

# Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Intergovernmental Relations

**To:** Council Member Elizabeth Glidden, Chair, Intergovernmental Relations Subcommittee and Members of the Committee

**Referral to:** Committee of the Whole

**Subject:** Amendment to 2011 City of Minneapolis State Legislative Agenda

**Recommendation:** Amend Public Safety, opposition section to include the following new item:

"Minneapolis opposes efforts to weaken Minnesota's gun laws and regulations such as legislation undermining local background checks, shoot-first legislation, legislation prohibiting State Colleges and Universities from banning guns on campus, and a constitutional amendment on the right to keep, bear and use arms."

**Previous Directives: The 2011 Legislative Agenda supports** "Legislation supporting significant gun control measures including the mandatory reporting of any lost or stolen firearm, strengthening laws regulating the transfer of firearms, the prohibition of possessing replica guns in public, and measures to stop the flow of handguns to youth."

## Department Information

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## Financial Impact

- No financial impact

## Background

Two bills have been introduced that would negatively impact public safety in Minneapolis by weakening existing gun laws and regulations. House bill HF0161 would lengthen the time between required gun permit renewals to purchase firearms from federally licensed dealers from one year to five years. In January the Minnesota House Public Safety and Crime Prevention Committee approved HF 0161 that, if enacted, would revoke the sections of Minnesota law that require a background check before a gun purchase. House bill HF0131, which also passed out of a House Committee, would place a question on the ballot in the 2012 general election on a Minnesota constitutional amendment granting the "right of citizens to keep, bear, and use arms for certain purposes."

Other bills, including shoot-first legislation and legislation prohibiting State Colleges and Universities from banning guns on campus, have been introduced in the past but not yet in the 2011 session.