

HOUSE BILL 4054

Representative Jim Thompson, et al

The above mentioned Bill would prohibit the Public Employees' Benefit Board from compiling, or collecting, and making public, any information on legally, privately owned firearms by public employees.

It would seem superfluous to require a law to support or endorse what is an established right under the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America, a law that grants the right to every citizen to keep and bear arms. Nowhere in the Constitution, or its Amendments, is it stated or required that Government keep an inventory of all privately owned firearms, or make that information public, but at least in Oregon, HB4055 would affirm that even public employees have the same right to confidential, legal ownership of firearms as other Oregonians.

Any argument to the contrary would be an abridgement of, and seek to infringe on, the Constitutional right of a selected group of private citizens, namely those citizens who happen to be State employees.

I therefore urge a complete "YES" vote on HB4054 by members of the Committee.

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