

Honorable legislators,

I oppose HB2510.

This is not an emergency and playing the emergency card almost takes all ability of the people to rescind legislation. That is the act of an authoritarian government... one that chooses to further its political stronghold through emergency clauses. If this was such an emergency, why didn't we see this in 2013, shortly after the criminal stole the gun to commit the murders this law is drafted in the name of?

I oppose it not because I oppose safe storage of firearms, but because you would choose to try and hold people directly liable for the actions of criminals, regardless if the guns were locked up or not, for an entire two years after their theft. You have two separate sections that cover the same circumstances, one allows exceptions for liability, the other does not that leaves people holding the bag regardless which way someone else gets ahold of the firearm. This is not just about safe gun storage. You are trying to strong arm gun owners into submission, for simply trying to exercise a God given right.

I oppose it because you would have a bureaucracy, the health department, to oversee a subject they have no business or appropriate knowledge to oversee. This is not a health care matter.

I oppose it because but somehow those rules don't apply to law enforcement officers under exactly the same circumstances, possibly under less stringent application based on a policy that may or not conform to the health authority's arbitrary rules.

You have wording to specifically allow for hunting use, but what is notably absent is any lawful purpose such as self defense while hiking or other such outdoor activities. Not only that but I can't imagine this isn't another bait and switch waiting to happen... you'll kick this off with violation treatment but then increase it to a criminal act when nobody is looking.

We don't hold the car dealer responsible for the person who goes out and gets drunk and kills someone with the car that was sold.... so how is this any different? The short answer it is not.

This is another example of poorly worded and poorly thought out legislation. Oppose SB2510.

Respectfully submitted,

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