

Testimony in Opposition to LD 885 “An Act to Allow Certain Persons with a Permit to Carry Concealed Handguns to Possess or Discharge a Firearm on School Property”

Senator Rafferty, Representative Murphy, and Members of the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs,

I am submitting this testimony as an individual and not as a member of any group or organization. I am in vehement opposition to LD 885.

During my time serving in a previous position, I testified on behalf of the organization’s member educators in opposition to similar proposals, and while I am writing this and speaking now only for myself, I am confident that educators do not wish for there to be guns in our schools. It is just common sense that more guns do not make us safer. Especially in a school setting, the risks of harm-unintentional or intentional-are even greater.

This is an extremely dangerous proposal, and I hope that in the future there will be an end to misguided proposals to have guns in our schools and to ‘arm educators’.

Instead, let’s ‘arm’ our educators with the very best professional development and let’s resource our schools well so that we can provide for the needs of all our students.

That will help ensure the safety of our students as well as of our educators.

I urge you to vote ‘ought NOT to pass’ on LD 885.

Thank you for your hard work this session!

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