
WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF KATIE NOVOTNY IN SUPPORT OF SB655

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I am a gun owner, advocate for the right to self-defense, certified range safety officer, and a competitor in firearms competition. I support SB655.

It is very refreshing to see a firearm related bill such as this. For years, “safe storage” bills have been introduced with heavy penalties for those who do not comply. Rather this bill encourages safe storage using a carrot rather than a stick approach. It is welcome.

This bill allows for a tax credit of up to \$250 for the purchase of a “firearm safety device”. This gives welcome relief to those for whom purchasing such devices is a significant financial burden and serves as an incentive for others. It makes sense that when things are more easily obtained, that they are more likely to be used.

I would like to thank the sponsor for bringing this bill and would encourage the entire legislature to support this. These are the type of forward thinking ideas that are helpful in addressing issues in the community, rather than more threats of incarceration.

Because of these reasons above, I request a favorable report.

Respectfully,

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