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I strongly oppose this bill.

This bill is unconstitutional by both the federal and state constitutions. Vast portions were copied or amended from measure 114 which is currently undergoing litigation as we speak. Instead of waiting until the court renders a verdict you are trying to cram it through anyway thereby wasting precious taxpayer dollars. There is a lot of case law supporting the unconstitutionality of this bill.

This bill does NOTHING to address crime. Criminals don't buy their guns at the store and go through background checks. They get them on the black market from thieves who have stolen to feed a drug habit. There are no enhancements for stealing a fire arm or committing a crime with a gun and thieves often get mere probation. Most theft is driven by drugs, yet the one bill (SB 735) that would help with that has not been scheduled for a hearing.

Instead of punishing the law abiding why don't you enhance penalties for the laws already on the books now and enforce those.