

SB 945 –

Thank you for taking a moment to read the following thoughts on the matter.

First I want to bring to light this - **The more you post anti gun laws, the happier you are making the criminal element.**

In my opinion, SB 945 is another means of “Gun control” by our State Government. Please say “NO” to SB 945...

Education of the safe handling of firearms should be foremost in the search for a way to curb accidental discharges of firearms by minors who, in their never-ending curiosity happen to find a firearm and treats it like a toy.

Growing up in a house with firearms I was taught at an early age what they were and the safe handling of them. I have children, and they have been taught at a very early age to respect the firearm and that there is a difference between those in video games, toy replicas and the real deal. They are now in their “Teen’s” and “Twenties” and without any incidents.

Do you actually think any parent that owns a firearm want a tragic accident with a minor child and a firearm? Not on your life. If it accidentally happens and they get hurt, or killed, don’t you think that was enough of a tragedy? That their world has now been torn completely apart? Now you want to add in that they will be held criminally responsible?

That’s a smart move – to take and completely add more misery, destroy the rest of the family by putting the breadwinner in jail: Now they lose their job, their home, and end up in the welfare system that is already overworked and under budgeted. Nice Move! - (Note the sarcasm) seriously though; this bill, SB 945 is a terrible response about a small number of minors who find a weapon that end tragically.

I agree safety measure should be in place to work on “Zero” accidental incidents, but not with this bill. I cannot stress enough about “Weapon Safety Education” by all who own weapons instead of punishment. (Wouldn’t hurt to educate those that do not want a weapon to be familiar with weapons safety)

It would be more prudent to create a law that would require anyone who wants to buy and own a weapon to have a “Firearms Safety Course Certificate” first and must present that certificate at the time of purchase. That makes more sense than what this bill suggests; and it doesn't take away the right to own a gun or invoke gun control legislation.

I respectfully urge you to table this bill and come up with something more befitting; something that adds to a safety measure rather than another form of gun control. It seems irresponsible for our legislative body to continually attack the 2nd amendment with “Bills” containing colorful rhetoric about emotional elements but include gun control measures and other hidden agendas.

Thanks again for your time

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