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SB 868 and it's dash 1 Amendment are an attempted over-reach of authority by elements of the Legislature. The primary purpose of this bill seems to be part of the continuing process to disarm the citizens of Oregon and serve no useful purpose in curtailing criminal use of firearms. This much it shares with SB 764-- just more steps in the disarmament process by increasing the difficulty in obtaining a concealed carry permit by lawful Oregon residents. The current training requirements have not, to my knowledge, lead to criminal acquisition of concealed carry permits, nor does there seem to be problems with the criminal use of handguns by holders of these permits. The bottom line to me is, if there isn't a problem, why does there need to be another law? As an NRA Certified Handgun Trainer, who has taught the concealed carry courses in Wallowa County, passage of this ill-advised bill will result in fewer individuals attempting to carry concealed legally. Most Oregon citizens are aware of the 2nd Amendment to the Constitution and recognize infringements on their rights to self defense. The majority will continue to carry self protection handguns despite this law and take their chances in court. I urge these two bills SB 868 and SB 764 not be reported favorably out of Committee.

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