

Vote No on SB978. The key to firearms safety is not more legislation or confiscation it is EDUCATION. I have been a volunteer Hunter Education instructor for the ODFW for close to 38 years I feel that the way to firearms safety is through education. there are so much misinformation out about firearms (the biggest sources Hollywood television and video games) that most uninformed people haven't got a clue about what a firearm is capable of doing. A firearm is a tool just like a knife a hammer or a garden rake. We need to begin teaching respect for firearms in school beginning with the young with something like the NRA Eddie Eagle program, then Hunter Education and Firearms training should be a part of jr. high, also any first time gun owners should have a training course. On the criminal or illegal use of a firearm side of the issue, as long as our court system continues to show leniency in the prosecution of crimes involving firearms there will be little change, unless you get tough on offenders it will always be a problem. Safe and responsible gun owners are not the ones causing the problems. William Taylor Baker
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