

Section 5 and Section 12 of the amendments to SB 978 are not sensible. In fact, they appear silly. The writers of these amendments have attempted to fence in every conceivable loophole and have consequently created an enforcement nightmare. Further, these proposals would impose serious penalties on citizens who sincerely try to comply with the convoluted storage and transfer rules, but made some minor error. I have a law enforcement career background, and, after reading the amendments several times, am unable to understand how this law could be actually enforced or convictions gained.

If the objective is to keep privately owned firearms out of the hands of minors and other unauthorized persons, please simplify this legislation. I would point to California's storage law as a reasonable example of clearly written and understandable legislation. If Oregon is to mandate safe storage, the law must be clear and compliance must be feasible.

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