

Last week (and this week) are crazy ones for me. I was out of town all last week – and my laptop crashed, preventing me from transmitting GP 2019-2 by e-mail until Tuesday. I'm back on the road this week, hopefully without temperamental computers, this one for the annual meeting of the Florida Sport Shooting Assn, of which I am vice president. Hopefully no more travel... until the final week of the session (when my wife wants to visit family in Europe for the last week of the session AND the annual NRA convention and meetings go down in Phoenix! At that point it will be too late anyway!).

HEARINGS ON TVWASHINGTON
NEW GUN BILLS FILED
ACTION ON BILLS
PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED
MY TRAVEL SCHEDULE

If watching the hearings in Olympia didn't bring the message home, in today's world, feelings and emotions beat facts and logic every time. The one with the most emotional testimony wins. I've been watching that for 24 years. The link below goes to last Monday's Senate Law & Justice hearing: Senate Law & Justice hearing, Monday, 21 January: <https://www.tvw.org/watch/?eventID=2019011158>

I know that everyone reading this message knows the difference between a democracy and a republic, but in case it slipped your mind... A democracy is mob rule: the issue or the side with the most votes wins. Five wolves and a lamb voting on what to have for lunch. A republic is governed by a constitution which places limits on the democracy, (i.e. the lamb has an AR-15.) There are certain things where a simple democratic majority does NOT win.

Theoretically the Second Amendment and Article 1, Section 24 of the state constitution guarantees the right to keep and bear arms, no matter what the democratic legislature votes. "Shall not be infringed." (2A) "Shall not be impaired." (1/24) That seems pretty clear, but many legislators are constitutionally illiterate. Read the dictionary definitions of "infringed" and "impaired."

That's where the Supreme Court (federal and state) step in to ensure the constitution is followed. Sometimes. Is a 10-round magazine limit an infringement? An impairment? Try SEVEN rounds under current New York State law. Or FIVE, as is being proposed in Oregon right now. (I can see the look on all you smug revolver shooters' faces.)

Only four new gun bills were filed last week, all in the House. HB 1319, by Rep. Sharon Wylie (D-49), prohibits firearms at all public meetings of a city, county or other governing body. HB 1346 by Rep. Gerry Pollett (D-46), would ban the transfer of any lead-based or lead core ammunition to anyone under the age of 21 – there go your junior rifle programs (all to prevent lead contamination and protect the chilluns, of course). HB 1374

by Rep. Macri (D-43), repeals state preemption in its entirety.—stand by for every city to enact a multitude of gun laws including restrictions on where and when you can carry firearms – with or without a CPL. The cities have been fighting this since it passed 30+ years ago. Good luck making it from one corner of the state to another without violating SOMEONE’s gun law. And HB 1381 BY Rep. Mike Pellicciotti (D-3), which prohibits the use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs – drones) to deliver contraband to anyone in lawful detention – from guns to drugs to cellphones to anything they declare as contraband.

Several bills passed out of their original policy committee, generally with amended versions (substitutes) offered, and now sit in their respective Rules committees, awaiting a pull to the chamber floor for a full floor vote. These include: HB 1010 (destruction of forfeited firearms), SB 5027 (extreme risk protection orders – substitute passed), SB 5061 (undetectable firearms – substitute passed), SB 5062 (high capacity magazine ban – substitute passed), SB 5143 (firearm seizure in DV cases – substitute passed) and SB 5174 (CPL training requirement – substitute passed that allows NRA or similar courses to qualify). These bills all now await a floor vote.

Public hearings are also scheduled for several bills. The House Civil Rights & Justice Committee will conduct public hearings on HB 1315 (CPL training) on 29 January at 10:00 a.m. and on HBs 1319 (open carry/public meetings) and 1346 (lead ammo ban) on February 1st at 10:00 a.m. Senate Higher Ed will conduct a public hearing on SB 5150 (college safety officers) at 1:30 p.m. on 31 January. Senate Law & Justice will hear SBs 5181 (firearm possession/mental health) and 5205 (incompetent to stand trial) at 10:00 a.m. on 29 January. Action has yet to be taken on several more bills that have already had public hearings. Their time will come! It frequently means there is back-room negotiating going on to amend the bills after testimony.

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
HB 1068	High capacity magazine ban	Valdez (D-46)	H.CR&J	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
HB 1225	Firearms/domestic violence	Jenkins (D-27)	H.CR&J	OPPOSE
HB 1286	Assault weapon ban	Peterson (D-21)	H.CR&J	OPPOSE
HB 1315	CPL training requirement	Lovick (D-44)	H.CR&7J	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.PunSaf	NEUTRAL

SB 5016	Authorizing armed animal control officers	Van De Wege	S.L&J	SUPPORT
SSB 5027	Extreme risk protection orders, under age 18	Frockt (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.L&J	OPPOSE
SB 5205	Firearm possession/incompetent for trial	Dhingra (D-45)	S.L&J	OPPOSE
SB 5340	Assault weapons ban	Kuderer (D-48)	S.L&J	OPPOSE
SB 5434	New gun free zones	Wilson (D-30)	S.L&J	OPPOSE

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:

29 Jan House Civil Rights & Judiciary Committee John L. O'Brien Bldg
10:00 a.m. HB 1315

29 Jan Senate Law & Justice John A. Cherberg Bldg
10:00 a.m. SBs 5181 and 5205

31 Jan Senate Higher Ed Committee John A. Cherberg Bldg
1:30 p.m. SB 5150

1 Feb House Civil Rights & Judiciary Committee John L. O'Brien Bldg
10:00 a.m. HBs 1319 and 1346

21 Jan Senate Law & Justice Committee John A. Cherberg Bldg
10:00 a.m. SBs 5061, 5062, 5143, 5174

22 Jan House Civil Rights & Judiciary Committee, John L. Bldg
10:00a.m HBs 1024, 1068, 1203, 1225

24 Jan Senate Agriculture Committee, John A. Cherberg Bldg.
1:30 p.m. SB 5099

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Upcoming WAC gun show(s):

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

"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