

BILLS MOVE
SIX DAYS LEFT IN REGULAR SESSION
RESPONSE TO FLORIDA SHOOTING
WHAT DO POLICE OFFICERS THINK?

Bills continue to move as the session winds down. SB 5992 (bump stock ban) has been sent to Governor Inslee for his signature. HBs 2363 (drone delivery of contraband) and 2519 (return of CPLs) still await a floor vote. SBs 5553 (suicidal, waiver of rights) and 6298 (DV harassment firearm ban) were both amended in the House and thus require a concurrence vote by the Senate. HB 3004 (school safety/semi-auto rifles) was assigned to House Judiciary, where it sits without action.

The biggest news this week is that SB 6620, the newly-filed "School security and safety of students" bill, was significantly amended in the Senate Ways & Means committee before passing out to Senate Rules for a floor vote yesterday. Shotguns were completely removed from the bill, all reference to "tactical features" for semi-auto rifles was removed – meaning it now applies to ALL semi-auto rifles, even your 10-22. It grandfathers existing legal possession, meaning 18-20 year olds that currently possess semi-auto rifle(s) may keep them. The requirement for the dealer (FFL) to file a separate background check request to local law enforcement (as is done with handguns) remains, but it eliminates delivery of a copy to the Department of Licensing and prohibits DoL from entering the information into a data base. While arguably a slight improvement in the bill, it is still an unacceptable violation of both the 2nd Amendment and Article 1, Section 24.

There are six days left on the legislative session, which by law must end by midnight next Thursday. Most of that time will be taken up with House and Senate floor sessions, taking up the bills that haven't had their final vote yet. Differences in bills as passed by both chambers, where they exist (bills amended in the second chamber) must be reconciled before a final vote may be taken.

For those of you who have been following the high school shooting in Parkland, Florida, and the mass, mainstream media-driven outrage that followed it, you might have questioned how the response could have been so well organized. The linked article below gives some background on that. Be prepared for similar performances (and that's what much of it is, an orchestrated performance) following future incidents. Their end goal is effective repeal of the Second Amendment through further restrictions on firearms. Of all types (look how they amended SB 6620 (above) from semi-auto rifles with "tactical features" to include ALL semi-auto rifles).

<http://thefederalist.com/2018/03/01/take-two-weeks-truth-emerge-parkland-students-astroturfing/>

Read this the results of this survey by PoliceOne.com to see what 15,000 law enforcement professionals think of various gun control proposals. It's dated, but came out shortly after the 2012 Sandy Hook shooting, so it ties in with today's happenings.

<https://www.policeone.com/gun-legislation-law-enforcement/articles/6183787-PoliceOnes-Gun-Control-Survey-11-key-lessons-from-officers-perspectives/>

BILL STATUS/GOAL POSITION:

HB 2363	Drone delivery of firearms to offenders	Pellicciotti (D-30)	S. Rules	SUPPORT
HB 2519	Return of seized CPLs	Lovick (D-44)	S. Rules	SUPPORT
HB 3004	Student safety/semi-auto rifles	Jinkins (D-27)	H. Jud.	OPPOSE
SB 5553	Suicidal, waiver of rights	Pedersen (D-43)	Concurrence vote	NEUTRAL
SB 5992	Bump stock ban	Van De Wege (D-24)	To Governor	OPPOSE
SB 6298	DV harassment firearm ban	Dhingra (D-45)	Concurrence votes	OPPOSE
SB 6620	Student safety/smei-auto rifles	Frockt (D-3)	S. Riules	OPPOSE

HB = House bill, SB = Senate bill. L&J = Law & Justice, Jud = Judiciary, PubSaf = Public Safety, HC = Health Care, H. K-12 = House Early education, Apropr = Appropriations, Fin = Finance, W&M = Ways & Means "S" before a bill number indicates Substitute, "E" means Engrossed (both mean amended).

HEARINGS SCHEDULED:

None

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Upcoming WAC gun show(s):

Puyallup 24-25 March

Puyallup 28-29 April

"The right of the individual citizen to bear arms in defense of himself, or the state, shall not be impaired, but nothing in this section shall be construed as authorizing individuals or corporations to organize, maintain or employ an armed body of men."

Article 1, Section 24

Constitution of the State of Washington

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