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Testimony opposing LB 502

Chairman Ebke and Members of the Judiciary Committee

“The League of Women Voters supports regulating firearms for consumer safety.”
(Position adopted 1990, amended 1994 and 1998.)

Regulation of firearms includes regulating the carrying of concealed handguns. Concealed handguns are significantly more dangerous than simple ownership of handguns. Persons who carry concealed may have handguns “at hand” at any point in their social interactions (with the exceptions identified in the bill). Permitless concealed carry assumes that anyone who owns a gun has the emotional stability to resist using a power that they have “in their possession” at the moment of interaction. The League does not believe this is a reasonable expectation, especially in the case of substantive (or even non-substantive) arguments that occur in bars, in marital and in other romantic relationships, etc.

We oppose LB 502 and urge you not to advance the bill.

Sincerely,

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