

Senator Prozanski

Many Oregonians and I implore you and your colleagues to pull any and all support from Senate Bills SB 723 and SB 439. If passed they would make Hunt Tests, Field Trials, and Pointing Dog Association competitions illegal in Oregon. They would also restrict how you can train dogs. These activities are enjoyed annually by hundreds of participants and thousands of dogs. Additionally, well-trained dogs are essential to retrieval of wild birds taken in the field under legal hunting activities.

Birds used in our competitions and training are pen raised, although by definition—Oregon Administrative Rule 057 of Chapter 635—they are considered wild birds. Although, this is inaccurate it is still the law

The negative economic impact of these bills would be significant. There are millions of dollars spent annually by people involved in sporting dog activities. For example, every participant in the sporting dog events owns an estimated \$5,000.00 to 8,000.00 dollars of training equipment. Add to that the fact that many participants own special transport vehicles that cost anywhere from \$10,000.00 to \$100,000.00 dollars. Additional economic impacts will occur with the loss of money spent traveling to events, fuel, motels, camping, meals, entry fees, and other miscellaneous costs which total \$600 to \$700 minimum per weekend event per person.

National events are held annually throughout the United States. Depending on the distance traveled to a National event, each participant will spend between \$4,000.00 to \$10,000.00 dollars for a one to two week event. There are many different hunt test, field trial, and pointing dog national associations that sponsor these events. AKC, MNRC, MARC, NAHRA, HRC, NARC, plus all the nationals pointing dog associations are involved in this sport.

In 2018, Roseburg, Oregon hosted the AKC Master National Retriever Club Association national event. The economic benefit to the State of Oregon by the President of the AKC Master National Committee was estimated to be between \$3.0 and \$5.0 million.

Additionally, SB 501 is an ill-conceived idea that is at odds with our Second Amendment rights and cannot stand. Gun violence is a real problem and it along with mental illness should be addressed aggressively. That should be the priority of our legislative leaders—not usurping the Constitutional rights of law-abiding citizens. Oregon citizens have many problems to contend with: the sorry state of our educational system (from grade school through community colleges and universities), forest management and fire prevention, the homeless crisis, the opioid crises, crimes against women and children, and the budget deficits, just to name a few. So I (and I think the vast majority of Oregon citizens) would wish you and your colleagues address the high priority problems with wisdom and foresight.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration of these facts.

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