

Date: 2-16-21

House Judiciary Committee

Bill: HB 267 Voluntary Lethal Means Restrictions Amendments

Sponsor: Rep. Eliason

Floor Sponsor:

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill: creates a voluntary process for an individual to restrict the individual's ability to purchase a firearm.

Discussion: Rep. Eliason introduced the bill. It creates a list that individuals can put themselves on to temporarily restrict themselves from purchasing a firearm. Fred Vars, a professor at the University of Alabama, spoke about the need for such a restriction. Rep. Birkeland asked what the process for signing up looks like. Rep. Eliason said the bill outlines what the form they sign would include. They could turn it in to the Bureau of Criminal Identification or law enforcement. Rep. Eliason said a mail-in option is something he would consider. The Utah Shooting Sports Council, the Gun Violence Prevention Center of Utah, and the Utah Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention support the bill.

Yeas: 9

Nays: 0

N/V: 3

Outcome: HB 267 passed out of committee with a favorable recommendation.