

PUBLIC COMMENTS

HB 4415

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & INDUSTRY

Hearing Date: April 13, 2021 8:00 AM

Neal Atkins

self retired

Marble Falls, TX

Does this apply to butter knives? How about putty knives? Will home depot have to lock up the box cutter knives? How about the linoleum knives? How can I but a dinner knife at Walmart if i have to chase down an employee to open a "locked case"? Does this apply to a machete? How about chef knives? Paring knives? what about surgical scalpels? Is a straight razor a knife? Think maybe this proposal needs a little more work.

Dan Chang, Do not vote yes on this

Self

Boerne, TX

Unless Herrero is willing to pay the compliance cost, do not pass this. HR4415 will kill small businesses who cannot afford to pay to be complaint.

Jorge Pineda

Self

Irving, TX

I do not approve of this bill. This bill will only add more unnecessary regulation placing more liability to businesses. I, as a law-abiding citizen, would prefer to hold the knife myself to ensure that it fits, both, my hands and my needs.

William Danks

Self

Sutherland Springs, TX

This bill will hurt small independent knife makers and blacksmiths who travel alot to sell their wares at shows and markets.

Maureen Riebel

Self

Boerne, TX

Dear Sirs:

I do not believe it necessary to have knives in locked cases. Tragic is as it may be - that a knife is stolen and then used as a weapon. We can not put every life threatening thing in a locked box- for if we did all vehicles would be in a locked box. All oceans would be in a locked box. Life has it's challenges but with wisdom, knowledge and understanding- store clerks can use common sense in protecting their product from thieves.

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Steven Riebel, Mr.

Self

Boerne, TX

Dear Representatives,

I do not feel that knives need to be enclosed and locked in display cases. The present system is fine.

John Bolgiano

Self - Retired

Llano, TX

I oppose HB 4415. The storage and display requirements of this bill are excessively burdensome to both small stores and hobbyist craftsmen displaying their wares at knife shows. It is unreasonable to believe an individual with enough evil in their heart to commit a violent act would not simply choose another tool to carry out their deed. Place the blame for criminal violence where it belongs, on the hand carrying out the act and not on the method they use to commit it.

Greg Johnson

Myself

Kyle, TX

I find this bill to be somewhat ridiculous folks! Bad folks will find a way to do harm one way or another. You cannot legislate every potential crime or harm that may or may not happen. Are you going to legislate kitchen knives next? Let's use common sense please and not burden our businesses anymore than they already are.....

Regards

Greg Johnson

Paul Gani

Self

Bacliff, TX

Rep. Herrero;

As a vendor, security of my product is my responsibility! Would you buy shoes that you could only examine through a window? Is the theft, specifically of knives and their criminal misuse such an epidemic problem that it requires the time, attention and resources of State level public servants? These products must be handled for fit, balance and function of the individual user. These are important considerations that you obviously don't understand or you wouldn't be wasting the peoples time on such frivolous, vindictive and costly boondoggles! Especially when so many businesses are struggling to make a comeback after your Chinese flu treachery, LEAVE PEOPLE ALONE! We don't need to reinvent the methods of commerce, you need to figure out how to control the illicit urges of your constituents.

John Lee

Self, retired police officer

GARLAND, TX

Spend your time dealing with firearms. Knife crime is miniscule compared to gun crime and stop making it harder to vote.

Trey Fox

Self

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Kingsland, TX

I oppose HB 4415; what are y'all doing it to create more ridiculously regulations that will make the business owners that sell the knives to be more unnecessary burdens.

Michael Keagle

Myself

Horizon, TX

I am against this bill as I feel it will not prevent any wrong doing and will hurt small business.

Rodney Wells jr, Mr

Self/Small businesses

Granbury, TX

More regulation for the sake of safety is never a good thing. While the bill seems like an ok idea, how will it stop violence from happening? Why not require all cars to be locked up in order to stop drunk drivers? This bill is unenforceable for many reasons. How are you going to enforce the people making knives in their garage? Are we going to increase police spending to try and enforce this. We need to look into bills to lower government spending instead of increasing it

Joan Baukman

NA

Pasadena, TX

This is an unnecessary bill. Anyone that wants to do harm to another person will use whatever they can find, i.e. rope, pipe, iron skillet, hatchet, etc.. Let's use common sense when submitting bills instead of trying to win votes.

Ron Frame

self/retired

Frankston, TX

I am opposed to this bill. It is just another law that would impose additional expense to businesses and not accomplish anything. No common sense here. We cannot "nanny state" everything. Concentrate on drug cartels and human trafficking.

Teresa Cleghorn, Mrs

Self

San Antonio, TX

Please do not pass HB4415. In a time of economic hardship on small businesses, this Bill places an egregious onus on some small businesses. It is never the right time for legislators to micro-manage businesses, but especially now.

Sylvia Elliott

Self

Comfort, TX

I oppose this bill because we do not need to lock up knives this is part of our second amendment. Stop this bill now. It's utterly ridiculous.

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Jason Wilder

Myself

ELGIN, TX

I am against this bill. It would place a burden and cost on businesses, especially the small businesses. Many knife makers depend upon knife and gun show sales for their livelihood and it is important for their customers to be able to handle their products before buying them. Most gun stores, fishing stores and sporting goods stores sell knives in Texas. Imposing further regulation and expense on them will only increase their cost of doing business during these difficult times. There's also the matter of enforcement. Would policing stores for compliance be a wise use of our limited law enforcement resources? I say it would not. This bill would not prevent violence as a bad actor would be able to acquire a weapon by other means.

Gavin Babineaux

Self

Houston, TX

I think it's ridiculous idea that only makes common sense people appear to lack the intelligence to leave sharp objects alone.

John Chamberlain

Self

ODESSA, TX

I oppose HB4415! It would place a financial burden on tens of thousands of small businesses and do nothing to stop a crime!

Kenneth Cunningham

self

Porter, TX

The state should not regulate what happens on the private property of a retail establishment. Let retailers implement their own responsible safety measures for something like this and quit trying to micromanage everything.

Melisha Corbitt

Self

Austin, TX

I oppose HB 4415.

This bill would require all knives (including kitchen knives) to be locked up in any retail establishment.

As a society, we must move past the logic that we can stop evil people from doing evil things with regulatory measures such as this.

This bill would be placing undue financial burdens on stores across Texas. Businesses, especially small businesses, are already struggling and this legislation would force them to abide by unenforceable government regulations that would not stop evil people from doing evil things.

When businesses struggle, employees struggle, and at the end of the day, they can lose their jobs and they and their dependents can suffer.

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For these reasons I oppose HB 4415.

Fred Lauckner, Mr

Self

Houston, TX

As a resident of Texas and a US citizen, I oppose this bill, HB 4415.

This bill is completely unnecessary and will place a huge financial burden on retail stores in Texas. This bill sounds like a California/New York overreacting big government control grab.

There is no reason for this bill other than placing undue burden on the people of Texas. And when this bill fails to accomplish anything, the next step will be to start outlawing common owned knives.

Again, I am against this bill.