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There are always several reasons violence exists. Here are what I think are the two major perpetrators.

1. People with ill intent use violence to achieve their goals. If this tactic has a modicum of success, whom will replace goals.
2. Some are called to use violence to protect.

Evil continues until there is a demand to stop. At that point, a person with evil intent will make a judgment call. This rudimentary judgement has one element in the analysis, which is the ease to overpower the Peace Makers demand to stop.

The phrase "gun violence" is a misnomer! This misnomer creates a false belief that there is multiple kinds of violence. There is NOT! Removing from society a dual use tool that could increase the effectiveness of violence has NEVER decreased the level of violence! The only successful way to reduce violence is the demand to stop from a source not easily overpowered. This is colloquially described as the Rule of Law in a society.

Where does the Rule of Law begin? And where does the Rule of Law end? The beginning is in the home. Elders have a responsibility to educate the young about appropriate use of force. If the elders in the homes fail, society has the responsibility to maintain the Rule of Law by force to protect the inferior among the society. The Rule of Law ends with death.

The wisdom of the Founding Fathers is beyond my reach. Evidence of their wisdom is in the first two of the ten amendments often called the Bill of Rights. Implementation of the Bill of Rights looks like defined limitations on all governance.

The right to speak is really an acknowledgment that mankind in the image of God has a responsibility to try and edify each other through righteous and uplifting communication. Trying to learn how to grow while helping others to grow means there will be very egregious mistakes. Stopping speech stunts the growth of a society. The only way to truly stop speech is death, which leads into the second amendment. - If you don't believe in God, fine! You are still an image of what ever you believe in!

The right to bare arms, again, is an acknowledgement of a sliver of Godliness in each person. This sliver of the Devine will always resist oppression. Resistance will include resisting the ultimate form of oppression, killing. The acknowledgment is stating the

obvious, each individual has the responsibility to protect themselves. Protect themselves with what ever they can get their hands on. Wood staff or club, farming / gardening tools, knives, swords, guns, cannons, lasers, sound, air guns, water cannons, ... Each person is responsible for protecting in this order, first protect the family, protect themselves, protect their property, the neighbor, the neighbor's property. Societal entities can aid in this process, but societal entities can never assume the responsibility without becoming tyrannical overloads.

Any ill conceived law that tries in any way to stifle an individual's ability to protect themselves is a MISTAKE! Unless it is your intent to communicate that we are about to be oppressed to the point of death and you want to easily overpower us?

I stand in opposition of another step of my government becoming tyrannical overlords. SB348 is wrong!

Please realize laws cannot prevent violence. Laws can only deter violence by providing clear definitions of consequences.

Perpetrators with ill intent, by their nature, do not obey laws to begin with. And they will always be able to find advanced tools to effect violence.

Protectors, by nature, try to be law abiding.

Adding barriers of entry to proper weapon ownership is only harmful to a society's ability to have an effective Rule of Law.

If you refuse to understand this, or cannot understand this, maybe you are not qualified to be in governance at any level.