

Judiciary Committee;

SB 978 is more about increasing the difficulty, and complexity of gun ownership rather than public safety.

I secure my firearms and ammunition in an approved safe so I have done all I could to safely secure the guns. If the safe is broken into, why should I be accountable for the stolen guns if I report them stolen within 24 hours? This is not public safety, this is going after the gun owner and increasing difficulty of ownership thereby discouraging gun ownership.

How is increasing the Concealed Carry permit fee going to increase public safety? Concealed Carry holders are not the problem. The Portland gang members carry guns without a permit and will not be affected by the increased fee and will still carry. Again, SB 978 targets the law abiding gun owner.

Finally, the recent Aurora, ILL shooting could have been prevented had the local police followed up on the shooter's gun confiscation requirement. His Concealed Carry permit process turned up a felony conviction and thus the requirement for surrendering the gun. This local police never followed this up. If the same thing happens here, are you going to hold the police accountable?

SB 978-1 targets the law abiding gun owner and will not reduce gun violence. Someone planning a mass shooting does not care about a gun free zone and has already stocked up on ammunition and high capacity magazines. SB 978 will not stop anything.

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