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Senator David Y. Ige
Chairperson
Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs
415 South Beretania Street, Room 225
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Senate Bill 2263, RELATING TO CHAPTER 134

Dear Senator Ige:

The Hawai'i Police Department supports the passage of Senate Bill 2263, Relating to Chapter 134, that amends current law to comply with certain provisions of the federal law contained in the "Brady Bill".

This measure seeks to amend Chapter 134, to reflect the current Federal requirement that state firearms registration records include place of birth, country of citizenship, and for non-citizens, an alien or admission number. In addition, to require checks be conducted of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System and the Immigration and Customs Enforcement databases, when an applicant is not a citizen of the United States. These proposed changes are in the best interest of public safety and we do not foresee it having any detrimental impact on our department.

We are also in agreement with the Office of the Attorney General that should Hawai'i not conform to federal law, it runs the risk of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, decertifying the county firearm registration sections from issuing firearms permits, which would negatively impact our State and not in the best interest of public safety.

For these reasons, we urge this committee to support this legislation with the changes recommended by the Office of the Attorney General. Thank you for allowing the Hawai'i Police Department to testify on S.B. No. 2263.

Sincerely,

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