

Dear Committee,

I Steven Clark League Jr., respectfully urge you to vote "NO" on HJR 13 and HB 2526. While I do support the intent of HJR 13, with officer safety being a very important issue to me, a former Reserve Police Officer with many friends and family still serving, even with the "dash 1" amendments to HJR 13 this resolution goes to far. Allowing a police officer the power to question any citizen about firearms possession simply because he or she "stopped" them is overly broad. I would support a resolution that allowed police to ask about weapons when they had reason to do so, such as fearing for their own safety and the safety of others, but not simply because they feel like stopping me or any other citizen when neither were suspected of anything wrong (Without Probable Cause) or suspicion of any crime committed. With Oregon being an open carry state, the passing of HJR 13 could create an unreasonable amount of problems for both the Law Enforcement Agencies and the law abiding citizens of this Great State of Oregon

HB 2526 demands that gun dealers act as mental health professionals and disseminate information about suicide simply because a person is attempting to exercise his Second Amendment rights. The implications are absurd. Why aren't these same demands being made of drugstore clerks? Furthermore, HB 2526 requires that the Department of Justice "establish a firearms safety and suicide prevention program." The Department of Justice has no expertise in suicide prevention and the potential for this "program" to be turned into a taxpayer funded anti-gun effort is enormous.

Please vote no on HJR 13 and HB 2526.

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