



February 2025

TO: House State, Civic, Veterans & Military Affairs Committee

RE: HB25-1128-- Income Tax Credit for Firearm Safety Device

Dear Committee Members:

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is one of the oldest women's organizations in the country, empowering women since 1881. The mission of AAUW is to advance equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy. More than 700 community leaders are members of AAUW branches around Colorado.

AAUW has declared that gun violence is a public health crisis. Improving gun safety is one of our top priorities, because we hear of far too many accidental shootings, and deaths resulting from stolen firearms. These are tragedies that could be prevented with safer firearm storage.

HB1128 creates a an incentive for gun owners to make sure their weapons are safe, by providing an income tax credit for purchasing firearm safety devices. These can include gun safes, lock boxes, or gun cases designed to be unlocked only by a key or combination. We believe HB1128 is another important step toward making Coloradans safer from gun violence.

AAUW of Colorado strongly supports HB1128 and requests your YES vote in committee and throughout the process of becoming a law.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Su Ryden".

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HB25-1128 Income Tax Credit for Firearm Safety Device

Typed Text of Testimony Submitted

Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
Royce Anderson Against themselves	<p>Second Amendment advocates are humble and self-governing citizens, who understand their duty to properly secure their arms as an inherent responsibility of the individual.</p> <p>H.B. 25-1128 re-enforces unconstitutional and unsafe storage mandates, which are repugnant to the citizen's ability to preserve life, liberty, and property with easily accessible arms.</p> <p>I can imagine a State in the United States of America where the governing body would protect the law abiding voting citizen with every fiber of the law. And in the same way within the power of the law currently in place, pursue any and all that break the law. We don't need more laws. We need to enforce the laws we have. That's what and who I vote for at every opportunity.</p>
Maek Micono Against themselves	<p>I stand opposed to House Bill 25-1128.</p>
Justin Beard Amend themselves	<p>I am FOR this bill, with some amendments. Notably, there should also be a credit for those who buy a gun safe. While a gun lock may help prevent in-home accidents, they do not help prevent theft (where the thief can easily cut the lock later.) A true long gun safe, not an RSC (Residential Security Cabinet), can cost well over \$2,000 and having a decent tax credit would help greatly in offsetting this enormous expense. Even a single pistol lock box can cost a few hundred dollars, but these still do not help much with theft.</p>
Keith Emerson Amend themselves	<p>If HB25-1128 is meant to improve the behavior of tax filers who do not pay income tax (roughly 40% of filers in both Colorado and the US) the term used should be "refundable tax credit" rather than "tax credit". A tax credit offsetting taxes being paid does not do any good when the lower income filers the State is trying to encourage pay no, or minimal, income taxes. A "refundable tax credit" will allow all filers to actually get their money back.</p>
Robert Edmiston For	<p>Testimony in support of: HB25-1128, Income Tax Credit for Firearms Safety Device</p>

The Firearms Coalition of Colorado	<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 support of the measure under consideration, and recommend amendments to the proposal.</p> <p>Since the Legislature has chosen to mandate "safe storage" for firearms in vehicles, we believe it is only fair and equitable that legislation is put forth to help mitigate the expense required for citizens to comply with this law. While we enthusiastically support any assistance to citizens in exercising their Second Amendment right to armed self-defense against crime, tyranny, terrorism, and genocide, we would like to see this bill go even farther.</p> <p>We would like to see the tax credit permanently extended beyond the time limits specified in the current bill, since the "safe storage" law is designed to be permanent. Assuming that Colorado Citizens are allowed to own firearms in ten years, and assuming there will still be privately owned vehicles in the state, we believe the cost of "safe storage" is only going to increase with inflation. We would also like to see the cap on total tax credits lifted, so more people can reduce their personal costs of complying with the storage requirement.</p> <p>In addition to all the other costly firearm regulations passed and contemplated by the Legislature, vehicle "safe storage" has posed a particular burden on economically disadvantaged citizens in Colorado. We believe it has also created a disparate financial impact on lower income communities of color. This bill would somewhat remedy that situation. We request that the above listed amendments be considered by the committee.</p> <p>We urge an "aye" vote on this bill.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Robert Edmiston Volunteer Lobbyist</p>
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