

SB2531 - SUPPORT Sen. Iga, COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS February 14, 2006, 3:00 PM, Room 225, 35 copies.

This legislation has proven successful in 38 states and efforts are underway to pass like legislation in the remaining states. The public benefits of "shall issue" concealed carry permits are obvious as all states with such laws have experienced lower crime rates with virtually no problems with the responsible citizens who choose to become concealed carry permit holders. As crime is reduced, policing expenditures drop, the public is safer and the costs of crime to victims and the wider public are reduced. In contrast, countries hoping to reduce crime with draconian restrictive antigun measures, such as Great Britain and Australia, have seen massive increases in violent crime. The freedoms enumerated in the Bill of Rights actually work. Hawaii should join with the other states currently experiencing less crime by passing SB2531.



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