

DATE: January 15, 2020
BILL NO.: House Bill 4
COMMITTEE: Judiciary
TITLE: *Public Safety - Rifles and Shotguns - Transactions*
POSITION: Oppose

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HB 4 establishes a broad definition of long gun "transfers." It seeks to impose severe penalties upon otherwise law-abiding citizens who engage in such transfers, which includes instances of the permanent or temporary loan of common hunting firearms. As rifles and shotguns of all types are rarely used in the commission of crimes, it is improbable that this bill will result in any measurable reduction in criminal violence. In summary, this bill has a substantial negative effect on upon those who are inclined to obey the law while providing little likelihood of improving public safety in exchange. I request an "unfavorable" vote on HB 4.