

Testimony for SB 1313 -- Senate State Affairs -- Monday Feb. 26 @ 8am

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RE: SB1313

Good Morning, Chairman Siddoway, members of the committee: Thank you for your time. I am Nicole Brown and I retired out of the Pentagon after 20 years as an Air Force Intelligence Officer.

SB 1313 would provide everyday citizens with broad deadly powers -- with no physical or mental vetting, no accountability or training, no requirements to de-escalate or use proportional force. There is no rigor in the wording of the bill.

In my opinion there is NO military equivalent to the civilian authorities granted in SB1313. The language of this bill legally authorizes civilians to use disproportional & deadly force much more freely and autonomously than lawful authorities given by the President to military personnel in combat zones.

All applicants to the US Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Navy have to meet mental, physical fitness, education, and solid lifestyle standards to even apply to "Boot Camp," where they are all provided identical education and training to become a member of the US armed forces.

The Federal and International legal systems hold all US military personnel to the same legal standard whether they are a cook, tank driver, sniper scout, or a pilot; whether they hold the lowest or highest military rank. Orders and rules of engagement authorize the specific geographic location, time, types of weapons, number of personnel, movements of personnel; they specify use of deadly force in specific conditions only, targets are selected prior to combat.

A combat zone is not a free for all and great measures are taken to ensure that civilians don't become unintended collateral damage.

The US military runs successfully because it has these carefully thought out standards, requirements, and training which apply equally to all personnel.

The same can not be said of this law. SB1313 creates a combat environment among civilians. Please vote NO on this reckless proposal.

