

This is my testimony regarding HB 4005.

This bill not only forces firearm owners to lock up their self-defense firearms (making them virtually useless in the event of a violent crime), it punishes them even if they *DO* lock up firearms. While it penalizes gun owners if their firearms are stolen, it does *nothing* to penalize the gun thieves.

The bill makes *the lawful firearm owner* strictly liable for misuse of guns that were stolen from them!

It requires that you use dangerous and easily defeated “trigger” or “cable” locks that violate every rule of gun safety but mandates that *the lawful firearm owner* be prosecuted if you use the locks and a thief can defeat them (which of course any thief can).

The bill also virtually eliminates minor’s use of firearms even to protect themselves and their families in their own homes. Under this bill, a 17-year-old with years of shooting experience would not be allowed to have access to a self defense firearm. Imagine how this will affect families in remote areas.

Needless to say this bill will have a devastating effect on youth shooting programs.

The bill requires (for no discernible reason) that firearms that are *lawfully transferred* (through gun dealers) are locked up during transfer and makes the transferor liable for *two years* for misuse of a legally transferred firearm if it was not locked. This assumes that for some reason the person to whom you lawfully transferred a firearm, with a background check, will not remove the required lock...for two years!

It also begs the question: What about lawful citizens that hold a Concealed Handgun License? Will the firearm they are carrying for self-defense and to stop a violent crime be required to be locked up? How will that make anyone safer? The time it would take to get the key and unlock the firearm could easily lead to being unsuccessful in stopping a violent crime, including mass shootings; the instances where an armed citizen has stopped a mass murder are not reported in the media but are much more common that most people realize.

None of the components of this bill make anyone safer. In fact, these rules will easily get people killed in the event of a criminal attack.

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