

RE: SB798 NAY

I wish to communicate my opposition to this bill with its myriads of amendments. I believe the legislature is sincere in wanting to pass some form of gun control to appease constituents, as well as hoping to "lead the country" on this issue. I firmly believe these proposals miss the mark entirely.

First there are no firearms that move themselves or load and fire themselves so restricting firearms or ammunition will not prevent a person from committing horrible acts. I have not seen where a legal gun owner committed mass murder with a legally obtained weapon.

Second, most of this appears to me to be punitive to all gun owners. The desire to hold gun owners criminally liable for firearms that were stolen or legally transferred for years after said occurrence is not for gun safety but purely to punish a law abiding citizen. In the zeal to enact wide sweeping gun control the fact that this only affects law abiding citizens seems to be inconsequential.

Requiring all firearms to be locked in such a manner that no one with access to tools can obtain them is beyond belief. The only way they could be locked that securely would be with a heavy steel safe with a top tier lock and cemented to a concrete slab. There would be no way a homeowner could have a firearm handy with that outrageous requirement. Also there is no way any firearm could ever be transported.

Limiting all firearms to a maximum of 5 rounds basically makes all handguns and some rifle and shotgun illegal, again a requirement designed solely to punish all gun owners.

This entire bill infringes on the rights contained in both the United States constitution AND the Oregon constitution, which all legislators have sworn to uphold.

Don't make criminals out of all Oregon gun owners. They will not willingly have done anything illegal to make themselves criminals or lose their rights .