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LD 1557

Dear Senator Rafferty, Representative Brennan and members of the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs,

LD 1557 is a recipe for disaster...and does just the opposite of what it proposes to do.

- People with Concealed Carry Permits are not required to have training of any kind in the use of the firearm, let alone regular and frequent safety training pertaining to active shooter situations in a public space
- High Schools have 18 year olds..this proposed law would allow them to have a concealed gun in the classroom...again...no training of any type required.
- Accidents happen and a person can leave their gun where it is picked up by someone who has not passed the low bar of a voluntary criminal background check or self-admitted and self-reported mental disorders and/or drug problems.
- Teaching is tough enough as it is...a majority of teachers do not want to add a high risk atmosphere into their schools where just about anyone eighteen and older can carry concealed weapons, including 18 year old students in their classrooms. None of these folks who have a permit for concealed carry are required to train in the safe use of a firearm nor are required to train as police are trained... to handle guns in public spaces in active shooter situations.

LD 1557 would DECREASE SCHOOL SAFETY.

Vote LD 1557 ONTP out of Committee.

Sincerely,

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