

Dear Senators,

Below are arguments in opposition of the Senate bill 719 Before you cast your vote, please read through them carefully and consider the oath that you took to uphold the Constitution.

Based on a California law enacted in 2014, the amendment added to SB 719 would create a so-called "Extreme Risk Protection Order" (ERPO) that could be obtained by a law enforcement officer, family member, or household member in an ex parte hearing to deprive someone of their Second Amendment rights without due process of the law.

This ex parte order would be issued by a judge based on the brief statement of the petitioner, and the accused would not be afforded the chance to appear in court to defend themselves against the allegations when the ERPO is issued.

This is in absolute violation of the 4th and 5th Amendments of the Constitution of the United States of America, and essentially strips an individual of their Right of Due Process, and the Right to not have their houses illegally searched and property illegally seized.

Existing law already provides a variety of mechanisms to deal with individuals that pose a high threat to themselves or others, all of which can lead to firearm prohibitions in appropriate cases. The issuance of a protective order does nothing to deal with the underlying cause of danger, nor does it subject the person to any actual physical restraint, ongoing reporting or monitoring requirements, or treatment for any underlying mental health condition.

This bill is nothing more than a proxy for the failed SB 868. It is a cowardly attempt at subjugating the rights of law-abiding citizens in Oregon.

Due your Senatorial duty to protect our Constitutionally guaranteed Rights and vote "NO" on SB 719.

Sincerely,

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