

Thank you for accepting my opposing testimony on SB978.

Vote NO on SB978.

SB 978 has many faults but as a former firefighter and EMT, my main concern is with the amendment concerning firearm injury reporting. While the reported data should be considered privileged under ORS 41.675 and is to my knowledge is not permissible as evidence, increased physician reporting may cause patients to distrust the health care system (especially if they are the perpetrators of violence) and perhaps fewer patients would go to the emergency room.

I urge the Committee to vote no on SB 978.

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