

Members of the Judiciary Committee:

Your request for amendment 14732 to the innocuous Senate Bill 978 only two business days before public hearing clearly indicates your bad faith towards the Citizens of Oregon.

The bill, as amended, should be rejected in full.

Amendments to O.R.S. by Senate Bill 978-1 as it is now written:

Section 2:

endorses age discrimination and violation of public accommodation law  
negates illegal activities performed by retailers

Section 6:

institutes multiple felony counts for a single inaction on the part of a Citizen  
introduces liability for which no legal precedent in the history of western civilization exist.

Section 3:

assigns specification of locks to Oregon Health Authority, an organization entirely inept in such areas.

Section 7:

introduces unreasonable burden of proof for provision of a lock upon Citizens transferring a firearm  
includes the same draconian liabilities as in section 6.

Section 8:

makes the requirement for reporting theft or loss of personal property not required of any other form of property  
repeats the multiple felony counts for a single inaction as in Section 6  
includes the same unconscionable liabilities as in section 6.

Section 9:

forbids assigning supervisory responsibility for a minor's use of a firearm to another person such as another family member

Section 10:

assigns responsibility without guidance for specifying minimum security specifications to the Oregon Health Authority, an organization completely inept for such a task.

Section 12:

uses intentionally vague definitions to allow the punitive actions under the section to be imposed regardless of safeguards taken by the Citizen.

Section 13:

imposes an unreasonable burden upon legal gun dealers not doing business from a retail storefront.

Section 14:

arbitrarily assigns firearm transfer requirements for personal property specifically NOT defined as firearm either by the statute or Federal law.

Please do not vote for SB 978. This bill will not make us safer only more as risk as we (legal CHL) will not be able to defend ourselves but the criminals will have an open shooting gallery as they no one will be able to stop them. Making people defenseless does not make them safer as the criminals pay no attention to laws anyway. I was born and raised in Oregon as was my father and grandfather My great grandfather came to Oregon in 1852 and his name is on the cornerstone of the Benton County Courthouse in Corvallis.He carried a pistol and a rifle and had to defend against bears, rattlesnakes etc. I am out hiking in the woods a lot with my dogs and I need a way to defend against bears and rattlesnakes etc. I am 69 years old and have NEVER had any trouble with law enforcement. I am a responsible gun owner and have been all my life.I still have my first gun bought when I was 14, a 22 long rifle. PLEASE DO NOT VOTE FOR THIS BILL. Thank you. Gerard Houck