

LAST WEEK OF THE REGULAR SESSION

BILLS MOVE

SB 6288 TRUE INTENTION EXPOSED

SB 6288 VEHICLE FOR GUN SAFETY?

RIGHTEOUS DEMOCRATS EMERGE

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This is the last week of the 2020 regular legislative session. No later than midnight, Thursday, 12 March, the gavel comes down for the last time. The only bills remaining under consideration are those bills affecting the budget (amazing how many of those there are), and bills that were amended in the second chamber, and thus must be concurred in by the first chamber or a conference committee of both chambers reaches a compromise. Most of the time over the next few days will be spent on conference meetings and floor votes – along with committee meetings to discuss planning between now and the next scheduled session (interim planning).

HBs 2467 (centralized background checks), 2555 (background checks "other"), and 2633 (court order/firearms surrender) all passed the Senate this week, but all were amended in the Senate and must receive a concurrence vote by the House. SB 5434 (day care center gun ban) and 6288 (firearm violence prevention) both passed the House, but again with amendments. So they go back to the Senate for concurrence.

HB 2947 (magazine ban) still sits in House Finance. Because it contains fiscal provisions (magazine buyback), it can still be acted on at any time.

SB 6288 is supposed to create a committee to address gun VIOLENCE prevention measures. But the language in the bill says a grant may be made to "implement an evidence-based firearm reduction initiative." Section 6, paragraph (4)(b). That's FIREARM REDUCTION, not FIREARM VIOLENCE REDUCTION. Convenient slip of the tongue. And therein lies the true intent of the bill. Look for gun control groups to file for grants.

WE NEED TO DO THE SAME, to promote gun safety training. The good guys can apply for grants as well.

Several righteous Democrats showed their true loyalty to their oath of office during the votes on SB 6288. In the Senate, Senators Sheldon, Hobbs, Takko and Van De Wege remained true to their oath. In the House vote, Representatives Brian Blake, Dave Paul and Mari Leavitt all held firm with gun owners. Paul and Leavitt are new to me. But I used to work with Sheldon, Takko, Hobbs, Van De Wege and Blake when all were in the House many years ago.

BILL STATUS/GOAL POSITION:

(only bills still in play are listed)

HB 1010 WSP destruction of firearms Senn (D-41) S. RULES OPPOSE

HB 2305 Expands firearm prohibition re: protection orders Doglio (D-22) S. RULES OPPOSE

HB 2467 Centralized firearm background checks Hansen (D-23) S. PASSED NEUTRAL
HB 2555 Background checks for "other" firearms Goodman (D-45) S. PASSED OPPOSE
HB 2622 Court order non-compliance, firearm surrender Kilduff (D-28) S. PASSED OPPOSE
HB 2623 Firearm prohibition, certain offenses Walen (D-48) S.. RULES OPPOSE
HB 2947 Ban high capacity magazines/buy back Valdez (D-43) H. Finance OPPOSE

SB 5434 Expands gun free zones to day cares Wilson, C (D-30) H. PASSED OPPOSE
SB 5782 Spring-blade knives Zeiger (R-25) H. RULES SUPPORT
SB 6288 Office of firearm violence prevention Dhingra (D-45) H. PASSED OPPOSE

HB = House bill, SB = Senate bill. L&J = Law & Justice, CR&J = Civil Rights & Judiciary,
PubSaf = Public Safety, HC = Health Care, H. K-12 = House Early education, Apropr =
Appropriations, Fin = Finance, W&M = Ways & Means "S" before a bill number indicates
Substitute (amended).

PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED:

None scheduled

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Monroe 28-29 March
Puyallup Pavilion 4-5 April

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Article 1, Section 24
Constitution of the State of Washington

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