

Aloha,

This legislation will create the crime of endangering a minor by allowing access to a firearm. The crime is punishable by a Class A Misdemeanor and individuals convicted under the law will be prohibited from owning a firearm.

Under the bill, an individual will be liable if he or she meets three criteria: 1) the individual possess an operable firearm on premises under his or her control, 2) the firearm is in a location where the person knows or reasonably should know that a minor could gain access to the firearm, and 3) a minor obtains the firearm without permission from the person or the minor's parents or legal guardians. Individuals are not liable if they keep the firearm in a locked container or use a gun lock.

Testimony: What this country and this state needs is more freedoms and less restrictions. We do not need more so-called "gun control" as it is not really about guns but about more control and expanding ever increasing restrictions on law abiding firearm owners. The bottom line; all laws are for people who follow the law. Criminals do not follow laws by their very nature.

In our home all of the adults have concealed carry permits. All minors are old enough and have been trained in firearm handling and most important in firearm safety by their parents and firearm training classes. All of our firearms are either on our persons or within easy access of all of the responsible people in our family

adult and minors in case one was needed to protect our family and home. As I said, everyone in our family is responsible and well trained. Passing a law such as the one in question would require us to lock up all firearms when not holstered and have to fumble around with locks if and when an emergency arose.

If law makers really wanted to do something positive laws would be passed to strengthen the Second Amendment, not continuously chipping away at it. "Common Sense" laws would be Constitutional Carry and mandatory training for anyone that would like to exercise their god given right to self-defense and the protection of their family. The more firearms that are in the hands of responsible law-abiding people always equals to less crime. The next common sense law would be to repeal the so-called "gun free zones" that are magnets for deranged criminals looking for a mass of unarmed defenseless soft targets like schools and shopping malls.

I oppose SB 945 or any other restricting and unconstitutional laws that hamper or restrict my ability for self-preservation and the protection of my family.

Sincerely,

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