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Subject: I support LD 1138: "An Act To Ensure the Right to Self-defense Exists outside the Home by Removing the Requirement To Retreat".

This bill as I understand it, removes the requirements that a person refrain from using deadly force and instead retreat if it is safe to do so and if the person can comply with a demand that the person abstain from performing an act that the person is not obliged to perform. The bill also permits the use of deadly force to prevent death or serious bodily injury in self-defense or in defense of a 3rd person or to prevent the forcible commission of a kidnapping, a robbery or a gross sexual assault.

I see this as a method to further safeguard one's life, or the life of a loved one, when faced with a potentially deadly encounter. The aggressor has no right to threaten anyone, and the potential victims should be able to be able to defend themselves, period.

Again, I support LD 1138: "An Act To Ensure the Right to Self-defense Exists outside the Home by Removing the Requirement To Retreat", and it "ought to pass".