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Took the day off, Drove six plus hours to speak with you today. This bill is the first of many to come, after speaking privately with some for the people for this bill. It is very clear this is not a common sense law. The end goal is complete removal of the article one section 27 and the second amendment. This is of course unconstitutional. In place of facts the opposition will use emotional stories to push this agenda further. First thing I'd like to talk about after the hearing is we talked about suicide, 80 percent of gun deaths are from suicide. If we could snap our fingers and like magic every single gun turned to dust. Would we save all those people? The answer is no. We have a culture problem. Suicide by gun is morbidly effective. You removed the gun but not the reason for suicide. People will still kill themselves. Two the magazine. Labeled "high capacity" except for conveniently when law enforcement and the military get them as standard equipment. No one today had a story where this does anything other than make a bunch of criminals at the swipe of a pen. I will end with this, paper will not stop criminals. I came to the state capitol to tell my story. Years ago I lived in the middle of town. Across the street was a house that had seen a lot of drug use. Constant yelling and police activity. One night the sound of air burst out into the night. It was the sound of tires being slashed. Grabbing my weapon I found the male neighbor slashing tires. While walking away, His girlfriend followed shortly behind him about to smash him with a golf club. Acting quickly I commanded both to stop, He ran away. After speaking with his girlfriend, I contacted the police. I was told that there's only one deputy on duty and it would be over an hour before he can respond. I replied with "I know he has a knife and is high on drugs with a domestic dispute with his girlfriend. If he comes after her with me here you don't need to hurry because I will shoot him." Five minutes later three squad cars arrived. The police did nothing and left shortly after. Why was I lied to? No telling. After I had moved out. I found out that the woman I stopped that night beat her boyfriend to death a year after I moved out. The presence of me with a gun gave him a year to fix his life without firing a single shot. The presence of me with a gun, fixed the response time of the police. I'll land the plane with this. When seconds matter police are minutes away. When committing murder, a gun violation is moot and you never think it's going to happen to you until evil shows up. Thank you for reading, sorry we didn't meet in person.