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DEMOCRATIC GUN BILL SB945 IGNORES ACCIDENT FACTS.

The number of privately owned guns in the U.S. is at an all-time high, upwards of 300 million, and now rises by about 10 million per year. Meanwhile, the firearm accident death rate has fallen to an all-time low, 0.2 per 100,000 population, down 94% since the all-time high in 1904. Since 1930, the annual number of firearm accident deaths has decreased 81%, while the U.S. population has more than doubled and the number of firearms has quintupled. Among children, such deaths have decreased 89% since 1975. TODAY, THE ODDS ARE MORE THAN A MILLION TO ONE, AGAINST A CHILD IN THE U.S. DYING IN A FIREARM ACCIDENT.

Firearms are involved in 0.5% of accidental deaths nationally, compared to motor vehicles (29%), poisoning (27%), falls (21%), suffocation (5%), drowning (3%), fires (2%), medical mistakes (1.7%), environmental factors (1.3%), and pedal cycles (0.6%). Among children: motor vehicles (34%), suffocation (27%), drowning (17%), fires (7%), environmental factors (2.3%), poisoning (2.2%), falls (1.5%), firearm (1.5%), pedal cycles (1.4%), and medical mistakes (1.3%).

Sources: U.S. National Center for Health Statistics "Wisqars" website, U.S. National Safety Council (www.nsc.org). Firearm Manufactures ATF Reports www.atf.gov/statistics

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The Democratic sponsored gun bill SB 945 pending in the current Oregon Legislature requires all firearms in homes to be made inoperable or have trigger locks installed anytime minors are present in your home. Violation is punishable by fines/ imprisonment and loss of gun rights for a five year period.

Real world statistics show SB945 is a solution in search of a problem when one looks at the leading cause of deaths for minor children under 18 years of age: motor vehicles (34%), suffocation (27%), drowning (17%), fires (7%), environmental factors (2.3%), poisoning (2.2%), falls (1.5%), firearm (1.5%), pedal cycles (1.4%), and medical mistakes (1.3%).

These real world statistics put firearm accident death rates at 0.2 per 100,000 population which is an all time historical low in the United States. Since 1930, the annual number of firearm accident deaths has decreased 81%, while the U.S. population has more than doubled and the number of firearms has quintupled. Among minor children, such deaths have decreased 89% since 1975.

Statically speaking the odds are more than a million to one, against a child in the U.S. dying in a firearm related accident.

If Democrats in the Oregon Legislature were truly concerned about child safety gun owners would not be their target. Unfortunately, SB945 is a Democrat political gun agenda item not about child safety.

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