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Koko Head Black Powder Club

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Re: HB 2271 RELATING TO EXPLOSIVES

Comments and suggested amending language.

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair, Members,

I represent a dedicated group of black powder hobbyists, re-enactors, collectors, and hunters. We have no problems with banning ice bombs if they are a problem. We have never heard of them before.

Our concerns are that the broad language defining "dry ice bomb" as "any sealed device containing dry ice or *other chemically reactive substances*" could be construed as a prohibition on mixing or preparing black powder, black powder substitutes, modern smokeless gun powders, and inert fillers as is sometimes done by those loading cartridges for small arms ammunition or muzzleloaders. Some hobbyists, re-enactors, and survivalists make their own black powder from non-commercial sources of the basic ingredients, a practice dating back to the 14th century.

We would suggest adding language to the definitions section: This definition does not mean the use of ingredients to make black powder, black powder substitutes, or modern smokeless powders, prepared for charging small arms cartridges or muzzleloading firearms.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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