

Senate State Affairs Committee

Monday, March 18, 2024 - 8:00 A.M.

TESTIMONY ON: All Subjects

Written Testimony

Name (First & Last)	Subject	Manner Testifying	Representing Company/Organization	City	For / Against	Wish to Testify	District #
lew shaver	HCR 28	IP	Owyhee County Sheriff Office	nampa	For	Y	23
HCR 28 Deputy Paul Nettleton Approval							
Andrew Luther	H 620aa	IP	Ford Idaho Center	Meridian	Against	Y	21

This letter is being drafted in reference to the Knife Preemption bill (HB 620) – it is of great concern to the Ford Idaho Center & the City of Nampa. The overwhelming fear is the negative economic impact that would exist due to loss of major events via weapons being allowed in the facility.

Entertainment venues, like the Ford Idaho Center, drive economic growth locally & revenue by booking events. Many of these events contractually obligate the venue and/or promoter to enforcing certain policies on the attendees. These policies can range from no photos, to no homemade signs, or no weapons, inclusive of knives. Without the capability to enforce a no weapons policy, these events would exclude the Ford Idaho Center and other venues from booking these events in the future.

The Ford Idaho Center is a city-owned venue, funded by the Nampa taxpayers – without these events, the tax burden of the residents would increase. The hotels would lose thousands of room nights, local restaurants/shops would lose revenue streams, and other ripple effects of this bill would be felt.

In 2023, events with a 'no weapons' policy accounted for more than 300,000 attendees & 70% of the Ford Idaho Center's event revenue. The potential loss of this revenue would prove catastrophic to the operation of the facility and would make it unviable for the future. The result would be an enormous burden sitting in the hands of Nampa's taxpayers to continuously subsidize.

I implore the legislators of the State of Idaho to contemplate the ramifications of not allowing venues, or their lessee's, to control

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what is or isn't allowed into the venue. The increased burden on the taxpayer & negative economic benefit must be carefully considered prior to passing this bill in its current state.

Vickie Fadness	H 620aa	W	self	Lewiston	Against	N	7
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Please oppose HB620

HB620 provides an "open carry" protection for knife carrying people, while denying individuals and the public from not permitting knives in bars, businesses, churches, meetings, libraries, etc. Knives are a lethal weapon which is easily hidden on the body and extremely effective in causing bodily harm before the victim/bystanders understand what had just happened. Gunshots can be heard.

The public would be better served by limiting the availability of another lethal weapon. Previous state laws did an adequate job.

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Daniel Murphy	H 620aa	W	Self	BOISE	For	N	18
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I support H 620aa. What bothers me, is, every time I see a crime show, and some woman is assaulted, kidnapped, and murdered, I always wonder, WHAT IF... the woman had some sort of protection, a firearm or knife? Too many liberal municipalities are taking it upon themselves to restricts our rights as guaranteed by God, through our U.S. and Idaho Constitutions. It's time our legislators stand against the municipal overreach. (I'd testify in person, but 8:00 a.m. is too darn early for this retired and "night owl" fella.) Thank you and Blessings to all! ~ Daniel Murphy