

2022 Colorado and Federal Firearms Bills

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Colorado Legislative Proposals

HB22-1086 Vote without Fear Act - Support

Status: Passed House State, Civic, Military, and Veterans Affairs on Feb. 14th on party-line vote of 4-7. On calendar for House floor debate. (Reps. Tom Sullivan/Jennifer Bacon, Sen. Rhonda Fields). Prohibits the open carry of firearms within one hundred feet of election site, including processing centers and drop boxes. Exclusion for law enforcement.

HB22-1105 Deadly Force Against an Intruder – Strongly Oppose

Status: Assigned to House State, Civic, Military, and Veterans Affairs. (Rep. Shane Sandridge). Hearing Monday Feb. 28th at 1:30 p.m. LSB-A. Would allow a person to use deadly force against an intruder in a business location if they felt threatened, no matter how slight. This is a Stand Your Ground bill. Think of the shooting death of Trayvon Martin in Florida, and you've got the idea. This type of bill has been defeated fifteen previous years.

HB22-1106 Guns in School - Vehemently Oppose

Status: Assigned to House State, Civic, Military and Veterans Affairs. (Rep. Patrick Neville). Hearing Monday Feb. 28th at 1:30 p.m. LSB-A. Would allow anyone with a concealed carry (CCW) permit to carry a hidden handgun into any K-12 public school. This is the 10th consecutive year for a "guns in schools" bill.

HB22-1145 Large Capacity Magazines in Competitions –Oppose

Status: Assigned to House State, Civic, Military and Veterans Affairs. (Rep. Perry Will). Hearing Monday Feb. 28th at 1:30 p.m. LSB-A. Would allow possession of Large Capacity Magazine for purposes of participating in shooting competition.

HB22-1147 Sheriff's Authority in relation to Feds - Oppose

Status: Assigned to House Judiciary. (Rep. Stephanie Luck). Would require federal authorities to obtain sheriff's permission to make an arrest within a county. This is not a gun bill, per se, but it is based on the anti-federal government rhetoric of the pro-gun rights activists.

HB22-1168 Hunting Classes for 7th Graders – Evaluating

Status: Assigned to House Agriculture and Livestock. (Reps. Hugh McKean/Kyle Mullica, Sen. Rob Woodward). Hearing Thursday Feb. 24th upon adjournment in room 0107. Would permit school districts to offer to 7th graders hunting classes taught instructors approved by the Division of Wildlife.

Colorado Legislative Defeated

HB22-1033 Permitless Concealed Carry – Strongly Oppose

Status: Defeated in House Public and Behavioral Health and Human Services Committee on Feb. 8th by party-line vote **5-8.** (Sponsor: Rep. Ron Hanks) Would allow any person 21 and older legal to possess a handgun to carry it concealed in Colorado. Could be out-of-state person. No background check. No training. Would extend current time period of a Concealed Carry permit from 5 years to lifetime. Would remove capability for cities, counties, special districts and governing boards of universities to prohibit guns on their premises (a 2021 change).

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Federal Bills of Concern

There have been over 190 firearms-related bills already introduced in Congress. This is a selection of prominent ones.

H.R. 8 and S.529 Universal Background Checks - Support

Status: Senate bill has 45 co-sponsors, including Bennet and Hickenlooper from Colorado. Passed House 3/11/2021 by 227-203, YES: Crow, DeGette, Neguse and Perlmutter, NO: Boebert, Buck and Lamborn. Universal Background Checks. Stalled in Senate.

H.R. 38 and S. 1522 Federally Mandated Concealed Carry (CCW) Reciprocity - Strongly oppose

Status: Introduced. House bill has 198 co-sponsors, including Boebert, Lamborn, and Buck from Colorado. Senate bill has 35 co-sponsors, none from Colorado. Would mandate that every state honor CCW permits from other states and also people from permitless states. House bill would allow someone denied a permit in Colorado to get one in a state that doesn't require residency and would allow individuals to take their guns into K-12 schools, and to sue law officers or political subdivision if they are arrested or detained.

H.R. 748 and S. 591 Ethan's Law (Safe Storage) - Support

Status: House bill has 200 co-sponsors, including Crow, DeGette, Neguse and Perlmutter. Senate bill has 5 co-sponsors, none from Colorado. Would require that firearms be safely stored.

H.R. 1446 and S. 591 Enhanced Background Checks - Support

Status: Senate bill has 26 co-sponsors, none from Colorado. Passed House 3/11/2021 by 219-210, YES: Crow, DeGette, Neguse and Perlmutter, NO: Boebert, Buck and Lamborn. Close Charleston Loophole. Expand time for background checks. The Senate version requires background Check completion before transfer.

H.R. 1808 and S. 736 Assault Weapons Ban

Status: Senate Bill has 37 co-sponsors including Hickenlooper. House Bill has 204 co-sponsors including Crow, DeGette, Neguse and Perlmutter.

H.R. 2814 and S.1338 Repeal PLCAA - Support

Status: Senate bill has 23 co-sponsors, none from Colorado. House bill has 41 co-sponsors, including Neguse and Crow of Colorado. Will repeal the law prohibiting lawsuits of any part of the gun industry, including dealers.

H.R. 1620 Reauthorize Violence Against Women Act - Support

Status: Passed House 3/17/2021 by 244-172, YES: Crow, DeGette, Neguse and Perlmutter, NO: Boebert, Buck and Lamborn. Has provisions prohibiting gun possession by stalkers, abusive dating partners.

H.R. 1752 Three day waiting period for handgun purchase - Support

Status: has 77 cosponsors including DeGette and Perlmutter

S. 2050 Hearing Protection Act - Oppose

Status: has 15 co-sponsors, none from Colorado. Removes silencers from regulation under the National Firearms Act.

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