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Please oppose LD 2086.

"An Act to Amend the Law Governing the Disposition of Forfeited Firearms"

This bill is fatally flawed in its drafting and should be "ought not to pass"

First and fundamentally is the flaw that the State is arguing it has the right to "take" and destroy a firearm that does not belong to the person who committed the crime. That's an unconstitutional action.

Second, this bill requires the destruction of all firearms forfeited. When in fact the value of those firearms could be used to offset the costs of supporting our criminal justice system, victim compensation, etc. There are literally hundreds of millions of firearms in the United States. This needless destruction serves no practical purpose and is fiscally irresponsible.