

Important Message for Washinton State Firearm Owners & Gun Club Members!!!!

If you want to stop further erosion of your 2nd Amendment rights by Washington State, it's critically important that each of you become personally involved during the 2026 legislative session in opposing anti-firearm bills. This alert is meant to provide you with:

- A preliminary list of gun bill legislation held over from 2025 to be reconsidered in 2026
- Proposed Gun Bill impacts
- Washington state Preemption law and potential changes
- US Supreme Court history regarding rulings on 2nd Amendment cases
- Black Diamond Gun Club Initiative
- NRA-ILA January 8, 2026 Firearm Owner Legislative Workshop
- Black Diamond Gun Club January 20, 2026 General Meeting (NRA-ILA briefing)

2026 Gun Legislation – Preliminary List

Here's a preview of 2025 firearm bills that may be reconsidered during the 2026 legislative session. Additionally, there has been discussion of a bill being introduced to change the Washington State preemption law. I'm currently unaware of other new firearm bills that may be introduced in the 2026 legislative session. New bills can be filed beginning in December 2025. The expected starting date for the 2026 session is January 10th.

1. Senate Bill 5098 – Expand where it's illegal to open-carry a firearm. "Restrict the possession of weapons on the premises of state or local public buildings, parks or playground facilities where children are likely to be present, and county fairs and county fair facilities."
2. Senate Bill 5056 – "Concerning Washington state patrol providing firearm background checks when state record systems are unavailable."
3. Senate Bill 5099 – "Protecting the public from gun violence by establishing additional requirements for the business operations of licensed firearms dealers." Language in the bill provides a definition of a dealer and enumerates new responsibilities for the handling of firearms and ammunition.
4. House Bill 1118 – Restores convicted criminals right to possess a firearm. "Concerning restoration of the right to possess a firearm."
5. House Bill 1132 – The measure would limit bulk purchases and transfers of firearms and ammunition over any given month. "Enhancing public safety by limiting bulk purchases and transfers of firearms and ammunition."

6. House Bill 1152 - “Enhancing public safety by establishing secure storage requirements for firearms in vehicles and residences.”
7. House Bill 1139 – Unlawful possession of a firearm would be considered a violent offense. “Promoting public safety and deterring unlawful firearm possession by increasing criminal penalties for unlawful possession of a firearm.”
8. House Bill 1163 – (NEW) Relating to enhancing requirements relating to the purchase, transfer, and possession of firearms by requiring a permit to purchase firearms, specifying requirements and standards for firearms safety training programs and issuance of concealed pistol licenses, specifying circumstances where a firearm transfer may be delayed, requiring recordkeeping for all firearm transfers, and establishing reporting requirements regarding permits to purchase firearms and concealed pistol licenses.
9. *House Bill 1504 –(NEW) Enhancing public safety by requiring financial responsibility to purchase or possess a firearm or operate a firearm range. Individuals would be required to obtain a firearm liability insurance policy or bond before purchasing or possessing the weapon. The liability policy or bond must cover at least \$25,000 of coverage per incident in the event of an accidental discharge causing injury, death or property damage.
10. House Bill 1386 – (NEW) Imposing a new excise tax on firearms, parts and ammunition. The proposed tax rate is 11% and is in addition to existing Washington State sales tax and federal taxes. Proponents of the new excise tax say it’s to be used for gun violence and suicide prevention programs. At this time, the tax revenue would be directed to the general fund.

* Worst of the 2026 bills and if passed will be devastating to Washington firearm owners.

Summary of Proposed Gun Bill Impacts

Bills directly affecting FFL's: SB 5099, SB 5056, HB1132, HB 1163

Bills directly affecting individuals: SB 5098, SB 5056, HB 1118, HB 1132 HB 1152, HB 1139, HB 1163, HB 1504

Bills directly affecting gun clubs: HB 1132, HB 1504

Washington State Preemption Law & Potential Changes

The Legislature will be considering a bill next session to repeal our statewide preemption law. If that passes, every city council, every mayor, every transit authority in Washington could declare their own "gun-free zones".

In Washington state, a preemption law refers to the principle that the state government has exclusive authority over certain areas, particularly in the regulation of firearms. This means that local governments cannot enact their own laws regarding firearm ownership, possession and regulation, as the state has fully occupied and preempted the entire field of firearms regulation. Specifically, RCW 9.41.290 states that the state of Washington has the authority to regulate all aspects of firearms, including registration, licensing and sale, and that local ordinances must be consistent with state law. This law ensures uniformity and consistency in firearm regulations across the state, preventing local governments from creating more restrictive and conflicting laws.

U.S. Supreme Court history regarding rulings on 2nd amendment cases

Several Washington state firearm owners believe that most Washington state firearm laws are unconstitutional under the Washington state constitution and the U.S. Constitution. Given this belief, many firearm owners believe that once there are lawsuits filed to overturn Washington state firearm laws, everything will return to "normal". **This discussion is intended to alert you to the importance of your personal involvement in opposing anti-firearm legislation before it becomes law.** Once a bill becomes law and legal standing is established, an individual, group or business must obtain legal representation, file a lawsuit and be prepared to incur several years of legal expenses as the lawsuit works its way through the Washington state court system, the U.S. Court of Appeals and eventually, depending on the lower court rulings, the lawsuit may eventually make its way to the U.S. Supreme Court. The chances of a 2nd Amendment case being heard and ruled on by the U.S. Supreme Court is not very promising. "The U.S. Supreme Court has issued approximately 10 rulings on 2nd Amendment cases since its establishment in 1876. This includes significant landmark decisions such as District of Columbia v. Heller in 2008, which established an individual right to possess firearms." For most of its history, the Supreme Court addressed the 2nd Amendment only occasionally and in relatively narrow circumstances.

The United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit covers Washington State. This court has appellate jurisdiction over several U.S. district courts, including the Western District of Washington. This court has a history of supporting state firearm laws. This is another major reason for firearm owners to become involved before legislative bills become law. Please get personally involved during the 2026 Washington state legislative session in opposing firearm bills. The liberals in Washington state have the majority in both houses (Senate & House) which makes it easy for them to pass anti-firearm bills and forward them to Governor Ferguson for his signature.

Black Diamond Gun Club (BDGC) Initiative

In 2025, BDGC began an initiative meant to inform its membership about Washington state firearm legislation and to educate its membership about the Washington state legislative process. Washington state's current goal is to disarm its citizens by any means necessary. Notwithstanding the firearm protections specified in the Washington state Constitution and the U.S. Constitution's 2nd Amendment, Washington state liberals continue to blame legal firearm owners for the gun violence and suicides in Washington state. Their apparent mission is to eliminate firearms in the state. The liberals are very organized and well-funded. They show up in Olympia in large numbers to testify in support of anti-firearm bills. In many cases, the individual testimony appears to be prepared by someone other than the presenter and the effort appears to be well funded by various anti-firearm organizations. Their job is made easier due to the lack of involvement of Washington state residents who oppose anti-firearm legislation. There are over 700,000 concealed pistol licenses (CPL's) in Washington state. There are approximately 75-gun clubs/ranges in Washington state. Given those numbers, you would think there would be a lot of opposition to firearm legislation. HB 1136, Washington's state permit to purchase, which passed and was signed into law by the governor, goes into effect in May 2027. It requires you to get a permit (permission) from the state of Washington to exercise your 2nd Amendment rights. Beginning in May 2027, you will need to acquire a permit to buy a firearm and in order to qualify for the permit, you will need to successfully complete a training course, including live fire training. You will also need this permit to renew your CPL license. HB 1136, while in deliberations in the legislature, received 15,906 signatures of people opposing the bill, while only 2,337 people signed up in favor of it. In spite of the opposition, the bill was eventually passed and signed into law. We now have another significant barrier to firearm ownership in Washington state.

As legal firearm owners in Washington state, we need to do much better in opposing firearm bills. Apathy amongst firearm owners needs to end and everyone who enjoys the freedoms provided by our Constitutions needs to become actively involved before a way of life disappears in Washington state.

Along with the NRA-ILA, BDGC, through its initiative, will continue to inform its membership about pending firearm legislation. We will also inform you about best ways to register your opposition. Please join us and become involved. It's not enough to complain and do nothing while your rights disappear. Where possible, donate your time and if your able to donate funds to those supporting your 2nd Amendment rights, please don't hesitate.

NRA-ILA January 8, 2026 Firearm Owners Legislative Workshop

This workshop will be held at the Tacoma Sportsmen's Club in Tacoma Washington. The flyer providing registration information is enclosed. Jane Milhans, the Pierce County NRA-ILA representative is organizing the workshop and it will provide valuable information on how to get involved in opposing firearm legislation in Washington state.

Link to register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2026-gun-firearm-owner-workshop-tickets-1968313471579?aff=oddtcreator>

Legislative Session 2026: Be Ready to Make Your Voice Count

Legislators began prefiling bills on December 1st, and the 2026 session officially opens January 12th.

At this workshop, you'll gain practical resources to:

- Understand how the Legislature functions
- Learn how to comment effectively on bills
- Discover how to testify with impact
- Connect with Legislators who will share what they're doing to defend your rights

This is your opportunity to be informed, engaged, and empowered.

See attached anti-Constitutional rights bills that might move forward for a vote in 2026.

Please share this information with your contacts. Thank you

2026 Firearm Owner Workshop

The 2026 Legislative Session and how it will impact our firearm rights.
It is a firearm owner's responsibility to make their voice heard and effectively defend our rights. We will be looking at proposed firearm bills, discussing how to effectively comment on the bills and more.

Defending Rights. Making Your Voice Count.

Guest Speakers: Senator Phil Fortunato (R-31), Rep Michael Keaton (R-25) and others have been invited. This is your opportunity to meet some of our local Legislators who support your Second Amendment rights.



Details:

Date: Thursday January 8, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM Registration 6:30 PM Start

Location: Tacoma Sportsmen's Club

16409 Canyon Rd E, Puyallup, WA 98375 (Behind Amazon Warehouse)

RSVP is Required to attend. Register here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2026-gun-firearm-owner-workshop-tickets-1968313471579?aff=oddtcreator>

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A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

Black Diamond Gun Club January 20, 2026 General Meeting (NRA-ILA briefing)

The King County NRA-ILA representative (John Doll) will attend our BDGC general meeting scheduled for January 20, 2026. Members are always invited to attend the club's general meetings. John will discuss 2026 firearm legislation and answer questions. The meeting will begin at 6 PM.