

Gun Bills - SB 347, SB 699, SB 700 & SB 796

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Dear Legislators:

I am oppose to all of these gun Bills for the simple fact it is more of a trend in legislation, a knee jerk reaction, than anything based on any true need. School grounds probably need responsible persons to carry guns the most, whether as concealed or exposed. Brandishing a gun anywhere irresponsibly would have been a better restriction than to make it illegal on school grounds. (Section 1 (b) SB 347).

All this Bill does is make those on school grounds think they are safer, because they think they get to control now who can carry guns, whether concealed or not. Outlaws will still use them, especially when they know that the school does not allow a gun policy. (subsection (4) (b)). And, section 3 (2) violates the second amendment by subjecting the constitutional rights of no infringement to school entities to decide whether infringement of gun rights is lawful. It is not right to subject the rights recognized for all to even a small government body. What is the next step? Well, if we can allow a small governing body to have authority, why not the big governing body sometime later? This is a step in the wrong direction for keeping liberty as intended in the Constitutions.

In SB 699, it is beyond the civil right to carry, but to have anyone that has been licensed, even under ORS 166.291 and .292 to carry concealed and not allowed in the Capitol, is showing more of a paranoid response than anything. There should be no special requirements for permission to do so.

State law provides the qualifications required to be elected as a Sheriff and it is the sheriff of each county that provides for concealed weapon permits. They all have training programs and instruction and live fire training and background checks, so the Capitol will be vulnerable to those that do not obey the law, because there will be less individuals there who are responsible gun owners that could save the lives of others. SB 699 actually makes the Capitol more vulnerable!

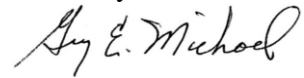
SB 700- is the beginning of a records database for gun owners and it now becomes the source for a list of gun confiscation. Who owns a gun is not as important, since ownership is a legal constitutional requirement that shall not be infringed upon. A record of criminal activity is another story. Owning a gun is not a criminal activity, using one in criminal activity is; it is the criminal activity that is tracked of persons, it should never be used to track lawful ownership activity.

SB 796 is really unnecessary, since all sheriffs of each county in this state have a program which individuals are checked out and instructed for the concealed weapon license. This is again, more

of a knee jerk reaction for legislation that enhances nothing. It only makes more state involvement in a lawful constitutional activity that shall not be infringed upon. Therefore I oppose this legislation and all legislation that will track the lawful ownership activity.

Please add my comments to the record on these four Bills.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Guy E. Michael". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G" and "M".

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