

Opposition Testimony HB 272
Government Oversight Committee
Chair Rep. Bob Peterson
Vice Chair Rep. Jim Thomas

Submitted by Sieglinde Martin, October 30, 2023

Chairman Bob Peterson, Vice Chair Jim Thomas, Ranking Member Latyna Humphrey and members of the Veterans and Public Safety Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit my written testimony against HB 272.

My name is Sieglinde Martin. I am testifying as a constituent, a mother, a grandmother, a retired pediatric physical therapist and resident of central Ohio for over 50 years.

HB 272 will allow a person to carry a concealed deadly weapon or dangerous ordinance in a public building with a courtroom if the court is not in session.

Is this bill necessary? Proponents of this bill do not provide sufficient reasons for changing the current law. It is projected to result in minimal changes for some local governments. At this point it unknown how many local governments even support the changes HB 272 allows.

HB 272 is very expensive. Consider the projected minimal savings of government funds this bill may

result in. Compare this with the hourly expense of this committee meeting, the previous ones and future ones. Next the hourly cost when the assembly considers the bill. You are not volunteers. Each of you receives a salary paid for with our taxes. All the court personnel receive a salary and so on. Each hour of use of our State House cost us taxpayers multiple thousands of dollars.

Changing the current law is extremely expensive in light of the minimal if any savings of government funds it may cause. Even pro 2nd a Amendment proponents have to agree to this. You are wasting your time and your tax money.

To me, a person opposed to the spread of firearms, this is unacceptable. This is government waste at its worse!

Let S.B. 215 die in committee. Do it fast!

Thank you.

Sieglinde Martin