

**House Finance**

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**HB25-1128 Income Tax Credit for Firearm Safety Device**

**Typed Text of Testimony Submitted**

<b>Name, Position, Representing</b>	<b>Typed Text of Testimony</b>
<p>Robert Edmiston Against The Firearms Coalition of Colorado</p>	<p>Testimony in opposition to: HB25-1128, Income Tax Credit for Firearms Safety Device- House Finance Committee</p> <p>The Firearms Coalition of Colorado PO Box 1454, Englewood, CO 80150-1454</p> <p>Thank you, Chair and Committee.</p> <p>My name is Robert Edmiston. I am with the Firearms Coalition of Colorado an NRA-affiliated, all-volunteer, grassroots organization dedicated to the protection of individual rights and public safety.</p> <p>I am a former U.S. Army Officer and Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor. I have a Master's Degree in Psychology, Counseling and Guidance.</p> <p>I am writing in opposition to the measure under consideration. We believe the proposal will have a negative financial impact on the State of Colorado. The bill has the potential to create a gun registry of people who apply for the tax credit. This feature will almost certainly result in litigation that will result in un-planned costs to the state.</p> <p>The money for the tax credits is being taken from Tabor Refunds, which amounts to a reduction in the amount of money that would have been returned to all Coloradans for the benefit of a small fraction of the people who own firearms in Colorado. We do not believe that this is fair or equitable.</p> <p>The Fiscal Note indicates that, if the administrative procedures for administering the "first come/first served" protocol mentioned in the bill are not clarified, the</p>

	<p>administrative costs of the program will go up. Since Colorado is currently facing a serious deficit, we do not believe that this uncertainty is beneficial.</p> <p>Since there appears to be no money allocated in the measure for advertising the tax credit, it follows that the more affluent, tax-knowledgeable will be the first to apply for the credit, leaving economically disadvantaged individuals out in the cold. We do not believe that this is a fair or equitable solution.</p> <p>We urge a "No" vote on this bill.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Robert Edmiston Volunteer Lobbyist The Firearms Coalition of Colorado PO Box 1454, Englewood, CO 80150-1454</p>
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