

House Bill 4145, vastly expands the category of people who will be prohibited from owning firearms. I urge Oregonians to not allow their elected government officials to take any of their rights away especially when they are taken incrementally. Even if it is a class or category of people you think you will not belong to.

My understanding of this bill is that anyone who gets a restraining order against them by a "family or household member" would now be prohibited from owning a firearm.

Family or household member is defined to be

- A) Spouses
- B) former spouses
- C) Adult persons related by blood or marriage
- D) Persons cohabiting with each other
- E) Persons who have cohabited with each other or who have been involved in a sexually intimate relationship
- F) Unmarried parents of a minor child.

First, Section 27 of Oregon's constitution states: "Right to bear arms; military subordinate to civil power. The people shall have the right to bear arms for the defence [sic] of themselves and the State, but Military shall be kept in strict subordination to the civil power[.]

In my opinion, its pretty clear that these changes would be infringing on the rights of the people getting served a restraining order, when the state has no justified reason to confiscate their firearms.

Second, people who comply with restraining orders are law abiding citizens, and would likely comply with a weapons prohibition, however people who do not comply with restraining orders would likely not comply with weapons prohibition or any law for that matter.

Regards,

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