

## HB 2526 Comments

Chair Barker and member of the House Committee on Judiciary

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We own a gun store in La Grande, Oregon. I do not believe this bill is necessary, and will require agency time that is better spent on other projects.

There are currently available excellent gun safety classes through the NRA, local Sheriffs Officer and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. Rather than create a new set of information, I recommend that you have gun dealers post at least one phone number where people can get information regarding gun safety classes. We currently provide that information to customers and encourage first time gun purchasers to attend a class. These classes are offered often and are well received.

I am concerned that if SB 764 as amended passes which would require 25 rounds of live ammunition shots be fired as part of the class, it may limit the availability of these classes. If that does not happen, the classes should continue to be easily accessible. People enjoy the classes, and they provide a lot of good information. This seems to me to be a more reasonable and effective approach to providing information regarding the availability of gun safety information than some brochure. I took the class for the second time about a year ago and found it educational and enjoyable.

I do not support more government mandates, but it seems to me that posting a phone number would be an inexpensive way to notify people of a useful service.

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