

To the Judiciary Committee:

Re: SB 525, please do not expand the definition of domestic violence. I understand that the "Dash 3" amendment would remove the text that broadens the definition to include relatives, including those inherited via marriage. That's a can of worms.

Also, I'm in favor of the "Dash 1" amendment, which I understand will remove the ability of judges to take someone's firearms by decree, before they've been convicted of a crime.

I personally watched a friend go through this here in Oregon when a restraining order (based on a lie) was submitted to the court. The person making the demonstrably false statements faced no penalty. I did not understand how my friend's rights could be infringed like that. Adding the Dash 1 amendment will remove a judge's ability to deny due process in these matters.

Thank you,

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