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HB26-1302 CBI Firearms InstaCheck Unit Operating Hours

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Keith Emerson Against themselves	<p>While the CBI has a responsibility for firearm purchase background checks, such checks are used for a number of other purposes such as on concealed weapons permit applications and, in a few months, clearing individuals to take certain classes related to a permit to purchase some firearms. Meeting the business needs of the bureau does not set a goal for the bureau to meet all these needs in a timely fashion. Remember, members of the public are paying for a certain level of service.</p> <p>My first thought before realizing these other uses of the system was to amend the bill on Page 3 Line 13 to add: "that best meet the business needs of the bureau CONSISTENT WITH RESPONDING TO REQUESTS IN LESS THAN 72 HOURS."</p> <p>However, after seeing the Fiscal Note stating that there is a \$0 savings from this bill and recognizing the potential need to have an even more timely turn-around for these other purposes, I have changed my stance from "Amend" to "Against". Please withdraw or kill this bill.</p> <p>Sincerely, Keith Emerson</p>

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Craig Bauer Against themselves	This bill is further demonstration of TITLE 18 SS 241 CONSPIRACY AGAINST RIGHTS WHICH CARRIES THE DEATH PENALTY AND ALL PERSONS IN OFFICE SUPPORTING THIS OUTRAGEOUS TREASON CAN BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE AS ACTING IN SELF INTEREST OUTSIDE THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL CONSTRAINTS. ABANDONING THIS COURSE OF ACTION IS YOUR ONLY LEGITIMATE OPTION. AND REMINDER. THE SECOND AMENDMENT IS PRODUCED OF THE INTENT THAT THE POPULATION HAVE THE POWER TO ENFORCE THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONSTRAINTS ONTO THOSE SEEKING POWER OF OFFICE , AND THOSE SAME OFFICER ARE OATH BOUND TO OBEY THE CONSTITUTION WITHOUT CONTEST. ESPECIALLY THIS TYPE OF STRATEGY THAT IS DESIGNED TO PROTECT EPSTEIN JEWISH MOSSAD AIPAC CHILD RAPIST CANNIBALS. THOSE OF YOU WHO WOULD COMMIT THIS TREASON, YOU REPRESENT THIS ABOMINATION OF SEDITION, CHILD RAPE. AND CANNIBALISM.
Keith Emerson Against themselves	While the CBI has a responsibility for firearm purchase background checks, such checks are used for a number of other purposes such as on concealed weapons permit applications and, in a few months, clearing individuals to take certain classes related to a permit to purchase some firearms. Meeting the business needs of the bureau does not set a goal for the bureau to meet these needs, even for firearm purchase with a three day wait, in a timely fashion. Remember, members of the public are paying for these background checks and expect a certain level of service. My first thought before realizing these other uses of the system was to amend the bill on Page 3 Line 13 to add: that best meet the business needs of the bureau CONSISTENT WITH RESPONDING TO REQUESTS IN LESS THAN 72 HOURS.

	<p>However, after seeing the Fiscal Note stating that there is a \$0 savings from this bill and recognizing the need to have a timely turn-around on other background check purposes, I have changed my stance from "Amend" to "Against". Please withdraw or kill this bill.</p> <p>Sincerely, Keith Emerson</p>
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Testimony in opposition to: HB26-1302 Firearm Instacheck Operating Hours
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Thank you, Chair and Committee.

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.

I am a former U.S. Army Officer and Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor. I have a Master's Degree in Psychology, Counseling and Guidance.

I am writing in opposition to the measure under consideration. Given the onerous 3-day waiting period imposed by the Legislature, there is little about the background check system that is "instant."

Allowing the CBI to set its own operating hours could add unnecessary delay to what is already a cumbersome process. The Fiscal Note for the bill states:

"Starting in FY 2026-27, the bill may impact state revenue and expenditures in the Colorado Department of Public Safety (CDPS), depending on what business hours the CBI sets for the InstaCheck unit. If business hours are set in such a way that fewer staff are required, then expenditures will decrease. Correspondingly, if this reduces the total operating costs of the InstaCheck unit, then the CDPS may need to adjust fees and decrease state revenue to reflect lower programmatic costs. It is assumed that any impact to state revenue and expenditures is minimal, and no change in appropriations is required. Any future change in state revenue or expenditures will be addressed through the annual budget process."

If, in fact, the CDPS must "adjust fees and decrease state revenue to reflect lower programmatic costs..." there would seem to be no cost benefit from taking this action that would justify the reduction in service to the customers of the department.

Also, there are other background check functions, such as concealed carry permit checks and the incoming "permit to purchase checks" that could be impacted by such a move.

We urge a "No" vote on this proposal.

Thank you.

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