RES26-199
Testimony

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*PUBLIC SAFETY & ECONOMY (PSE)

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Meeting Date: Nov 18, 2026 @ 01:00 PM

Support: 5

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

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Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Hawai'i Chapter Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America	Support	Nov 16, 2026 @ 06:17 PM

Testimony:

Aloha Chair Tulba, Vice Chair Kia'āina, and members of the Committee,

My name is Terriann Mohideen and I volunteer with our Hawai'i Chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America.

We would like to urge the Committee to approve this resolution. We thank HPD for their ongoing efforts at modernization as they work each day to keep our communities safe from gun violence. Using eTrace to share data and the Officer Suzanne O NIBIN site newly set up this summer as well as training on ghost guns, will help identify unserialized firearms illegally manufactured (a growing threat in our communities), help look into if criminals are moving from one of our counties to another, and help identify firearms brought in from the mainland.

Mahalo for your time.

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Self	Support	Nov 16, 2026 @ 08:51 PM

Testimony:

Support safer communities and prevention of violent crimes through this framework, please kokua.

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Mary Ellen Williams	maryellenwilliams.hi@gmail.com	96813
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Nov 17, 2026 @ 10:32 AM

Testimony:

I support Resolution 26-199 urging Honolulu Police Department to utilize the eTrace system.

By capturing firearm data through eTrace, HPD can identify and statistically rank communities impacted by firearms to create proactive strategies that address firearm trafficking and gun violence.

eTrace and National Integrated Ballistic Information Network are critical tools that HPD can use to ensure public safety.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
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Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Nov 17, 2026 @ 10:47 AM

Testimony:

Aloha,

I support this bill. I believe more data will help us solve more crimes and lead to gun violence prevention. We are seeing a rise in gun violence on this island and I think this bill is very much needed. Please support this bill with our keiki in mind, they deserve to grow up in a place free from gun violence.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Marcus Garg	students@everytown.org	96821
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Students Demand Action	Support	Nov 18, 2026 @ 04:42 AM

Testimony:

Aloha Councilmembers, thank you for acknowledging my testimony today.

My name is Marcus Garg and I am a 10th-grade student here in Honolulu, and I am speaking up today because illegal gun trafficking and other modern firearm threats deeply concern me.

As a high schooler, I can see concern in my classmates and peers when there is another shooting on the news.

We truly feel like not enough is being done to protect us, and we do not want to wait to be victims of a horrible tragedy before simple change can occur.

Something that is truly terrifying to my generation is the rise of untraceable weapons. Between 2017 and 2023, 247 ghost guns were recovered in connection with crimes across the state. Additionally, in an average year, 66 people die, and 103 more are wounded by guns in Hawai'i, costing our state over $900 million. This is unacceptable, and we are not doing enough to save lives. A simple way to protect people across the state would be to trace crime guns and opt into collective data sharing. As of right now, the lack of data sharing has created a "blind spot" that is making it difficult to see different patterns such as firearm trafficking or the effectiveness of new gun policy.

My experiences lead me to emphasize the urgent need to require crime gun tracing, comprehensive data-sharing, enhanced officer training on 3D-printed firearms, and the annual publication of crime gun data today.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify today.