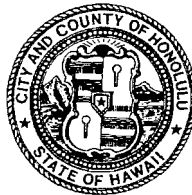


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February 14, 2006

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs  
The Senate  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Ige and Members:

Subject: Senate Bill No. 2533, Relating to Firearms

I am Raymond Ancheta, Captain of the Records and Identification Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD opposes Senate Bill No. 2533, because it eliminates the counties from the firearms regulation system.

The current law allows the counties to adopt and enforce ordinances, resolutions, motions, and administrative actions, which have been efficient and effective in protecting Hawaii's citizens. Under this system of firearms regulation, Honolulu has enjoyed the distinction of being one of the safest cities nationally as well as internationally.

The HPD is of the opinion that the current law allows government to be more responsive to firearms-related issues through this shared responsibility between state and county government. Eliminating the counties from this proven successful, firearms regulation system will make government less responsive to firearms issues.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

Sincerely,

  
BOISSE P. CORREA  
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RAYMOND ANCHETA, Captain  
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