

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE – Senate Health and Human Services

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on Senate Health and Human Services respectfully reports that it has had under consideration **SB 160, and HCR 6001** and returns the same with the recommendation that said bill and resolution do pass.

Also MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on Senate Health and Human Services respectfully reports that it has had under consideration **SB 173** which was tabled.

Also MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on Senate Health and Human Services respectfully reports that it has had under consideration **SCR 603** and returns the same with the recommendation that said resolution be amended as follows:

SCR603A

On page 1, line 1, of the Introduced bill, delete " June 5, 2020, as Gun Safety Awareness Day" and insert " the importance of gun safety"

On page 1, line 3, of the Introduced bill, after "Day." insert "WHEREAS, public safety is paramount, it is desirable for citizens of the state of South Dakota to reduce gun deaths and at the same time to fully respect the freedoms guaranteed by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution"

On page 1, line 3, of the Introduced bill, after "Day." insert "; and"

On page 1, line 3, of the Introduced bill, after "and " delete "countless "

On page 1, line 11, of the Introduced bill, after "firearm5" delete the semicolon

On page 1, line 11, of the Introduced bill, delete " and" and insert a colon

On page 1, line 13, of the Introduced bill, after "and" delete " WHEREAS, studies show that a firearm in the home TRIPLES the suicide risk for every household member6; and

WHEREAS, studies show that eighty-five percent of firearms used in teenage suicide were obtained from that teenager's own home7; and

WHEREAS, studies show that, amongst children and teenagers who bring a firearm to school, approximately eighty percent of them obtained the firearm from their parent's or another relative's home8; and

WHEREAS, protecting public safety in the communities they serve is among an elected representative's highest responsibilities; and

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On page 2, line 1, of the Introduced bill, after "and" delete "WHEREAS, it is desirable for citizens and public servants of the state of South Dakota to renew their commitment to reduce gun deaths; to pledge to do all they can, while respecting the freedoms guaranteed by the constitution, to keep firearms out of the wrong hands; and to encourage responsible gun ownership to keep our children safe:"

On page 2, line 6, of the Introduced bill, after "therein, " delete "that June 5, 2020, be recognized as Gun Safety Awareness Day in the State of South Dakota and "

On page 2, line 9, of the Introduced bill, delete "ensuring the principles " and insert "recognizing the importance "

On page 2, line 24, of the Introduced bill, after "2019)" delete "(6) Anglemyer A, Horvath T, Rutherford G. The accessibility of firearms and risk for suicide and homicide victimization among household members: A systematic review and meta-analysis. Annals of Internal Medicine. 2014; 160(2): 101-110.

(7) Suicide Prevention Resource Center – Counseling on Access to Lethal Means. <https://www.sprc.org/resources-programs/calm-counseling-access-lethal-means> (last accessed December 2019)

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(8) Woodrow Cox J, Rich S. 'The gun's not in the closet.' The Washington Post. August 1, 2018. <https://wapo.st/2TyDnTW>. The study analyzed acts of gun violence at primary and secondary schools involving shooters under the age of 18 since 1999 finding that of the 105 cases in which the gun's source was identified, 80 percent were acquired from the child's home or those of relatives or friends."

And that as so amended, said resolution do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ DEB SOHOLT

Deb Soholt, Chair