

Mr. Chairman, Senator Prozanski, and honorable members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Senators Close, Dingfelder, Kruse and Roblan.

I am here representing American Promotional Events, N.W., Inc. the largest importer, distributor and wholesaler of federally legal and State-of-Oregon legal consumer fireworks and the Consumer Fireworks Safety Association, an association of wholesalers and retailers licensed to do business in the State of Oregon.

I am here to testify in support of Senate Bill 29.

Senate Bill 29 is an important updating of Oregon state law. It brings the definitional terms in Oregon's fireworks law into harmony with federal definitions as they are found in Title 49 Code Of Federal Regulations, that is, the regulations of the United States Department of Transportation that set standards and requirements for interstate transportation of all hazardous materials.

Nothing in Senate Bill 29 in any way expands the list or kind of consumer fireworks that would be legal in the State of Oregon. What is now legal will remain legal. What is now illegal will remain illegal.

Simply put, Senate Bill 29 will change Oregon's fireworks law to match federal terms and definitions and, by so doing, make it easier for the citizens of the state to know what is and what is not legal and, at the same time, aid enforcement officials to more readily and effectively enforce the law.

We are in support of Senate Bill 29 as written and ask for your support so that is enacted into law in Oregon in 2013.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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