

Support SB672

Criminal Law - Theft of a Handgun

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So much of our testimony this session has been against bills that, instead of punishing bona fide criminals, create traps and pitfalls to inadvertently criminalize law abiding citizens like my wife, Katie, and me, who never intend to harm anyone. Most of the bills we oppose lack *mens rea*. This one does not.

No one “inadvertently” steals a handgun, and someone who does steal a handgun does so for nefarious intent. At the very least, these dangerous thieves will not be able to hurt anyone while they are incarcerated. Hopefully, during that time, they can get the help they need to turn around their lives. Keeping them, and their influence, out of vulnerable communities may help break the cycle of violence.

This bill goes after the bad guys, for once, and we support it.

Thank you.