

Senate Bill 797.

I strongly urge this committee to vote NO on this proposal. Reading the bill I can see from a “gun control” perspective it all sounds very reasonable and the goal is to keep “violent criminals” from having guns.

But when I read the bill carefully I start thinking about how the wording places it in to the category that is stating that Any gun owner is a possible or even a definite criminal. Even those who passed a background check and never been convicted of a crime in their entire lives.

It also gives the power of an Agency under the Oregon State Patrol, the Firearms Unit to determine the rights of an individual citizen, not the state court or legislature, but the agency . This measure is dangerous on so many level that it hurts to even think about it.

There is many reasons for a possible delay by the OSP to delay firearms purchases. Computer problems, Problems with records from one agency to another. The Firearms Unit even admits that of the 2000 delays in the last period, up to 95% were in error by the agency and the person in question were “qualified” to purchase a firearm.

But this bill assumes that if a person is delayed they are guilty of a crime up to a felony, to be striped of all gun rights in the future. But let’s say that they were delayed for an administrative reason and were qualified. Under this Bill they are guilty anyway if they happen to purchase a box of ammunition within 6 months of attempting to buy a firearm.

Under the wording of this measure, it also creates an Ammunition Registry provision to the state without a corresponding bill to place it into law if the 6 month time frame is taking in account of buying a box of ammunition.

Why would you want to give a Government agency that kind of power if it was not to bash anyone who wishes to purchase a firearm?

The measure in question is simply stating that anyone who owns firearm’s in Oregon is guilty of a crime. I remind this committee of Article 1, Section 27 of the Oregon State Constitution which states:

“The people shall have the right to bear arms for the defense [sic] of themselves, and the State, but the Military shall be kept in strict subordination to the civil power[.] “

If the goal is to keep firearms from violent criminals, then this measure is NOT up to the task and I question the majority party in the Oregon Legislature from supporting this bill. I urge this committee to submit a NO vote instead of bowing to outside of the state interests to bring even more gun control into Oregon.

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