

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

March 2, 2026
Date

Committee on State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB26-1265 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 3, strike lines 3 through 27.

2 Strike page 4.

3 Page 5, strike lines 1 through 23 and substitute:

4 "SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 29-11.7-106 as
5 follows:

6 **29-11.7-106. Law enforcement use of a national electronic**
7 **tracing system for recovered firearms - definitions.**

8 (1) (a) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2026, EACH LAW
9 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IN THE STATE SHALL REGISTER FOR THE UNITED
10 STATES BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS, AND EXPLOSIVES
11 NATIONAL ELECTRONIC TRACING SYSTEM AND SHALL OPT IN TO THE
12 SYSTEM'S COLLECTIVE DATA-SHARING FEATURE.

13 (b) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT
14 AGENCY THAT HAS A PREEXISTING RELATIONSHIP WITH ANOTHER LAW
15 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY THAT ALLOWS THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY
16 TO SUBMIT A FIREARM TO THE ELECTRONIC TRACING SYSTEM, INCLUDING
17 THE SYSTEM'S COLLECTIVE DATA-SHARING FEATURE, THE COLORADO
18 STATE PATROL, OR THE COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

19 (2) (a) WHEN A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY RECOVERS OR
20 CONFISCATES A FIREARM, THE AGENCY SHALL, AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE,
21 BUT NO LATER THAN NINETY DAYS AFTER THE AGENCY RECOVERS OR
22 CONFISCATES THE FIREARM, TRANSMIT THE RELEVANT INFORMATION
23 REGARDING THE FIREARM TO THE NATIONAL TRACING CENTER'S
24 ELECTRONIC TRACING SYSTEM.

25 (b) A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY THAT RECEIVES A

1 VOLUNTARILY RELINQUISHED FIREARM OR RECOVERS A FIREARM THAT THE
2 AGENCY DETERMINES IS NOT CONNECTED WITH A CRIMINAL
3 INVESTIGATION OR CRIMINAL ACTIVITY DOES NOT NEED TO TRANSMIT THE
4 RELEVANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE FIREARM TO THE ELECTRONIC
5 TRACING SYSTEM.

6 (3) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
7 REQUIRES:

8 (a) "LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY" MEANS A LAW ENFORCEMENT
9 ENTITY HAVING ORIGINAL JURISDICTION OVER A FIREARMS-RELATED
10 CRIME INVESTIGATION, INCLUDING:

- 11 (I) A MUNICIPAL POLICE DEPARTMENT;
- 12 (II) A SHERIFF'S OFFICE OF A COUNTY OR CITY AND COUNTY;
- 13 (III) A CAMPUS POLICE DEPARTMENT;
- 14 (IV) A TOWN MARSHAL'S OFFICE; AND
- 15 (V) A POLICE OFFICER EMPLOYED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 9 OF
16 TITLE 32.

17 (b) "RECOVER OR CONFISCATE" MEANS:

18 (I) A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OBTAINING AN ITEM FROM A
19 CRIME SCENE OR AN ITEM IN CONNECTION WITH A CRIMINAL
20 INVESTIGATION;

21 (II) A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SEIZING, OR A PERSON
22 FORFEITING TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, AN ITEM IN CONNECTION
23 WITH A CRIMINAL PROCEEDING, INVESTIGATION, OR CONVICTION;

24 (III) A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SEIZING, OR A PERSON
25 FORFEITING TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, AN ITEM IN CONNECTION
26 WITH A CRIME THAT HAS AN UNDERLYING FACTUAL BASIS OF DOMESTIC
27 VIOLENCE, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 18-6-800.3 (1);

28 (IV) A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY ACQUIRING AN ABANDONED
29 OR DISCARDED FIREARM; OR

30 (V) A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OTHERWISE OBTAINING AN
31 ITEM BELIEVED TO BE CONNECTED WITH A CRIME."

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