

**Subject: RE: SB839**

**Hon. Gayle Slossberg**

I believe 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 these times of economic stress, a board which consists of unpaid volunteers and has

served the state and its citizens very good over the years, cannot be overlooked.

Except for a secretary and office expenses, there is very little cost to the state and 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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