



WHAT DOES THE HAWAII RIFLE ASSOCIATION DO FOR YOU?

HRA LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY 1990-2014

With a lot of help from Legislators not afraid to show their support for gun rights, NRA, and a lot of real patriots ready to work to support their rights and 2nd Amendment heritage, HRA has steadfastly promoted gun rights in Hawaii over the last two and a half decades.

HANDGUN BAN DEFEATED In 1990, in the State-of-the-State message at the beginning of his second term as Governor, John Waihee announced this was "a good year to ban all guns in Hawaii." The President of the Senate, Dickie Wong, the county police chiefs, the Attorney General, the county prosecutors, the Health Department, medical and religious leaders, and the Advertiser newspaper joined together to promote a bill that would have made Hawaii the first state in the U.S. to ban handguns. The bill passed the Senate but was amended in the House to a requirement for training, thanks to brave opposition by House Speaker Joe Souki and Judiciary Chair Terrance Tom. **HRA was instrumental.**

ASSAULT WEAPON BAN DEFEATED In 1992 Hawaii's legislative leaders tried to predate Clinton's nationwide 1994 "assault weapon" ban with a sweeping ban on semi-auto rifles and shotguns. The proponents settled for a ban on "assault" pistols and limiting detachable box magazines to 10 rounds. **HRA again organized gun rights supporters in opposition.** Had the bill passed, Hawaii would still likely have an "assault rifle and shotgun" ban, even after the repeal of the federal ban.

.50 CAL BAN DEFEATED In 2008, **HRA led the opposition** to HPD Chief Boisse Correa's bill to ban .50 caliber rifles.

Not just on the defensive always, HRA has been instrumental in passing significant pro-gun legislation:

Practical safe storage requirements

Relief from disability to possess firearms and ammunition ("no longer adversely affected")

Lawful firearms possession by visiting hunters and competitors who are not U.S. citizens

Spouse co-registration

Simplified transfer of estate firearms (a copy of a death certificate allows simple transfer to a dealer)

Protection against seizure of firearms during a disaster emergency

Castle Doctrine relief from civil suit in stand-your-ground situations

Limited immunity from liability for NRA Instructors teaching handgun courses required for a handgun permit

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