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I strongly oppose SB947 - please stop trying to confuse words. For educational purposes I've included the definition of the words in question. Please read carefully and slowly if needed.

militia -

An army composed of "ordinary citizens" rather than professional soldiers. A military force that is not part of a regular army and is subject to call for service in an emergency.

The National Guard is a state-based military force that becomes part of the U.S. military's reserve components of the U.S. Army and the U.S. Air Force when activated for federal missions. It is a military reserve force composed of National Guard military members or units of each state and the territories of Guam, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico National Guard, and the District of Columbia National Guard, for a total of 54 separate organizations. It is officially created under Congress's Article I, Section 8 enumerated power to "raise and support Armies". All members of the National Guard are also members of the organized militia of the United States as defined by 10 U.S.C. § 246. National Guard units are under the dual control of state governments and the federal government.