



**TO:** Interested Parties  
**FROM:** Everytown for Gun Safety  
**RE:** Hawai'i Gun Safety Laws Survey Findings  
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A Ward Research survey of 695 registered voters in Hawai'i (390 from O'ahu and 305 across the neighbor islands) conducted from March 21– 30, 2024 reveals significant public support for stronger gun safety laws in the state. The findings indicate strong support for banning the purchase and possession of semiautomatic rifles and high-capacity magazines that exceed 10 rounds.

### KEY FINDINGS

- A clear majority of registered voters in Hawai'i recognize the need for stronger gun safety measures. Three in four (**75%**) registered voters believe people should not be allowed to purchase or own semiautomatic rifles like AR-15s - a whopping 52-point advantage compared to those who oppose such a policy.
- Even more voters—**80%**—**think high-capacity magazines that exceed 10 rounds should be banned.**
- **Gun owners are largely aligned with the rest of the electorate** and agree with these measures: **61%** say semiautomatic rifles should not be available for purchase or ownership, while **65%** think high-capacity magazines over 10 rounds should not be legal to buy.
- **These proposals have bipartisan backing.** A majority of self-identified Republicans in Hawai'i say semiautomatic rifles should be restricted (**53%**) as well as high-capacity magazines (**55%**).

The message is clear: Hawai'i voters recognize the serious threat posed by semiautomatic rifles and high-capacity magazines and support stronger gun laws to keep these dangerous weapons off their streets. They overwhelmingly support common-sense legislation to protect their communities.