

**HAWAII RIFLE ASSOCIATION**  
**Founded 1857**

**THE STATE AFFILIATE  
OF THE NATIONAL  
RIFLE ASSOCIATION**

February 13, 2006

**TESTIMONY ON SB2533, IN STRONG SUPPORT**  
Before the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs,  
Tuesday, February 14, 2006  
3:00 PM, Conference Room 225  
Sgt-At-Arms please provide 35 copies

Honorable Chair, Co-Chair, and Members,

Hawaii Rifle Association is in strong support of this bill to preempt the counties from passing firearms ordinances.

We believe Senator Slom and his colleagues, Senators Trimble and Inouye, introduced this bill in response to the seizure of firearms from law-abiding citizens ordered by the Mayor and Chief of Police of New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina.

Hawaii is subject to natural disasters and the breakdown of law and order that can follow. We would not want to be in a Waikiki residence, for instance, without our personal firearms, when power, transportation, communication, and police protection are cut off for weeks.

Please pass this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of HRA.



Dr. Maxwell A. Cooper,  
Legislative Chair, 261-8988