

**House State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs**

**04/29/2025 Upon Adjournment**

**SB25-158 State Agency Procurement & Disposal Certain Items**

**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: SB25-158</p> <p>The Firearms Coalition of Colorado</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.</p> <p>This legislation creates additional paperwork barriers for any federally licensed firearm dealers to sell firearms to law enforcement agencies in the state of Colorado. Many small firearms merchants are already suffering under crippling, onerous regulations passed in recent sessions. A significant number of these employers of Colorado workers are having to consider closing their doors or moving out of state to continue to pursue their livelihoods. This bill is one more nail in the coffin for these businesses.</p> <p>It is hard to believe that the intention of the Legislature is to drive more and more small dealers out of business, yet that is the likely effect of this law. Paperwork takes time and resources that are hard to come by for many small business owners.</p> <p>In addition to the negative effects on small merchants, this law dries up a legal source of firearms for the civilian market. As inflation makes firearms and ammunition more expensive, supply restrictions cannot help but make it more difficult for disadvantaged populations to obtain firearms for recreation and self-defense. We believe this proposal will have a disparate negative impact on lower-income minority populations.</p>

	<p>Also troubling is the fact that that this legislation will result in the destruction of many collectable firearms. The loss of this supply will rob the public, not only of potential monetary gain from the acquisition and resale of these guns, but also destroy historically significant artifacts.</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>
<p>Leif Sigstedt          Against          themself</p>	<p>Since I now know our legislators aren't paying any attention to our testimony I'll keep it short. This bill is basically going to make the government throw away money to accomplish absolutely nothing at all. Please don't support this madness and vote NO.</p>
<p>Ketih Emerson          Amend          themself</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Do a search and replace of the term "GOVERNMENTAL BODY" with "STATE" to better match the statements that the bill only covers State purchasing and contracting as stated in the Bill Summary and in a number of places on page 3.</li> <li>2. Delete page 2 of the Bill Summary dealing with the destruction of firearms as this is no longer covered in the bill text.</li> </ol>