

Chairman and committee: I am totally against SB 554, SB 585 and any other state legislation that does not conform to the existing governing laws and regulations of our nation and state. I am also 100% against the most recent effort to add "emergency clause legislative trickery" as a thinly veiled suppression effort to assure controversial bills cannot be subjected to a vote of the people. Something is seriously amiss when such tactics are blatantly allowed to be added into bills.

I am a veteran, an independent voter, and a highly concerned citizen regarding the focus of the current government, state legislature, and courts erosion of their sworn duty to protect the Constitution, laws of the land, from all enemies, DOMESTIC, or Foreign and who deliberately attempt to work around, and avoid the safeguards built into the deliberate separation of powers designed to prevent these abuses and protect the rights and freedoms of the citizens.

OUR RIGHT TO KEEP & BEAR arms is GOD GIVEN and is guaranteed by our Constitution & our Bill of Rights. Any action to modify, restrict, or change these guarantees are illegal & unconstitutional UNLESS the NATION/STATE AMENDS & RATIFIES THOSE official changes according to the laws of this great REPUBLIC/state following the existing laws whether or not your personal preferences agree with them.

The founding fathers intent remains protection of the people from a government that seeks to illegally silence, divide, suppress, and subjugate the citizens of this great nation.

The second amendment not only protects our right to keep and bear arms, it is a guarantee that government cannot remove or suppress those rights. That is the intent. It is clear, it is law and efforts such as those afoot by this legislature, and in these bills, are deliberate attempts to work around the checks and balances built into the Constitution and Bill of Rights, to protect against overzealous government efforts to curtail these GOD GIVEN freedoms and rights of the citizens.

You are sworn to honor, follow, obey and protect these freedoms and fundamental rights. The impending legislation that threatens our freedoms of speech, right to keep & Bear arms, and attempts to limit and remove these freedoms & guaranteed rights. All such actions must be declared illegal & unconstitutional. It is your sworn duty to follow the existing laws of the land and not to attempt to work around the checks and balances guaranteed by our Constitution, Bill of Rights, and the current laws and regulations of our state.

Do your sworn duties. We really do not care what your personal beliefs, prejudices, or grievances may be. There are remedies and pathways to accomplish change should that be the goal. Just because they are deliberately difficult and place the burden of proof on the parties wanting change, does not remove your duty to defend and protect against abuses. The existing laws adequately convey the will of the citizens. You seem to have forgotten our republic is government by the people for the people. It deliberately was not established as a democracy. So fulfill your sworn duties. Cancel these bills and spend as much time on doing what is best for the State, than you do trying to destroy, work around, and remove God given rights, and the will of your citizens.