

NEW BILLS FILED  
BILLS PASS OUT OF COMMITTEE  
MORE COUNTY SHERIFFS QUESTION 1639 CONSTITUTIONALITY  
PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED

HB 1934, by Rep. Michelle Caldier (R-25), allows deployed or certain other military members – active, reserve or National Guard – to renew their CPL either on-line or by mail... FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR ONLY. HB 1949, by Rep. Drew Hansen (D-23), would authorize a study to determine if a single firearm background check system would benefit the state. One I missed last week is SB 5508, “clarifying” the role of the WSP in conducting CPL background checks. It is the counterpart (duplicate) bill to HB 1464. CPL background checks are currently conducted by county sheriffs or city police. While there may be advantages of uniformity and/or efficiency to a state agency doing the checks, it also removes the process from accountability to the voters (by an elected sheriff). Until we learn more, oppose.

House Bills 1068 (magazine ban) and 1225 (firearms/domestic violence) were passed out of House Civil Rights and Judiciary with substitutes (amended bills) and now sit in House Rules awaiting a floor vote. A substitute for HB 1739 was passed. HB 1739 is in Rules.

You will see bills stacking up in the respective Rules Committees awaiting a pull to the floor for passage. This is not uncommon early in the session when the focus is on getting bills out of their policy committee. Something else to keep in mind: the committee chair has total control over which bills receive public hearings, and which bills get a vote to pass committee. As a general rule, if a committee chair wants to block a bill, it’s effectively blocked.

(Regarding HB 1346, the lead ammo ban to protect “youth” 21 and under, maybe we should raise the voting age back to 21 as well. If 18-20 years olds can’t safely handle lead ammo, they can’t safely vote, either.)

The number of county sheriffs who have expressed reservations about the constitutionality or enforceability of I-1639 is rising while a TNT editorial advises them to hold their horses (and enforce the law). Unfortunately, it remains the law – unless the current federal lawsuit or another suit succeeds in overturning all or part of it. But that will take months. I’ve noticed some states with the initiative process require a 60% “yes” vote for passage. Too bad Washington is not one of them. Not that a fundamental, enumerated right should be subject to any public vote, anyway. And I thought the “I was only following orders/the law” defense went out with Nuremberg? Or could it be that, with the assault weapon and magazine ban bills filed AFTER passage of I-1639, maybe the powers that be question the constitutionality of the initiative as well?

Public hearings have been scheduled for four bills next week. Senate Law & Justice will hear SBs 5434 (expanded gun free zones) and 5508 (WSP background checks) at 10:00 a.m. on February 11<sup>th</sup>. House Civil

Rights and Judiciary will hear HB 1530 (expanded gun free zones) at 08:00 a.m. on February 13<sup>th</sup> and HB 1465 (repeal delivery of handgun on CPL) at 10:00 a.m. on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

BILL STATUS/GOAL POSITION:

SHB 1010	Disposition of forfeited firearms by WSP	Senn (D-41)	H.Rules	OPPOSE
HB 1022	Prohibiting handgun sale data base	Walsh (R-19)	H.CR&J	SUPPORT
HB 1024	Prohibiting gun owner data base	Walsh (R-19)	H.CR&J	SUPPORT
HB 1038	Authorizing armed school personnel	Walsh (R-19)	H.CR&J	SUPPORT
SHB 1068	High capacity magazine ban	Valdez (D-46)	H.Rules	OPPOSE
HB 1073	Undetectable and/or untraceable firearms	Valdez (D-46)	H.CR&J	OPPOSE
HB 1097	Repeals firearm confidentiality waivers	Walsh (R-19)	H.CR&J	SUPPORT
HB 1098	Repeals penalties/unsafe storage of firearms	Walsh (R-19)	H.CR&J	SUPPORT
HB 1203	Reporting lost or stolen firearms	Doglio (D-22)	H.CR&J	OPPOSE
SHB 1225	Firearms/domestic violence	Jenkins (D-27)	H.Rules	OPPOSE
HB 1286	Assault weapon ban	Peterson (D-21)	H.CR&J	OPPOSE
HB 1315	CPL training requirement	Lovick (D-44)	H.CR&J	OPPOSE
HB 1319	Open carry prohibited at public meetings	Wylie (D-49)	H.CR&J	OPPOSE
HB 1346	Lead ammo ban for "youth"	Pollett (D-46)	H.CR&J	OPPOSE
HB 1374	Repeals state preemption of gun laws	Macri (D-43)	H.CR&J	OPPOSE
HB 1381	Use of UAVs to deliver contraband	Pellicciotti (D-30)	H.PubSaf	NEUTRAL
HB 1439	Permission to carry in a private residence	Doglio (D-22)	H.CR&J	OPPOSE
HB 1464	WSP background checks for CPLs	Goodman (D-45)	H.CR&J	OPPOSE
HB 1465	Repeal delivery handgun with CPL	Goodman (D-45)	H.CR&J	OPPOSE
HB 1530	New/expanded gun free zones	Davis (D-32)	H.CR&J	OPPOSE
HB 1541	Expands list of prohibited persons	Jenkins (D-27)	H.CR&JH	OPPOSE
HB 1649	Exempts CPL holders from b/g checks	Sutherland (R-39)	H.CR&J	SUPPORT
SHB 1739	Undetectable/untraceable firearms	Valdez (D-43)	H.RULES	OPPOSE
HB 1763	Active shooters & armed school personnel	Young (R-26)	H.CR&J	SUPPORT
HB 1786	Seizure of firearms/re: protective orders	Jenkins (D-27)	H.CR&J	OPPOSE
HB 1855	Intervention programs/juveniles in possession	Orwall (D-31)	H.HS/EL	NEUTRAL
HB 1934	CPL renewal online/mail military members	Caldier (R-25)	H.CR&J	SUPPORT
HB 1949	Single POC for firearm b/g checks	Hansen (D-23)	H.CR&J	NEUTRAL
SB 5016	Authorizing armed animal control officers	Van De Wege	S.L&J	SUPPORT
SSB 5027	Extreme risk protection orders, under age 18	Froct (D-46)	S.Rules	OPPOSE
SB 5050	Body armor use in a crime	O'Ban (R-28)	S.L&J	NEUTRAL
SSB 5061	Undetectable and untraceable firearms	Dhingra (D-45)	S.Rules	OPPOSE
SSB 5062	High capacity magazine ban	Kuderer (D-48)	S.Rules	OPPOSE
SB 5072	Extreme risk protection orders	O'Ban (R-28)	S.L&J	NEUTRAL
SB 5099	Target shooting on DNR land	Sheldon (D-35)	S.Ag	SUPPORT

SSB 5143	Seizing firearms/DV incidents	Dhingra (D-45)	S.Rules	OPPOSE
SB 5150	College safety/officers weapons	Wilson (R-17)	S.HiEd	SUPPORT
SB 5172	Firearm training/gun bill sponsors	Fortunato (R-39)	S.StGov	SUPPORT
SSB 5174	Training for CPL issue	Palumbo (D-1)	S.Rules	OPPOSE
SB 5181	Firearm possession/mental health	Kuderer (D-48)	S.W&M	OPPOSE
SB 5205	Firearm possession/incompetent for trial	Dhingra (D-45)	S.Rules	OPPOSE
SB 5340	Assault weapons ban	Kuderer (D-48)	S. L&J	OPPOSE
SB 5434	New/expanded gun free zones	Wilson (D-30)	S.L&J	OPPOSE
SB 5508	WSP background check for CPLs	Fortunato (R-31)	S.L&J	OPPOSE
SB 5782	Removes prohibition of spring-blade knives	Zeiger (R-25)	S.L&J	SUPPORT

HB = House bill, SB = Senate bill. L&J = Law & Justice , CR&J = Civil Rights and 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 (amended).

**HEARINGS SCHEDULED:**

- 11 Feb Senate Law & Justice Committee John A. Cherberg Bldg  
10:00 a.m. SBs 5434 (gun free zones), 5508 (WSP background checks)
- 13 Feb House Civil Rights & Judiciary Committee John L. O'Brien Bldg  
08:00 a.m. HB 1530 (expanded gun free zones)
- 15 Feb House Civil Rights & Judiciary Committee John L. O'Brien Bldg  
10:00 a.m. HB 1465 (del. of handgun w/CPL)

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Puyallup (Pavilion)	23-24 February
Puyallup	30-31 March

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Article 1, Section 24  
Constitution of the State of Washington

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