

Senator Winfield, Representative Stafstrom, and distinguished members of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary:

I urge you to support:

S.B. 940 AN ACT AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PERSONS TO CARRY HANDGUNS IN STATE PARKS AND STATE FORESTS.

H.B. 5227 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF FIREARMS BY MUNICIPALITIES.

H.B. 5870 AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSFER OF ASSAULT WEAPONS AND LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES.

I strongly urge you to oppose:

S.B. No. 60 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRESENTATION OF A CARRY PERMIT.

H.B. No. 7218 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS IN THE HOME.

H.B. No. 7219 AN ACT CONCERNING GHOST GUNS.

H.B. No. 7223 AN ACT CONCERNING THE STORAGE OF A PISTOL OR REVOLVER IN A MOTOR VEHICLE.

A number of the bills proposed which I express my opposition too will negatively impact minorities and those with little financial means.

Presenting a pistol permit while lawfully carrying when one isn't violating any laws could be seen as "profiling". It is concerning that people who would object to profiling based on skin color or religion would think it a good idea to profile based on one's inherent and natural right to self-defense when said person is not violating any other laws while lawfully carrying a firearm.

The gun owners of this state already labor under very restrictive firearm laws. Most of which do nothing to curtail violence and crime. Instead most of these laws including some of those proposed will ONLY impact those who follow the law. Placing, once again, another burden upon those least likely to violate the law.

This state is already seeing an outflow of citizens seeking to escape what the legislators of this state are inflicting upon its citizens. Please don't increase that outflow by enacting additional useless and burdensome anti rights laws that impact only the law abiding and have no effect on crime.

I strongly urge you to favorably vote; S.B. 940, H.B. 5227, H.B. 5870 out of the Judiciary Committee and oppose; S.B. 60, H.B. 7218, H.B. 7219, H.B. 7223.

Sincerely,

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