

## REQUESTED “NO” VOTE ON SB 1966 (REP. WILLIS)

### ----- FAILS TO ADDRESS NEEDED FOID REFORMS INCREASES BURDEN ON EXERCISING CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT

While portrayed as a fix to FOID process failures that led to the Aurora shooting, H.A. #1 and #2 to SB 1966 do little on that topic and go too far in other directions – disenfranchising law abiding citizens from exercising their constitutional rights to own a firearm.

#### FOID “PROCESS FAILURES” NOT ADDRESSED:

- Background check not sent through multiple law enforcement databases – *not addressed*.
- Individual lied about prior felony conviction on FOID & Conceal Carry applications, as well as on federal 4473 – *not addressed*.
- Law enforcement not mandated to share information, nor required to suspend/revoke FOID and remove firearms from ineligible citizen – *not addressed*.
- Federal & State criminal databases failed to communicate/share information with each other – *not addressed*.
- Overall defect: *law-abiding citizens are penalized under this bill for the failure of government to properly enforce the law.*

#### PRICES MANY LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS OUT OF EXERCISING A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT:

- Increases fee for FOID card to minimum of \$100 (a 1000% increase):
  - \$20 every 5 years, or **\$40** every 10 years (currently \$10 for 10 years) – a **400% increase**.
  - Mandates fingerprints for FOID – **\$30 added cost; mandated fee cap on private vendors**.
  - New fee for “enhanced” ISP background check – **minimum \$30 added cost**.
  - Allows ISP to charge unknown and uncapped fees for “processing costs” – **still more costs**.
- Mandates private firearm sales/transfers go through a licensed dealer; however, **caps transfer fee at \$10** without clear consideration of process costs – likely leading to an **effective ban on all private sales/transfers** of firearms and **could lead to registry in future if gun dealers required to report sales to State**.
- Moves FOID processing/approval from 30 calendar days to 30 business days – **unnecessary 2-week delay in processing**.
- Allows courts to order that firearms be surrendered to police, while restricting transfers between valid FOID card holders (including family members) – **unnecessary confiscation**.
- **Such burdens/restrictions would never apply to a citizen’s constitutional right to vote or free speech.**

#### EVERYONE SHOULD BE ABLE TO AGREE ON:

- Revised “clear and present danger” standard.
- Additional funding for mental health services.
- Clearer direction to courts/police on enforcement.

**SB 1966 DOES NOTHING TO PREVENT  
THOSE VIOLATING CURRENT LAW FROM ACCESSING FIREARMS**