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Representative Bob Ziegelbauer's Statement on Concealed Carry

Today, the State Assembly passed (at 2:40 a.m. on a 64-35 vote) SB 214 relating to allowing a permit for concealed weapons, and sent it on to the Governor for his expected veto.

This bill has received a great deal of deserved public attention and comment in the past few weeks. I have been especially appreciative of the input I have received from my constituents on both sides of the issue, and the many E-mails, letters and conversations that came with those contacts. Each has given me an opportunity to learn more about the views on this issue of the people I represent.

Throughout all of this, I have consistently observed a growing yet minority opinion very interested in changing state law to allow for carrying concealed weapons to some degree. However, I believe that the majority of my constituents remain opposed to this change. Beyond that, many who support the general concept share many of my concerns with the proposal.

As I have stated throughout our deliberations, these concerns, and the position of my constituents, prevent me from supporting the bill. To those who earnestly wish to change the law to allow concealed carrying of weapons, I would suggest a continuation of the public dialogue in an effort to fix the bill's obvious weaknesses, and working to convince more of their fellow citizens of the need for this change.

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