

Subject: SB 839

Hon. Gayle Slossberg

I believe that placing the Board of Firearms Examiners under the Department of Public Safety is a ' Due Process- Fair Hearing Issue '.

Eliminating the autonomy and purpose of the civilian review board by placing it under the authority of the same agency which has the power to revoke pistol permits, does not meet the intent of the legislature when this board was established. Nor can this meet the needs of citizens seeking Due Process.

Also, in times of economic stress, a board which consists of unpaid volunteers, Has served the state and its citizens well, and except for a secretary and office expenses charges nothing to the state, is far less costly than a newly established branch of the State Police.

Please vote against this change, which certainly is not needed.

Respectfully

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