

The 2019 Oregon Legislature Senate Committee On Judiciary will convene to hear testimony on Tues., April 2, and the [PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 978](#) , caught my attention. It contains numerous, egregious Constitutional infringements. It would create a permit that would be required to purchase or receive a firearm, with each permit requiring training and being valid for only 90 days, limit purchases to one handgun and one long gun per 30 day period, require firearms be stored in a locked container or with a trigger/cable lock, require reporting of lost or stolen firearms within 24 hours, prohibit the possession of ammunition magazines with a capacity greater than five, require background checks for purchasing ammunition, restrict ammunition purchases to no more than 20 rounds within a 30 day period, and require firearm transfers to be delayed up to 14 days for the Oregon State Police to conduct background checks.

I won't waste my time explaining how many of these measures would do nothing to prevent the criminal use of firearms and be easily ignored or circumvented. I'm sure that if you have a shred of intelligence and intellectual integrity you know this to be the case.

My real concern is how you would be so bold as to propose a confiscatory scheme that would turn tens of thousands of your fellow law-abiding citizens into felons with the stroke of a pen. Draconian measures such as your proposals have only succeeded in provoking citizens to openly defy the law and government. You would be forcing law abiding citizens into choosing to assert their natural rights rather than to submit and forfeit them. This legislation, if it ever became law, would shatter social order on an unimaginable scale.

In short, this is one of the stupidest pieces of legislation I have seen come out of Salem.

You have revealed yourselves to be willing participants in a plan to usurp and violate the rights of your citizenry. You will fail. I just hope it is sooner rather than later.

Sincerely,

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