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I strongly oppose SB156 from the 2025 legislative session or any current recommendation for a bill to create the New Office for the Prevention of Gun Violence by Special Counsel within the Attorney General's office.

This bill is a solution looking for a problem. Besides legitimate concerns of outside influence and funding of this office by anti-gun organizations, the so-called "office for the prevention of gun violence" would, I believe, be an anti-second amendment propaganda machine aimed at turning public opinion against the rights of law-abiding gun owners.

As has been said before in other testimonies on various gun control bills introduced during this legislative session, the data shows that criminals could care less about gun control laws and that dangerous individuals are more likely to choose, attack and kill people in "gun-free zones" fully knowing that they are less likely to receive any immediate opposition to their actions.

According to a study reported in July 2023 by Carl Moody at the Department of Economics at the College of William and Mary, it concluded that "mass public shooting deaths are lower in places that allow the carrying of concealed firearms." Perhaps encouraging people to train in the safe and effective use of firearms and acquire concealed carry permits and eliminate gun-free zones will serve to prevent gun violence as the data shows.

Sadly, I believe that the "office for the prevention of gun violence" will be nothing more than an extension of the anti-gun bias we see in the media today thanks to groups such as Everytown and individuals such as Michael Bloomberg. They have a history of putting on workshops on the topic of firearms that they claim are balanced until you investigate the details and discover that they are indeed quite biased. They also have a history of stacking the deck in their favor when it comes to radio and television debates. (War on Guns – John Lott pg. 20)

Again, I believe that this would certainly be the case with the "office for the prevention of gun violence." It would be a hindrance to obtaining accurate and unbiased information on the topic of firearms and prevent people from discerning the truth about them, and ultimately lead to more gun control measures.

And for these reasons, I ask you to please oppose it. Thank you.

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