

Submitter: Kevin Reedy
On Behalf Of: Family
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4145

To whom it may concern:

I'm strongly opposed to measure HB 4145 that imposes the use of permission and fees to exercise my 2A constitutional rights. Measures like this does nothing to stop criminals from doing bad things. This will only embolden them even more knowing that law abiding citizens are at a disadvantage in protecting self and property. The fact that you are carving out special rights for working and retired law enforcement is against our state constitution: Section 20 of our state constitution " Equality of privileges and immunities of citizens". No law shall be passed granting to any citizen or class of citizens privileges, or immunities, which, upon the same terms, shall not equally belong to all citizens. Now I know legislatures talk so much about equality, this is being hypocritical. How is it you attack and restrict, demand permission and pay an absorbent fee to exercise constitutional rights and only have recourse in one court in the entire state. This is not democracy; this is tyrannical government gone awry; the very thing that our founders were trying to instill in our constitution.

This measure passed out of house committee through coercion from the chairman onto a fellow representative during a vote that wasn't going his direction. Then after a timeout he calls for another vote until he received the results, he wanted for it to pass out of committee. This is total abuse of the system of governance. I urge you to stop the injustice of our constitutional rights and vote NO on HB 4145.

Respectfully,
K. Reedy