

Testimony, SB 764

Members of the Committee,

Upon reading this bill, one is struck by the amount of time our Legislature is spending just endlessly tinkering with regulations, the value of which are questionable to begin with. It is clear that we have completely lost track of the stated objective of all of this verbiage, which was supposedly to reduce "Gun Violence".

The Legislature is wasting its time with this, just as it wasted its time passing the original legislation. As has been stated over and over again, and continues to fall on deaf ears: Criminals don't obey laws, and will get guns no matter what regulations are passed. Therefore, the only thing legislation of this sort will accomplish is to unduly burden and harass innocent people.

So why does the Legislature continue to proffer, and sometimes enact, these useless laws? It is a mystery, but there is at least one explanation that fits, which is that the laws are *intended* to harass innocent people because the Legislature is in the pocket of those who simply hate guns and want to make life difficult for anyone who owns one, regardless of guilt or innocence. One must admit, at least that explanation fits the fact of regulations known to be useless being continually enacted and imposed upon law-abiding gun owners. While the regulations are useless for their stated purpose, if objective is simply to obstruct and harass anyone, law-abiding or not, who is involved with firearms activity the Legislature is certainly achieving that objective.

Please show some common sense and vote NO on this useless bill. Really, all such existing regulations should be repealed as is being done in other, more progressive states - the trend nationally is toward complete elimination of firearms regulation of this sort. It's not too late for Oregon to change course in a productive direction.

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