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I am a gun owner, long time NRA member, and a KSRA member.
I firmly believe in the individual's right of self defense, and the
2nd Amendment right of individuals to "Own and Bear Arms".

I also believe the individual has the obligation to use these rights
in a responsible manner. Which brings me to SB45.

I firmly believe that Kansas does in fact, need some sort of mechanism
in place to ensure that folks who plan to carry weapons, understand
the laws regarding self defense and the legal and appropriate use of deadly
force. Demonstrating a basic level of proficiency with the weapon, and
spending a few hours learning the law, is a small but necessary step that
supports individual freedoms AND maintains overall public safety.
We don't simply allow people to "drive" without a test to demonstrate
basic proficiency, and demonstrate that the driver has at least some idea
of the traffic laws involved. To do less than this for concealed carry,
could easily become a big mistake that we all will wish had not happened.

As a gun owner, the last thing I want to have happen, are incidents where
folks completely uninformed on the laws of self defense, brandish, or
draw-and-fire their weapons in situations that clearly do not qualify for use
of deadly force. These sorts of incidents can only lead to increased opposition
to legitimate concealed carry,

As a citizen, I much prefer walking around in the company of people armed with
KNOWLEDGE as well as a weapon.

As a person, I don't want needless bloodshed that could have been avoided if
the people involved had only KNOWN what they needed to know.

In a perfect world, people would take the time to learn what they need to know
before carrying a concealed weapon. In the less-than-perfect world we have,
I fear that far too many people will simply decide they can now "grab a gun"..
..and leave the house with little-if-any clue about when/how they can legally use it.

I urge some reasonable amendment that at least requires people to demonstrate
adequate knowledge of the Kansas Laws regarding self defense.

Thanks for your time..... Will

P.S. I am not a Concealed Carry Instructor, nor do I in any way make money from
the sale of weapons or training. I am just an ordinary citizen who values his freedoms
BUT also values a reasonable measure of public safety.