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I am submitting testimony in opposition of SB243. This bill is not a good idea at all. Waiting periods do nothing to protect the public. In fact quite the opposite. A criminal can go out and get a gun on the black market at any time. Any make, any model, semi-auto, revolver, full-auto. The responsible good citizen doesn't get that choice. In fact there are quite a few hoops the "responsible good citizen" has to jump through to prove they are a responsible good citizen. Say you have a Domestic Violence situation and the Husband or Wife goes and gets a black market firearm. The other being a responsible good citizen is now going to have to wait 3 days before they can defend themselves? That's just crazy. Or the family that just moved into a neighborhood where they are gonna be responsible for their own personal safety as it's a rough neighborhood and PPB response times aren't exactly record setting. Speaking of PPB you're wanting to implement such a dangerous bill when it's no secret that law enforcement agencies budgets are being cut? With response times growing to more than 5 times what they were or sometimes hours in some counties. A responsible good citizen should not have to wait 3 days for their personal protection. Stop this ridiculousness now.