

Resolution

Expression of Opposition to Colorado Senate Bill 2025-3

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners of Weld County, Colorado, pursuant to Colorado statute and the Weld County Home Rule Charter, is vested with the authority of administering the affairs of Weld County, Colorado, and

Whereas, Colorado Senate Bill 2025-3 (“SB-3”) passed by the Colorado legislature on March 28, 2025, in part, prohibits knowingly manufacturing, distributing, transferring, selling, or purchasing a semiautomatic rifle or semiautomatic shotgun with a detachable magazine or a gas operated semiautomatic handgun with a detachable magazine (“specified semiautomatic firearms”) with limited exceptions and only upon an individual completing onerous, lengthy, and costly background checks and safety courses, and

Whereas, pursuant to SB-3, the unlawful manufacture, distribution, transfer, sale, or purchase of a specified semiautomatic firearm is a class 2 misdemeanor, and a second or subsequent offense is a class 6 felony, and

Whereas, also pursuant to SB-3, a dealer who unlawfully manufactures, distributes, transfers, sells, or purchases a specified semiautomatic firearm shall have their license revoked by the department of revenue, and

Whereas, SB-3 is an unfunded mandate that requires county sheriffs to complete fingerprinting and conduct background checks on applicants to determine if they meet the criteria to receive a firearms course card without any additional funding or resources, and

Whereas, it is estimated that SB-3 will cost the state \$1.4 million in the first year of implementation and \$500,000 annually to maintain, expenses that the state cannot bear given the state’s budget shortfall, and

Whereas, SB-3 will harm gun store owners, rendering it illegal for gun store owners to sell large portions of their merchandise, potentially driving gun businesses to close or move out of the state, and

Whereas, SB-3 requires law-abiding citizens to jump through unnecessary hoops and pay significant fees in order to exercise their Second Amendment rights, and

Whereas, SB-3 is one of the most restrictive gun licensing systems in the United States that will be a burden to county sheriffs, gun store owners, and law-abiding Coloradoans that must be vetoed, and

Whereas, the Board of Weld County Commissioners opposes Senate Bill 2025-3 and implores Governor Polis to veto this legislation that will infringe on Coloradoan's Second Amendment rights, jeopardize citizens' rights to self-defense, damage the economy and livelihoods of gun store owners and employees, and burden county sheriffs.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Weld County, Colorado, that the Board hereby expresses its opposition to Senate Bill 2025-3 and urges Governor Polis to veto said legislation.

The Board of County Commissioners of Weld County, Colorado, approved the above and foregoing Resolution, on motion duly made and seconded, by the following vote on the 7th day of April, A.D., 2025:

[Insert Resolution Attestation Block Post Meeting]