

Dear Representatives, I urge you to vote "NO" on HJR 13 and HB 2526. While I support the intent of HJR 13 and officer safety is very important, even with the "dash 1" amendments the resolution goes to far. Allowing a police officer the power to question me about firearms possession simply because he "stopped" me is overly broad. I would support a resolution that allowed police to ask about weapons when they had reason to fear for their safety, but not simply because they stopped me when I had done nothing wrong. 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." At least half of every firearms manual is already on firearms safety, and everyone loses sight of the fact that suicide is not a crime in nearly all jurisdictions. People have free will and you cannot make them live. 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. James Wilson St Helens, Oregon