

NEW BILLS FILED
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ACTION ON BILL(S) – OR LACK THEREOF

A few new gun bills were introduced this week. HB 1592, by Rep. Klippert (R-8) waives the handgun delivery waiting period for active commissioned police officers as currently exists for CPL holders. Long overdue. HB 1900, by Rep. Griffey (R-35) authorizes issue of a special “NRA” license plate to help fund hunter education programs. HB 1933, by Rep. Rep. Walsh (R-19) waives the I-594 background check requirement for firearms transferred via a not-for-profit activity such a Friends of NRA or Ducks Unlimited.

(Note on HB 1900: The current listed position on HB 1900 is “neutral.” Not because I oppose funding hunter ed or have a problem with the NRA – I have been a life member of that organization for several decades – but that I believe we would be better served by a plate that recognizes the Second Amendment to the bill of Rights as broader and more inclusive. I would also add that we have two national gun rights organizations based right here in Washington – why single out just the NRA? Disclosure: I have worked for both SAF and CCRKBA, and I have been an NRA election volunteer coordinator and certified firearms safety instructor.)

Correction: HB 1100 (renewal notice for CPL) now sits in House Appropriations awaiting a determination of fiscal impact and a committee vote.

Public hearings were held on several bills last week. Of particular interest was the hearing in House Judiciary conducted on February 2nd. Historically, pro-gun individuals out number anti-gunners at these events. It appears the other side has noticed this and went out of their way to make a strong showing on Thursday. They wore orange and filled the room early, effectively hogging the camera coverage. We need to do better, gang. I was also told that there were a couple of buses, including one school bus, parked outside that may have carried these individuals to Olympia, also not a new tactic of the left. A similar incident occurred in Tallahassee, Florida, last week, when dozens of women wearing “Everytown for Gun Safety” orange t-shirts crammed a gun bill hearing. Funny thing, when the hearing ended, the women were seen turning their t-shirts over to a few League of Women Voters “volunteers.” “Everytown” is a Michael Bloomberg front group and LWV never met a gun control bill they did not support.

Public hearings are scheduled next week on HB 1100 (CPL renewal notice) and HB 1731 (exceptions to I-594). Details below.

HB 1384 (Sexual force protection order) was amended in committee to allow for a rehearing to end or limit the court order. It passed out of committee on a 12-1 vote and moves to House Rules, the “holding pattern” for a full floor vote. The bill is still offensive in that it puts the burden of proof on the accused to show he/she poses no threat.

SB 5260 (CPL renewal notice) passed out of Senate Law & Justice and now awaits a call to the Senate floor out of Rules.

Note that just as which bills are heard by a committee is solely at the discretion of the committee chair, so is the decision to call a bill up for a committee vote. With two weeks left until the first (policy committee) cut-off, most bills have not been scheduled for a hearing. We may see a last-week rush, we may not. This is where your contact with legislators is important – to push to hear a bill or block it – grassroots lobbying at its best.

BILL STATUS/GOAL POSITION:

HB 1000	Use of deadly force	Doglio (D-22)	H. Jud.	OPPOSE
HB 1004	Possession of firearms/state of emergency	Shea (R-4)	H. Jud.	SUPPORT
HB 1015	Limiting restrictions on concealed carry	Shea (R-4)	H. Jud.	SUPPORT
HB 1100	CPL renewal notice	Blake (D-19)	H. Apropr	SUPPORT
HB 1122	Safe storage of firearms	Kagi (D-32)	H. Jud.	OPPOSE
HB 1134	Assault weapon ban	Peterson	H. Jud.	OPPOSE
HB 1181	Prohibiting handgun sales registry	Blake (D-19)	H. Jud.	SUPPORT
HB 1190	Prohibiting handgun sales registry	Taylor (R-15)	H. Jud.	SUPPORT
HB 1380	Repeals I-594	Shea (R-4)	H. Jud.	SUPPORT
HB 1381	Universal recognition of all state CPLs	Blake (D-19)	H. Jud.	SUPPORT
HB 1384	Sexual force protection order	Goodman (D-45)	H. Jud.	OPPOSE
HB 1387	Assault weapons background check	Jenkins (D-27)	H. Jud.	OPPOSE
HB 1388	Bans firearm possession in cannabis shops	Cody (D-34)	H.HC	NEUTRAL
HB 1483	Allows destruction of forfeited firearms	Lovick (D-44)	H. Jud.	OPPOSE
HB 1501	Illegal purchase of firearms	Hansen (D-23)	H. Jud.	SUPPORT
HB 1529	Use of force	Ryu (D-32)	H. PubSaf	OPPOSE
HB 1592	Deliver of firearms to LEOs	Klippert (R-	H. Jud.	SUPPORT
HB 1725	I-594 check exemption for CPL holders	Koster (R-44)	H. Jud.	SUPPORT
HB 1731	Certain exemptions to I-594	Jenkins (D27)	H. Jud.	SUPPORT
HB 1900	Hunter ed funding/NRA license plates	Griffey (R-	H. Trans.	NEUTRAL
HB 1933	Transfer of firearms at non-profit events	Walsh (R-	H. Jud.	SUPPORT
SB 5000	Use of deadly force	McCoy (D-38)	S. L&J	OPPOSE
SB 5050	Assault weapon ban	Froct (D-3)	S. L&J	OPPOSE
SB 5073	Use of force	McCoy (D-38)	S. L&J	OPPOSE
SB 5216	Firearm safety education in schools	O'Ban (R-28)	S. K-12	SUPPORT
SB 5256	Sexual force protection order	Fain (R-47)	S. L&J	OPPOSE
SB 5259	Bans firearm possession in cannabis shops	Rivers (R-18)	S. HC	NEUTRAL
SB 5268	CPL renewal notice	Takko (D-19)	S. Rules	SUPPORT
SB 5441	Involuntary freeze on firearm possession	Kuderer (D-)	S. L&J	OPPOSE
SB 5444	Background check for "assault weapons"	Froct (D-46)	S. L&J	OPPOSE
SB 5463	Mandatory safe storage of firearms	Palumbo (D-	S. L&J	OPPOSE
SB 5506	Transfer of firearms at non-profit events	Zeiger (R-25)	S. L&J	SUPPORT
SB 5552	Certain exemptions to I-594	Pedersen (D-43)	S. L&J	SUPPORT

S. L&J = Senate Law & Justice, H. Jud = House Judiciary, H. PubSaf = House Public Safety, S. HC = Senate Health Care, H. K-12 = House Early education, H. HC = House Health Care, Apropr = Appropriations

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED:

7 Feb House Judiciary House Hearing Room "A" John L. O'Brien Bldg
10:00 a.m. HB 1731

9 Feb House Appropriations House Hearing Room "A" John L. O'Brien Bldg
3:30 p.m. HB 1100

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Puyallup	04-05 February
Monroe	18-19 February

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Article 1, Section 24
Constitution of the State of Washington

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