

GUN RIGHTS RALLY
NO CUT-OFF CALENDAR YET
GUN BILLS FILED
PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED
GOAL POST LATE NEXT WEEK

A gun rights rally was conducted by the Gun Rights Coalition on the Capitol Campus this morning, with more than 100 activists braving frigid weather to attend. That appears to be a far better turnout than the group that attended the Attorney General's gun control event a while back. But that's no surprise – once you light a fire under gun owners – usually by threatening them with draconian legislation, they rise up and let their voices be heard.

Representatives of both political parties attended and spoke to the crowd, with Rep. Matt Shea (R-4) telling the audience he would file a bill to reverse the effect of I-594, the universal background check initiative passed two years ago. Two years must elapse before the legislature can amend an initiative.

"Cut-off dates" are those dates established at the beginning of a session by which bills must clear certain hurdles. As a general rule, bills that do not pass that particular gate are considered dead for the session, although exceptions can be made. At this point the 2017 Regular Session cut-off dates have not been adopted.

SB 5050, by Sen. David Frockt (D-46) is Attorney General Ferguson's bill banning the possession and sale of so-called "assault weapons." SB 5073 by Sen. John McCoy (D-38) implements recommendations from a joint legislative task force regarding the use of force by police officers. HB 1100, by Rep. Brian Blake (D-19) requires the Department of Licensing to mail a renewal notice to concealed pistol license holders 90 days before the date of expiration. HB 1122, by Rep. Ruth Kagi (D-22) provides up to felony penalties for failure to secure firearms and intruces the new term "community endangerment." HB 1134, by Rep. Strom Peterson (D-21) is the House counterpart to SB 5050, the Attorney General's assault weapon ban bill. HB 1181, by Rep. Brian Blake (D-19) would prohibit the Department of Licensing from retaining records of handguns purchased at retail or reported to the state by Federal Firearms Licensees. HB 1190, by Rep. Matt Shea (R-4) is essentially a simpler and more straightforward version of HB 1181.

HB 1100, requiring the Department of Licensing to mail renewal notices to CPL holders 90 days prior to expiration will be discussed in a public hearing in House Judiciary at 10:00 a.m. on 17 January.

Next week's edition of the GOAL Post will likely come out on Saturday or Sunday evening as I will be working the annual SHOT (Shooting, Hunting, Outdoor Trades) show in Las Vegas next week.

BILL STATUS:

HB 1000	Use of deadly force	Doglio (D-22)	H. Jud.
HB 1004	Possession of firearms/state of emergency	Shea (R-4)	H. Jud.

HB 1015	Limiting restrictions on concealed carry	Shea (R-4)	H. Jud.
HB 1100	CPL renewal notice	Blake (D-19)	H. Jud.
HB 1122	Safe storage of firearms	Kagi (D-32)	H. Jud.
HB 1134	Assault weapon ban	Peterson	H. Jud.
HB 1181	Prohibiting handgun sales registry	Blake (D-19)	H. Jud.
HB 1190	Prohibiting handgun sales registry	Taylor (R-15)	H. Jud.
SB 5000	Use of deadly force	McCoy (D-38)	S. L&J
SB 5050	Assault weapon ban	Frocht (D-3)	S. L&J
SB 5073	Use of force	McCoy (D-38)	S. L&J

H. Jud. = House Judiciary, S. L&J = Senate Law & Justice

GOAL POSITION ON BILLS

HB 1000	OPPOSE
HB 1004	SUPPORT
HB 1015	SUPPORT
HB 1100	SUPPORT
HB 1122	OPPOSE
HB 1134	OPPOSE
HB 1181	SUPPORT
HB 1190	SUPPORT
SB 5000	OPPOSE
SB 5050	OPPOSE
SB 5073	OPPOSE

PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED:

17 Jan House Judiciary House hearing Rm "A" John L. O'Brien Bldg
10:00 a.m. HB 1100

At this point, most of the Senate Law & Justice committee meetings are marked "bills to be determined," so I can't forecast any gun bill hearings at this time.

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Upcoming WAC gun show(s):

Monroe	21-22 January
Puyallup	04-05 February

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Article 1, Section 24
Constitution of the State of Washington

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