

I'm here representing the SW Valley NOW - We support both SB 797 + SB 868. But I will speak on supporting measure 868

SB 868
Extreme Risk Protection Order

I urge you to vote to pass Bill 868.

It is a common sense bill that creates a process for obtaining extreme risk protection order that temporarily prohibits a person from possessing guns when a court finds that person presents an imminent risk or risk in the foreseeable future of suicide or causing injury to others.

SB 868 establishes procedures for peace officer or family or household member to apply for an order. There are procedures for a hearing if requested by the respondent and procedures for termination or renewal of order are also on the bill.

4 Provides law enforcement serving the order to immediately request surrender of firearms and to carry out lawful search and seizure of firearms. The person subject to the order will not be able to buy, sell or possess other firearms temporarily.

5 Punishment for violation of order or application for false order can be max of 1 year in jail, \$6,250 fine or both is also provided in this bill.

7 Some are afraid this bill violates the second amendment. Not so. In 2008 a landmark case of District of Columbia v. Heller, the Supreme Court ruled that the second amendment guarantees the right of law abiding, responsible citizens to keep a firearm in the home for self defense but stated that the "second amendment is not a right to keep and carry any weapon whatsoever in any manner whatsoever and for whatever purpose" and made clear that laws prohibiting firearm possession by felons and the mentally ill were permissible. *also states guns in sensitive areas schools or govt buildings.*

2 In Oregon suicide is 85% of all gunshot deaths. Temporarily removing access to guns is especially important to prevent suicide. Often those who are thinking of killing themselves or others show warning signs. Family members are often the first ones to see these warning signs but there is often no recourse.

6 *I have a relative who*
(My sister's sister-in-law) has an adult son living with her who is mentally ill, bipolar and schizophrenic. Sometimes even when he takes his meds he still hears the voices in his head telling him that someone is out to get him. Last year he told her he was going to buy a gun. Fearing for her life and that of her neighbors, she called the police who told her there was nothing they could do. This documented mental illness case would be one of those this bill would help.

8 If guns don't kill people but people kill people then we ~~don't~~ need to make sure the people we give guns to are not felons or the mentally ill.

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