

## Senate Committee On Judiciary

**I write in objection to SB978 and wish my comments recorded for this Public Hearing scheduled for 4/2.**

**First and foremost:** The inclusion of the 'emergency clause' in this bill is another misuse of the Emergency Clause Initiative. No Oregon law should be protected from the will of the Oregon people and 'emergency' should truly mean emergency. It should never be used to prevent the Oregon voter in having a say.

The Mandatory Storage language is not acceptable. Firearms are meant to be readily available and useable. Trigger locks, lock boxes and cable locks prevent the legal usage of a firearm when it is most needed. Both my home and my vehicles are secure. **The whole language and current intent of the storage requirements are totality unacceptable.**

You, the representatives of the Oregon people are now talking about lowering the voting age requirement to 16, but you are saying they can't own or almost use a weapon until your 21? Wrong.

I cannot agree with the areas you 'think' should be 'gun free zones.' Criminals respect no laws nor 'crime free zones.' I have a right to self protection anywhere.

The fees you have requested for CHL are arbitrarily and do not reflect actual cost, plus many of the items required are not needed.

I have written the above with brevity **because I know that most of my words fall on deaf ears and biased minds.** I would gladly expand on any of these items and several more points if any of our elected officials actually cared.

I also object to how this bill has been created; you started with **1 page** bill that required "**Directs Department of State Police to conduct study on reporting of attempted unlawful firearm transfers and present report on findings to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to judiciary on or before September 15, 2020**" and then **added 44 pages** of amendments trying to **take away 2nd Amendment rights** and added more absolute bureaucracy to Oregon law.

Almost none of the Bill as written is enforceable; nor should it be. So don't waste our tax dollars writing 'feel good' laws based on ignorance and fear.

**I do choose to state my strongest objections to this bill.**

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References:

April 2nd Hearing notice: <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Committees/SJUD/2019-04-02-08-00/Agenda>

1 page initial bill

<https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Measures/Overview/SB978>

44 pages of amendments

<https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Downloads/ProposedAmendment/14732>