

House Finance

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HB25-1314 Peace Officer Status for Certain DOR Employees

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Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
Joseph Pero Against themselves	<p>Please OPPOSE HB25-1314. It is not just a proposal; it represents a chilling shift in the fabric of our freedoms. It seeks to arm employees of the Department of Revenue with full peace officer status, granting them the alarming authority to enforce every state law. How is this different than the IRS plan? The very individuals responsible for managing our hard-earned taxes (fees) are now being transformed into enforcers of the law.</p> <p>This is not merely an expansion of powers; this is a profound encroachment on our liberty (like SB25-003!), slowly suffocating the essence of our freedom. This is how liberty dies, and we must stand up against it before it's too late!</p> <p>Again, please OPPOSE HB25-1314</p>
Keith Emerson Against themselves	<p>On HB25-1314....</p> <p>Last year SB24-003 added 10 people to the Department of Revenue to handle new Colorado state-level inspections of firearms dealers (that in part duplicate Federal inspections). I haven't heard a rumor that those Colorado inspections have even started and yet here is a bill to expand the scope of those employees' workload to, "Enforcement of all the laws of the State of Colorado." They now also have to be qualified the same as the local Sheriff whose authority they are usurping.</p> <p>This is at zero cost of course. That's if you believe the Fiscal Note that no other people, equipment or expense money is needed for this potentially significant increase in workload. At a minimum the Fiscal Note needs to reflect reality.</p> <p>Please permanently shelve this bill.</p> <p>Sincerely, Keith Emerson</p>
Robert Edmiston Against The Firearms Coalition of Colorado	<p>Testimony in opposition to: HB25-1314, Peace Officer Status for Certain Department of Revenue Employees</p> <p>The Firearms Coalition of Colorado</p>

	<p>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. To quote from the bill summary:</p> <p>“HB24-1353 created a new firearms dealer division... within the department. The bill” (HB25-1314) “designates the division director and deputy directors as peace officers who may be P.O.S.T.-board-certified. The bill makes agents in charge, criminal investigator supervisors, and criminal investigators in the division peace officers who must be P.O.S.T.-board-certified.” The bill states that the authority of these persons also includes the enforcement of all the laws of the State of Colorado. This measure creates more armed state-level enforcers for firearms laws and other laws, in addition to the CBI employees tasked with policing “gun crime.” Adding in the auto dealer enforcers, this proposal further usurps the authority of local law enforcement, especially the elected county sheriffs. We believe the development of a growing interagency state police force with broad authority is redundant, costly, and threatens to cause jurisdictional conflicts with local agencies. These conflicts have the potential to reduce the effectiveness of actual policing of criminal activity in the State of Colorado.</p> <p>We urge a “No” vote on this proposal.</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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