

Written testimony submitted to the State, Civic, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee In opposition to HB22-1106 Concealed Handguns on School Grounds Submitted by Rionda Osman, Boulder CO 25 February 2022

HB22-1106 Concealed Handguns on School Grounds would remove limitations on carrying a concealed handgun on public elementary, middle, junior high, or high school grounds. Under this bill, local governments could not restrict carrying a concealed handgun on school grounds by a person who has a valid concealed carry permit.

Colorado statutes forbid the possession of a deadly weapon at a Colorado school. According to the fiscal note, from FY 2018-2019 to FY 2020-2021, 28 people have been convicted and sentenced for this class 6 felony. This bill would overturn that prohibition. Colorado statutes permit local jurisdictions to enact their own policies concerning gun violence. This bill would overturn that statute.

School shootings are tragic and shocking, but children are more likely to be harmed away from school grounds than on school grounds. The current prohibitions against guns on school grounds and campuses have created a safe space that should be protected.

I urge the committee to vote no on HB22-1106 Concealed Handguns on School Grounds.