on parking lots within the proposed **§ 41- .4 Prohibition against the public carry of firearms on private businesses' or charitable establishments' premises without express consent**. Such continued prohibition makes it difficult for CCW holders to complete basic every-day tasks such as dropping off their family members at businesses, retail establishments, and restaurants. The amendments proposed by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam’s **CD2—TDST2** grants the CCW license holder some relief when travelling by car or by foot through certain sensitive places under **§ 41- .4 Prohibition against the public carrying of firearms in a sensitive location—Prohibition against carrying a firearm on a private business establishment's or charitable establishment's premises without express consent**. Despite the moderate relief presented by **CD2—TDST2**, the broad prohibitions therein still mitigates any viable support for the proposal.

Still No Substantive Evidence of Public Safety Assurance by City and County

Bill 57 within all of its **CDs** repeats its superficial purported claim that enhanced CCW restrictions will supposedly “...protect health, life, and property; and...preserve the order and security of the City, its inhabitants, and its visitors.” Readily observable evidence reveals that criminals continue to assail the City Council’s constituents and such criminal activity isn’t associated with increased legal CCW carry. The February 22, 2023 public hearing concerning **Bill 57** revealed that out of the approximately 30 issued CCW licenses, 0 CCW license holders committed any criminal act whatsoever. As it turns out, actual criminals do not even need to use a gun to jeopardize the health, life, and security of the City’s inhabitants. From February 20th through February 27th in 2023 alone, a map generated by Crimemapping.com has revealed over **606 recorded** crimes that affect constituents island-wide are **not** firearm related. In the map below, all data presented is derived from Honolulu Police Department’s (HPD’s) Computer Aided Dispatch System. What is important to note is the fact that the 606 *recorded* incidents are just that—recorded. The number of actual crimes could very well *exceed* the reported number of cases whereby HPD maintains cognizance. Even in a utopian world where there is an absence of firearms and associated “gun violence,” crime will not magically disappear. Merely presenting the argument by stating that, “all crime cannot be stopped all the time,” or, “crimes tend to happen in urbanized areas such as populous cities” are invalid rebuttals to public safety failures. If so much as a single individual is harmed by a single criminal at any location on Oahu, then the City and County of Honolulu cannot claim that it is capable of preserving the order and security of the City, its inhabitants, or its visitors.



Source: <https://www.crimemapping.com/map/agency/165#>

Enduring Enforcement Concerns

Bill 57 in all of its CDs maintains a *prima facie* evidentiary threshold that continues to be problematic since not all private business property lines are clearly delineated by visible or readily identifiable boundary lines. In essence, a CCW license holder will always be 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 will still be forced to make a split-second assessment whether they are in compliance with the law wherever they go at any time. The use of signage facilitates in compliance, however, signage should not be the only means of admitting CCW admittance.

Imposing a misdemeanor based solely upon a *prima facie* basis 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 emergency residential evacuation. Bill 57 in all of its CDs continues to target the CCW license holder since none of the revisions do not account for instances of license theft and consequently subjects the CCW license holder to immediate punishment without any viable recourse or remedy at the time of theft. Moreover, revisions to Chapter 15 of the Rules of the Chief of Police concerning CCW license issuance still 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 their respective county police department in-person—there is no provision for mailing of CCW licenses. Such license duplication limitation creates an artificial burden that continues to be forced upon the CCW license holder.

Focus on Actual Public Safety Assurance

Because of the numerous repetitive prohibitions contained within **Bill 57** and all of its associated **CDs**, I continue to urge that the Council use common sense and defer the bill indefinitely. Numerous bills proposed by the State Legislator continue to mirror the City’s prohibitive CCW efforts. Additionally, any duplicity of effort by the City is a waste of valuable taxpayer resources. Behind closed doors, the City will exhaust taxpayer dollars on court settlement payments for disgraced City officials that abused their constituent-granted powers within their respective offices. Seeing how the City’s financial resources are already being unnecessarily strained, the City Council’s energy should still be focused upon bolstering law enforcement officer staffing efforts to effectively mitigate criminal activity.

Thank you for your consideration and use of reason.

Respectfully,

Ryan C. Tinajero

Constituent of City Council District 3—Kāne‘ohe

TESTIMONY OF ELLEN GODBEY CARSON IN SUPPORT OF Bill 57

I write in strong support of Bill 57, with a request for amendments to strengthen the bill.

While I write as an individual, I have served as president of the Hawaii State Bar Association, the Institute for Human Services (IHS) and Hale Kipa Youth Services. In these capacities, I have strived to strike the right balance for safety of our community and protection of individual rights.

I support Bill 57 because it creates numerous measures to better protect our community, while complying the US Supreme Court's mandate that public carry permits be allowed.

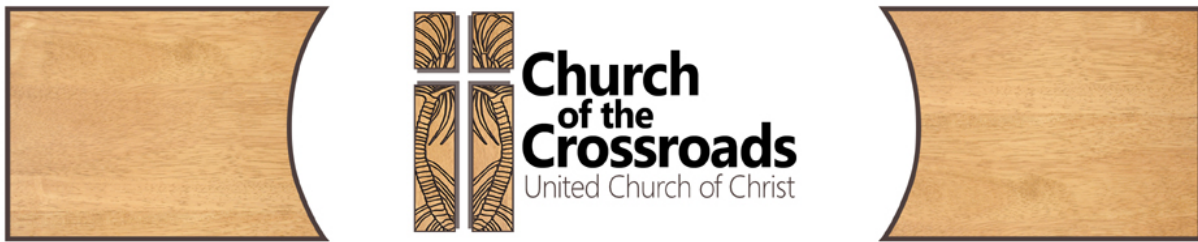
I request the following amendments to help better safeguard our community:

A. Expand "Sensitive places" for adult at-risk populations beyond those included in section 41-___.2, which only includes shelters and residential facilities serving homeless children, at-risk children and children involved in the juvenile justice system. Sensitive places should also include shelters and residential facilities operated by a government entity or charitable establishment serving adults, adults involved in our corrections system and similar at-risk adults. Adults are much more likely to be carrying firearms, in the first place. Most importantly, many of the persons served by these adult programs experience mental illness and/or substance abuse addiction where any presence of a firearm creates an unreasonable and imminent threat of deadly harm.

B. In section 40-___.4(a), certain owners of property are permitted to provide express consent for carrying of firearms on their property, stating "Express consent may include signage." I request amendments so as to require a "clear and conspicuous posting at all public entrances to the property" if any of those property owners want to allow carrying of firearms on their properties. This is the only fair way to provide notice to all persons who may otherwise wish to enter or patronize those locations, that firearms may be present on the property. This will allow us all to make our own reasonable choices for self-protection. Thus, the operative phrase should require that the owner "provide express consent and clearly and conspicuously post a sign at all public entrances to the building or premises indicating that license holders are permitted to carry firearms on the property."

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony and helping protect our most vulnerable residents.

Ellen Godbey Carson
Honolulu, Hawaii
February 27, 2023



A Just Peace and Open and Affirming Congregation

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF BILL 57, WITH REQUEST FOR AMENDMENTS

The Church of the Crossroads celebrates 100 years of being Hawaii's first intentionally multiethnic church. We are a church of approximately 190 members, dedicated to missions that include peace, justice, and stewardship of the environment.

In January 2023, our church congregation voted unanimously to advocate for stronger gun safety measures, including requiring thorough background checks of criminal and mental health history, robust safety training for all firearms permits, transfers and licenses, and prohibiting firearms from Sensitive Places, “broadly defined to include but not be limited to government al buildings, parks, public transportation, sports and entertainment venues, bars and restaurants, commercial establishments, schools and homeless shelters.”

The Church of the Crossroads supports Bill 57, with a request for amendments to strengthen the bill. We support Bill 57 because it creates numerous measures to better protect our community, while complying the unfortunate US Supreme Court’s mandate that public carry permits be allowed. **We request the following amendments to more effectively meet our community’s safety needs:**

A. Expand “Sensitive places” for adult at-risk populations beyond those included in section 41-___.2, which only includes shelters and residential facilities serving homeless children, at-risk children and children involved in the juvenile justice system. Sensitive places should also include shelters and residential facilities operated by a government entity or charitable establishment serving adults, adults involved in our corrections system and similar at-risk adults. Adults are much more likely to be carrying firearms, in the first place. Most importantly, many of the persons served by these adult programs experience mental illness and/or substance abuse addiction where any presence of a firearm creates an unreasonable and imminent threat of deadly harm.

B. In section 40-___.4(a), certain owners of property are permitted to provide express consent for carrying of firearms on their property, stating “Express consent may include signage.” We request amendments so as to require a “clear and conspicuous posting at all public entrances to the property” if any of those property owners want to allow carrying of firearms on their properties. This is the only fair way to provide notice to all persons who may otherwise wish to enter or patronize those locations, that firearms may be present on the property. This will allow us all to make our own reasonable choices for self-protection. Thus, the operative phrase should require that the owner “provide express consent and clearly and conspicuously post a sign at all public entrances to the building or premises indicating that license holders are permitted to carry firearms on the property.”

Thank you for consideration of our testimony and helping protect the safety of our community.



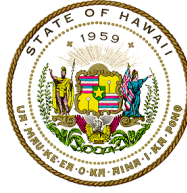
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A Just Peace and Open and Affirming Congregation

Submitted by Ellen Godbey Carson on behalf of the Church of the Crossroads
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February 27, 2023



The Senate

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February 27, 2023

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam and
Members of the Committee on Executive Matters and Legal Affairs
Honolulu City Council
Honolulu Hale
530 S. King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Aloha Committee Chair Dos Santos-Tam and Members:

Subject: Bill 57 (2022), CD1 Relating to Public Carry of Firearms

I am writing to voice my opposition to Bill 57 (2022), CD1 that proposes to define sensitive locations with the City and County of Honolulu where an individual would be prohibited from carrying a firearm.

Congress has reenacted its right to prohibit an unauthorized individual to possess a firearm in a school zone while finding that the importance of education to interstate commerce that authorizes Congress to act. For this reason, State and counties should defer to the federal government on this matter under the doctrine of federal preemption. Under this doctrine, Congress has the right to insist on one uniform set of national regulations for the benefit of having one national set of rules for consistent enforcement.

Thank you for this opportunity to share this testimony for the Honolulu City Council's consideration..

Sincerely,

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City Council
Bill 57 Conceal Carry Sensitive places

City Council members, I continue to oppose this bill and am so disappointed in your refusal to hear the many that have testified in opposition.

At this point there is not much I can add. The many testimonies opposing this bill were so very well done, documented and justified and yet the majority of you have refused to listen or take these things into account.

I can only hope that some of you that have been supporting this bill will give it second thought and perhaps understand that this bill will not produce anything beneficial other than perhaps bring a smile to the criminal.

When criminals aka perpetual law breakers are respectful of sensitive places ... then let talk.

Meantime, I ask that you join the others who are listening to the people, have thought this through and oppose the passing of this bill any further.

Respectfully,
Rita Kama-Kimura



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

‘ŌNAEHANA KULANUI O HAWAII

Testimony

Hō‘ike Mana‘o

Testimony Presented Before the
Committee on Executive Matters and Legal Affairs
February 28, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

by

Kalbert K. Young

Vice President for Budget and Finance/Chief Financial Officer
and

Carrie Okinaga

Vice President for Legal Affairs and University General Counsel
University of Hawai'i System

BILL 57 Proposed CD2 (2022) – RELATING TO THE PUBLIC CARRY OF FIREARMS

Chair Dos Santos-Tam, Vice Chair Cordero, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of this issue. Bill 57 Proposed CD2 defines those sensitive locations within the City and County of Honolulu where the carrying of firearms is prohibited. The University of Hawai'i (UH) is thankful that we are included in the definition of schools in this measure.

The UH supports the definition of “school” as a “sensitive place,” since it has educational, research and cooperative extension locations across the state which are not physically located or adjacent to a campus but provide a wide array of research and education to UH students as well as the general public.

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



Monday, Feb 27, 2023

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 Executive Matters & Legal Affairs Committee:

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 December, media reports indicated [more than 600 permit applications](#) were pending in Honolulu County. 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 handguns¹ and a 13-15 percent increase in violent crime rates more broadly.² *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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¹ 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>.

² 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.

February 27, 2023

Bill 57 2022 CD1 Testimony

Aloha EMLA Chair Dos Santos-Tam and Members of the Committee. Thank You for the opportunity to **testify in support of Bill 57 2022 Proposed CD2 (TDST2)**.

- Due to SCOTUS' New York State Rifle and Pistol Association vs Bruen decision, I applaud the City and County of Honolulu's efforts to limit potential reach and harm of the said decision.
- As a registered firearm owner in the City and County of Honolulu, I believe Bill 57 will help bolster the CCW vetting process and prohibit firearms in a variety of places within the City and County.
- SCOTUS' decision did not hold that a state cannot require a license to carry a firearm in public, as mentioned in an article released by the San Diego Sheriff's Dept on 06/23/22.
- Per an article entitled Cal Matters that covers the California Legislature- the said SCOTUS decision bans enforcement agencies from awarding CCW permits on their own subjective discretion, though SCOTUS' ruling still left it open for states to add their own "objective" standards.
- The ruling also enables Counties and States to specify "sensitive" gun-free zones.
- As of 2021, concealed handgun permits have increased to 21.52 million in the USA including states that require no permits.
- Certain gun advocates continually argue that school shootings like those at Sandy Hook, Ulvalde, St. Louis Central Visual Performing Arts High, and the recent Half Moon Bay workplace shootings could be averted if more guns were available.
- Studies by Kellerman et al showed that in 1995, only 2.5 million guns were used to ward off crime nationally. The USA population is approximately 334,233,854 as of January 1, 2023. To date, there is no observable data supporting that more guns would/will stop gun violence in public places.
- Per the Gun Violence Archive, there have been a reported 39 shootings in the USA by the fourth week of January 2023 resulting in 69 deaths.
- I concur that CCW permit holders should not be allowed to bring firearms into schools, agencies that serve children, government buildings, polling places, and privately owned businesses. The onus should not be placed upon private owners- City legislation should cover this.
- I urge the City Council to ensure that charitable establishments include non-profits serving persons with disabilities/children/vulnerable clients, victims of domestic violence in safe houses and emergency shelters.
- Further, regarding Sensitive Places Within the City to ensure that CCW permittees will be disallowed entirely within Honolulu Hale i.e., Mayor's and Managing Director's offices, Councilmembers and their staff offices, Honolulu Hale

cashiers, and all adjoining/outside departments including BFS, DPP, DFM, DDC, EMS, CUS, DPR, VID.

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- This statistic means one person dies from unintentional gun discharges daily, especially amongst adults younger than 24.
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- I wish to reiterate that CCW permittees should not be allowed to enter banks and financial institutions.
- As a retired social worker of 35 years, I know only too well the effects of gun violence in domestic/child abuse, custody cases, and incarceration cases.
- I also worked as a Legislative Aid at the City Council and Committee Clerk at the State of Hawaii Legislature for a combined total of 11 years.

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- The permittee reportedly informed the House Sergeant at Arms (HSAA) he was armed and was asked to leave.
- As a previous legislative aid/committee clerk I have observed the HSAA is consistently vigilant at public hearings. What was the purpose of bringing a handgun to the State Capitol JHA hearing on 2/14/23?
- Lastly, I urge that the City Council include an addendum page from the City Corporation Counsel documenting legal/constitutional checks for Bill 57 2022 CD1.

Thank You for the opportunity to **testify in support of Bill 57 2022 Proposed CD2 (TDST 2)**.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Leong

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February 27, 2023

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- I reiterate that CCW permittees should not be allowed in banks and financial institutions.

- As the ATRC Executive Director for 25 years, I know only too well the effects of gun violence in domestic/child abuse, abuse of persons with disabilities/children/vulnerable populations, and incarceration cases.
- I am aware that on February 14, 2023, at the State Capitol- Chair David Tarnas publicly reported that a CCW permittee attended the JHA Committee hearing of HB984 with a handgun. The permittee reportedly informed the House Sergeant at Arms (HSAA) he was armed and was asked to leave.
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Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Fischlowitz-Leong
Executive Director

February 27, 2023

Honolulu City Council
Executive Management and Legal Affairs Committee

Re: Bill 057 (22) Related to the Public Carry of Firearms

Dear Council Members:

I am **fully supportive** of the need to delineate spaces where guns are not allowed on Oahu. Please pass the bill as amended and incorporate it into law at the earliest possible date. The safety of our community and especially our young and those at risk is at stake!

Thank you for your help and action,

With Aloha,

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Joe Ferraro, FAIA

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF BILL 57

My name is Marya Grambs and, while I am testifying as an individual, I was previously Executive Director of Mental Health America of Hawaii; I am currently President of the Board of Partners in Care's nonprofit arm and member of the Board of Directors of Waikiki Health; and I am a volunteer at IHS's Women's/Family Homeless Shelter.

If people having guns made us safer – and America now has literally more guns than people – ***we would not lead the world in mass murders and gun-related homicides and suicides.*** As it is, more and more of us now must be fearful in grocery stores, Walmart's, churches, dance clubs, shopping malls, synagogues, and movie theaters because of mass murders that have taken place – never mind elementary, middle, and high schools. Several generations of school children have now gone to school afraid they might face an “active shooter.” The recent Supreme Court's ruling is appalling. As if the second amendment's right to have a “well-regulated militia” means that everyone in America is allowed to have and to carry a gun! It makes no sense.

Bill 57 says guns can't be in schools, parks, shelters, and places like the zoos. That's fine, but I don't want guns in **grocery stores, restaurants, movie theaters, or bars.** Why should people like me have to worry that someone in the produce department might have a gun, or in the seat next to me at a movie theater, or at the table next to me at a restaurant? It's ridiculous, and scary, and unacceptable. It makes no sense. **Having guns all over the community does not make us safer.**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony. Please not only pass Bill 57, but expand the “sensitive places” where guns are not allowed.

TESTIMONY OF SUSAN AU DOYLE IN SUPPORT OF BILL 57, CD1

My name is Susan Au Doyle, and I am submitting testimony as an individual today in support of SB1230, SD1. I apologize that I am not able to attend this important hearing in person.

Thank you for your efforts to make Hawaii a safer place for everyone to live, work and play.

People's views differ widely on whether the designation of sensitive locations will help to improve community safety. However, when I listen to family members who as teachers have been traumatized by "active shooter" training in their schools, it just breaks my heart. I want guns as far away from their classrooms as possible.

Our sense of personal and community safety seems worse today than it was in the 1950s, when we were ducking under our desks doing civil defense drills. Those drills seemed purposeful at the time; training today seems futile in our deeply-divided country, where guns outnumber people and we lead the world in mass murders and gun-related homicides and suicides.

We have to find ways to maximize actual as well as perceived safety in our community. This bill is a step in the right direction, and I urge you to support it.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

TESTIMONY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS BILL 057(22) RELATING TO THE PUBLIC CARRY OF FIREARMS

Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 1:00 pm
Honolulu Hale

Submitted in STRONG OPPOSITION by Mrs. Jamie Detwiler, President, Hawaii Federation of Republican Women.

Honorable Chair Waters and City Council Members

I strongly OPPOSE BILL 57, RELATING TO THE PUBLIC CARRY OF FIREARMS for the following reasons:

1. The U.S. Constitution Second Amendment states, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed. Furthermore, the Second and Fourteenth Amendments protect an individual's right to carry a handgun for self-defense outside the home.
2. Do you have the historical documents related to the drafting of Bill 57?
The Supreme Court was clear in Bruen (June 2022) that in order for any gun control legislation to pass constitutional muster under the Second Amendment, such legislation must be consistent with historical tradition. The state has had six months since Bruen to identify well-established and representative historical information. There is no historical tradition cited in Bill 57.
3. We can all agree that violent crimes involving firearms are tragic. But the dictate of Bruen is clear: "legislative interest balancing is understanding and elsewhere, appropriate. However, it is not deference that the Constitution demands here. While the authors of this bill may disagree with Bruen, it may not disobey it.
4. Sensitive places. In the 2022 Bruen decision, Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas said that there were a handful of places where guns could be constitutionally banned. He called these "sensitive areas" and they include places like courthouses, jails, and similar establishments. This makes sense as these are places where some are more inclined to be violent. These specific places are secured so that virtually no one can bring a gun in because metal detectors are used, not signs on the door. Currently, the term "sensitive area" is being used to justify additional restrictions.
5. There are countless stories verified by law enforcement records where criminals intending to kill innocent citizens in shopping malls, restaurants, and other heavily populated areas were stopped by a trained law-abiding conceal-carrying citizen. On February 1, 2023, a very tragic incident took place in Mililani, where my family and I have resided for 35 years. A mother and her infant were run down by a crazed man

using his vehicle as a weapon and then beaten by the same man. An innocent bystander providing first aid to the critically injured woman was also beaten by the perpetrator. If a trained law-abiding citizen who was licensed to conceal carry were there, the outcome would have been much different with minimal critical injuries.

Once again, I strongly OPPOSE Bill 57. Please vote NO.
Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Jamie Detwiler, MSW
President Hawaii Federation of Republican Women
Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Advocate, and Kama'aina

To: Honolulu City Council, Executive and Legal Affairs Committee
From: Todd Yukutake, District 6
For Bill 57 concerning "sensitive places" hearing 2-28-23

I **OPPOSE** Bill 57.

I am opposed to this bill due to it is unconstitutional and punishes good gun owners. This bill is a reaction to fear and panic, not facts and rights. Many people fear concealed carry will lead to increased crime however this is not the case. This bill only affects lawful concealed carry holders and not criminals.

Criminals:

1. Are usually repeat offenders already prohibited from even touching guns.
2. Already face tougher felony punishments such as murder, robbery, assault, etc. They won't blink at facing a sensitive place misdemeanor.
3. It is the government's fault for most crime, the lack of enforcement on criminals "revolving door" which keeps criminals on the streets.
4. A forcefield isn't erected around these "sensitive places" to block criminals.

CCW License holders:

1. Are above the average citizens
2. Are law abiding people with good morals.
3. Go through a background and mental health check
4. Must maintain a good record or face losing their firearms rights.
5. Want to protect themselves and others against crime.

Most secure areas which prohibit firearms, such as military bases, airports, courts, police stations, federal buildings, etc have very restrictive policies. They restrict access to certain persons, have metal detectors and pat downs, xray machines, and lots of armed security everywhere. Basically they are responsible for your security if they disarm a CCW holder, and also actively prevent criminals from bringing in weapons too.

Bill 57 does the opposite of this so it does not work. For example at a park, there is no security checkpoints, no armed security presence, and criminals are free to bring firearms in. CCW license holders cannot bring their firearm in and it is unfair that they can't, but criminals can.

Please apply logic to this bill, and visualize how you think this bill would actually work because it wont affect crime. Instead it will hurt the good people you represent.

Todd Yukutake

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The Institute for Human Services, Inc.
Ending the Cycle of Homelessness

TO: Chair Tommy Waters, Honolulu City Council

FROM: Connie Mitchell, Executive Director
IHS, The Institute for Human Services, Inc.

RE: Bill 57 - PUBLIC CARRY OF FIREARMS

HEARING: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 1:00 PM.

POSITION: IHS is in support of Bill 57 with amendments.

IHS, the Institute for Human Services has been providing emergency shelter services to adult men, women, and families with children on Oahu for over 40 years. In recent years, we have experienced an increase in conflicts and threats of bodily harm for guests, and even instances of persons threatening gun violence. Thus far, we have been fortunate to have not yet suffered tragedy as a result.

However, as laws evolve here in Hawaii to make guns generally more accessible, we would greatly appreciate the outlawing of firearms possession in homeless shelters, inclusive of those that serve adults exclusively.

In recent months we have intensified our searches upon entrance into our shelters and have uncovered weapons of all kinds, including guns in some instances. Homeless adults, many of whom are quite vulnerable, deserve to be protected from violence just as much as children.

The threat of gun violence has prompted our operations staff to undergo active shooter training, and we have established a zero tolerance for violence policy. We still endeavor to serve as many persons as possible and understand when tensions increase, people may have outbursts. But we must insist on a minimum level of civility to encourage discipline and personal *kuleana* to provide a safe sanctuary for all. Our support for Bill 57 is not motivated by a desire to deprive anyone of the ability of using guns to hunt or even having it in their own home, rather research shows that we are safer as a community when there are fewer guns being carried among us. This measure clearly defines where firearms may be carried and by whom.

We support Bill 57 as it creates numerous measures to better protect our community, while complying with the federal mandate that public carry permits be allowed. We request and are in support of the following amendments to more effectively meet our community's safety needs:

- A. **Expansion of “sensitive places” for at-risk populations to include adult homeless shelters:** Section (c)(3) only includes shelters and at-risk programs serving children. The bill should include adult homeless shelters, programs serving adults being released from our corrections system and similar at-risk adults. Many of the guests served by these adult programs experience mental illness and/or substance use disorders where any presence of a firearm creates an unnecessary and imminent threat of deadly harm.
- B. **Require a “clear and conspicuous posting” if any of those property owners want to allow carrying of firearms on their properties:** Section 40-___4(a) only requires certain



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owners of property are permitted to provide express consent for carrying of firearms on their property, stating “Express consent may include signage.” This amendment would fairly provide notice to all persons who may otherwise wish to enter or patronize those locations, that firearms may be present on the property. This will allow us all to make our own reasonable choices for self-protection. Thus, the operative phrase should require that the owner “provide express consent and clearly and conspicuously post a sign at the entrance of the building or on the premises indicating that license holders are permitted to carry firearms on the property.”

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



Testimony of Deb Nehmad.
Support for BILL 57
Before the Hawaii EMLA Committee 2/7/23

Chair Dos-santos Tam, Vice Chair Kia aina, distinguished members of the EMLA Committee,

My name is Deb Nehmad and I am speaking today on behalf of Brady. I am a resident of Hawaii Kai and I thank you for the opportunity to speak today in support of BILL 57 without the Tupola amendments.

As the state with the second lowest gun death rate in the country, I am proud of the way Hawaii leadership has worked tirelessly to protect its constituents from the threat of gun violence. This safety has been threatened with the judgment of the Supreme Court in *Bruen*, which greatly weakened existing provisions of Hawaii's concealed carry permitting system.

Evidence has shown that states with weakened concealed carry permitting systems saw an increase of up to 15% in violent crime over a period of ten years. It has been reported that since the release of the *Bruen* decision, over 600 residents have reportedly applied for concealed carry permits, with 436 applications pending in Oahu as of Sept. 2022. If these applications are granted, it increases the number of people who will be able to carry firearms in public spaces. These numbers are daunting: if Hawaii does not respond with immediate action addressing the SCOTUS decision, our lives will be put at risk.

It's important to note that The Supreme Court in *Bruen* did make clear that its holding was "neither a regulatory straight jacket nor a

regulatory blank check,” and that restrictions on guns in sensitive places are still permissible, so long as they are objective. It would be illogical to deem a swath of locations “not sensitive,” simply because the list seems too long.

Importantly, Bill 57 outlines certain places where firearms cannot and should not be carried, including preschools, daycares, all forms of public transportation, hospitals and care facilities, establishments that sell liquor, public event spaces, playgrounds, parks and athletic areas open to the public and more. The Supreme Court in *Bruen* left it up to municipalities and State legislatures to regulate firearms in these areas, and that is exactly what this bill does. The presence of guns in these areas is frankly inappropriate and responsible gun owners agree that concealed weapons should have no place in these spaces.

Bill 57 as currently written also respects the right of private individuals and entities to choose for themselves whether to allow or restrict the carrying of firearms on their property by providing that firearms shall not be carried on private property open to the public without the express authorization of the owner, lessee, operator, or manager of the property. Recognizing the risks to public health, safety, and welfare associated with firearms and gun violence, and based on the Mayor's and the majority of the Council's assessment of public sentiment and broadly shared preferences within the County, the current bill establishes a default rule with respect to carrying firearms on private property open to the public that provides for private entities to “opt-in” to authorize the public carry of firearms on their property.

Brady strongly opposes the proposed amendment by Councilmember Tupola to water down other protections set forth in Bill 57. The definition of "Sensitive Place" is much too narrow. The amendment places the onus on owners of private property to affirmatively post that firearms are prohibited which could lead to unnecessary and potentially dangerous confrontations. It also eases the penalties for violations. *Under the proposed amendment, a person found or seen in a prohibited area is prima facie in violation and has demonstrated an inability or unwillingness to be law-abiding.* Such persons should lose their license to carry and be disqualified for a period from being able to reapply for a license.

The entire proposed amendment countervenes the intent of Bill 57 to keep the City and County as safe as possible. Please retain the current language as written and reject the Tupola amendment.

On behalf of Brady, I respectfully urge this committee's support of the bill without the Tupola amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Nehmad
President, Brady Hawaii
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Aloha, Honolulu City Councilmembers:

My name is Erica Yamauchi, I live in Kaimukī, and I am testifying today in strong support of Bill 57. I am the statewide co-lead of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, which currently has local groups on O‘ahu, Kaua‘i and Hawai‘i Island.

Guns don’t belong at schools, parks and other places where people gather and children play, but without this ordinance that’s exactly what will happen. We’ve already seen this take place on the Big Island, where their county council has left it up to each individual public park, playground and school to decide whether firearms are allowed or not allowed, which will only lead to confusion and negative interactions among public workers and community members.

As a mother of two young children, I don’t want to have to now wonder whether someone is carrying a gun every time I go into a local business or when I take my family to the zoo, playground, or the beach. It’s also just common sense that guns don’t belong in bars and restaurants where alcohol is being served.

Further, my husband and I are small business owners in Kaimukī, one of Honolulu’s best neighborhoods to live, work, shop and dine in. Many business owners like us don’t want the undue burden of having to create signage and/or have to tell people they can’t bring their firearms into our business. We especially appreciate this provision in Bill 57, where businesses must proactively state with signage that firearms are welcome.

More guns equal more gun violence. The idea that concealed guns could now be in these public places makes me feel less safe in our community, and honestly, it makes me sad that these special places on our island, in the background of our everyday lives, could now be potentially dangerous. Hawai‘i is currently one of the safest states in the nation, with one of the lowest rates of gun deaths per capita. This is not due to chance. It’s not by accident. It’s due to sound public policy, and we must do everything we can to protect our state, our families and our people.

I appreciate Mayor Blangiardi proposing this common-sense ordinance and I hope the Council will pass it quickly, as the new Honolulu Police Department rules are already in effect with potentially hundreds of public carry permits being approved very soon.

On behalf of Moms Demand Action’s Hawai‘i Chapter, local island groups and our members, I stand in strong support of Bill 57 and am grateful to you, our local leaders in Honolulu, who understand the importance of keeping firearms out of sensitive locations where the risk of harm is particularly high. We hope the ordinance passes and that the legislature will follow Honolulu’s lead by passing statewide legislation to address this pressing issue. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Erica Yamauchi, State Co-Lead (Kaimukī/Wilhelmina Rise)

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