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On Behalf Of: SB 698  
Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB698

Measure SB 697: Prohibits a person under 21 years of age from possessing firearms with specified exceptions.

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Position: Oppose

Testimony:

Senate Bill 697 prohibits the possession and transfer of firearms for individuals under 21 (with exceptions for police officers and military personnel). It would also disproportionately impact rural communities who use firearms for hunting, pest control, and protection from wildlife. This infringes on our 2nd amendment rights! We will fight it through the Supreme Court!

Senate Bill 698 allows individual public entities to adopt their own policies surrounding firearm possession. The 2nd Amendment protects our right to bear arms, and localities should not be able to take it away. This would limit the ability of people with a concealed carry license to legally carry their guns in public buildings and adjacent grounds. Violation of such policies is labeled a Class A misdemeanor punishable by up to 364 days in prison, a \$6,250 fine, or both. Again, infringes on our 2nd amendment rights, and we will fight it and win up through the Supreme Court!

Senate Bill 243-1 (NOT available for public hearing) incorporates language and the effects of SB 697 and 698 and will likely take the place of these two pieces of legislation as SB 243 has already had its public hearing and it's -1 amendment is being advanced by the Committee.

These bills increase regulations around gun laws, punish law abiding citizens, and infringe on our 2nd amendment rights. We strongly oppose these bills.