

Opposition to SB 978

Senate Judiciary Committee

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I want to go on record that I oppose SB 978 Dash 1 Amendment.

I do not consider SB 978 a control bill or a public safety bill. SB 978 dash 1 amendment is a government control bill pure and simple.

Section 1 thru Section 3

I am in complete disagreement with these sections we cannot and should not age discriminate against young adults. If we want to raise our children to be responsible contributing adults we need to allow them to be responsible when they reach the age of eighteen. We must as a society expect more from our young adults and hold them to a higher standard.

Section 4 thru Section 13

In theory I believe that all gun owners should store their firearms in a secure manner. I believe that we all need to take personal responsibility for our firearms but I cannot support a bill that regulates how I store my personal property in my home. I do not want government intrusion in or on my personal property. I personally store most of my guns in a gun safe but I also have firearms readily available to defend my family

The thought of my son at the age of sixteen not being able to go hunting with his friends without an adult present is disheartening. I think back to the years when I was that age and some of the greatest times and best learning experience were weekend long hunting trips with my friends these experiences help to mature and mold us into adults.

Section 14 thru Section 17

I believe there are already laws that cover prohibited persons. If a prohibited person was to obtain the materials to make a firearm then complete it into a firearm they would be in violation of the law. Enforcing the laws that are currently on the books makes more common sense than creating laws that would make those not prohibited from owning firearms felons.

The prohibition of these materials will not make Oregon safer from those who are going to knowingly violate the current laws.

Section 24 thru Section 29

The concealed carry portion of this bill is very disturbing. I have not heard of an epidemic of concealed carry license holder creating crime and murders. My personal experience is that CHL holder are more law abiding per capita.

The choice to take personal responsibility for your own safety and the safety of your loved ones, coworker and community is not an easy choice. As a CHL holder you must mentally prepare yourself if you were to have to use your firearm to defend any of the mentioned.

In this event and I truly hope I never am put in this situation your life will be turned upside down. Your actions will be investigated criminally, you will open yourself up to civil litigation and depend on where the event occurs you may face public ridicule.

In spite of this many of us have chosen to take personal responsibility for our safety. We go thru required background checks, send fingerprints to the State police take required training. We are discrete in our carry methods so as not to offend those who are not familiar with firearms and the second amendment. We work hard staying on the correct side of the law.

To impose travel restriction on us as to where we can carry the tools need for our safety is wrong. It does not make Oregon a safer place.

Summary

All the sections in this amendment do one thing they turn every day action that are legal into crimes. Therefore, these amendments do not decrease crime they increase it and make otherwise law-abiding citizens felons or criminals.

The constitution the law of the land it is what has made this a great country. The first amendment is necessary for the people to keep the government in check by the distribution of information so the people know when their government is over step and they can push back.

The second amendment protects the first, a citizenry with only bark will not remain free for long.

Senator Prozanski, Senator Fagan, Senator Gelser, Senator Manning, Senator Thatcher, Senator Linthicum and Senator Bentz please oppose SB 978 Dash 1 Amendment

