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Firearms laws should be consistent throughout the state. Local legal aberrations can inadvertently make criminals out of honest law-abiding citizens as they travel. In addition, in times of crisis, experience has shown that law enforcement can be overwhelmed with rescue efforts, and that opens the door for criminal elements to prey on the public. In such emergencies, the public must defend itself, and that is one of the purposes of the Second Amendment of the U. S. Constitution and Article 17 of the Hawaii Constitution. The ability to defend oneself is paramount, and local agencies should not be able to confiscate weapons from law-abiding citizens in times of crisis.



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