

BEWARE HB 1384/SB 5256
HB 1100 PASSES OUT OF COMMITTEE
SEVERAL NEW GUN BILLS FILED
SEVERAL PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED
GOAL POST BACK TO NORMAL DISTRIBUTION

While I was working the annual Shooting, Hunting, Outdoor Trades (SHOT) show in Las Vegas last week, then on my way to Jacksonville, FL, for the annual meeting of the Florida Sport Shooting Association, they slipped one in on us. HB 1384, by Rep. Roger Goodman (D-45) and SB 5256, by Sen. Joe Fain (R-47) carry the innocuous-sounding title "Sexual Force Restraining Order." The law – and the order – already exist. What this bill does is allow extension of a maximum two year restraining order to a LIFETIME ORDER. In effect, this becomes a lifetime ban on the possession of firearms for anyone subject to such an order. In no way do we condone sexual force or violence, but we also recognize that such orders are frequently based on "he said, she said" so-called "evidence" and are frequently used to punish a partner in a divorce or separation proceeding.

HB 1100, mandating mailing of a renewal notice for CPLs, passed out of House Judiciary and sits in House Rules awaiting a pull to the floor.

HB 1384 was heard in House Judiciary last week, and is slated for a vote out of committee this coming Thursday. No action is slated in the Senate at this time. I urge you to contact your Representatives to warn them of the severe impact of the bills and ask them to note "no" if they have the opportunity.

More new gun bills filed. HB 1529 by Rep. Cindy Ryu (D-32) would limit law enforcement (and those citizens aiding law enforcement) use of force. HB 1725, by Rep. John Koster (R-44), exempts CPL holders from the background check requirements of I-594. HB 1739, by Rep. Laurie Jinkins (D-27) allows certain exemptions to the firearms background check in certain cases, such as for pyrotechnic devices (flare guns), some loans, transfer within the family, etc.

SB 5441, by Sen. Patty Kuderer (D-48) would place a six-month freeze on firearm possession for anyone detained for temporarily a period of mental health evaluation, even if no cause was found for the detention. SB 5444, by Sen. David Frocht (D-46) is the Senate counterpart to HB 1387, mandating registration and licensing for "assault weapon:" and "large capacity magazine" possession. SB 5363, by Sen. Guy Palumbo (D-1) is the counterpart to HB 1122, mandating "safe" storage of firearms, under potential felony penalty. This is basically the same bill they have been trying to pass since 1997. Finally, SB 5506, by Sen. Han\s Zeiger (R-25) would allow transfers of firearms at non-profit events such as Ducks Unlimited or Friends of NRA gatherings. SB 5552, by Sen. Jaime Pedersen (D-43), is the counterpart to HB 1731 that makes certain exemptions to I-594. SB 5553, By Sen. Jaime Pedersen (D-43) allows a suicidal person to waive his or her right to possess a firearm for a minimum period of seven days, the waiver is voluntary, as is lifting the waiver. .

A dozen or so public hearings are scheduled next week. See schedule below. Note multiple bills of interest may be heard at one hearing. There's a schedule conflict in the Senate. See note below.

Just FYI, my temporary travels are over – at least until the NRA convention at the end of April, by which time the regular session will be over. Let’s not talk about special sessions... yet. GP 2017-5 should come out next Friday evening.

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. Jud.	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.	REVIEW
HB 1529	Use of force	Ryu (D-32)	H. PubSaf	OPPOSE
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
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. L&J	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
SB 5553	Suicidal, waiver of rights	Pedersen (D-43)	S. L&J	REVIEW

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

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED:

31 Jan Senate Health Care Senate Hearing Room "4" John A. Cherberg Bldg
10:00 a.m. SB 5259

31 Jan Senate Law & Justice Senate Hearing Room "4" John A. Cherberg Bldg
10:00 a.m. SBs 5506, 5552, 5553

31 Jan House Judiciary House Hearing Room "A" John L. O'Brien Bldg
10:00 a.m. HB 1483

31 Jan House Public Safety House Hearing Room "D" John L. O'Brien Bldg
1:30 p.m. HB 1529

2 Feb House Health Care House Hearing Room "A" John L. O'Brien Bldg
800 a.m. HB 1388

2 Feb Senate Law & Justice Senate Hearing Room "4" John A. Cherberg Bldg
10-00 a.m. SB 5073

2 Feb House Judiciary House Hearing Room "A" John L. O'Brien Bldg
1:30 p.m. HBs 1122, 1387, committee vote on HB 1384.

There appears to be a conflict in public hearings in the Senate on 31 January. Both Senate Law & Justice and Health Care are scheduled to meet at 10:00 a.m. in Senate hearing Room "4." It's the weekend, so I can't deconflict. Y'all be careful there, heah!

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Upcoming WAC gun show(s):

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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