

Regardless of what SB 978 is about, the practice of a 1 paragraph Bill receiving 44 pages of amendments after a hearing is started is absolutely appalling. This is akin to receiving a 1 paragraph contract, start signing it and then the other party adds 44 pages to the contract. This is absolutely a deceitful act that needs to be rejected by every legislator on principal.

As for the bill itself, it appears it will do the following.

- allow for government condoned age discrimination
- Penalizes with threat of incarceration the storage of firearms which aren't even in every home.
 - Why not have storage laws pertaining to drugs (OTC, Prescription, Alcohol) and chemicals which can cause physical injury and death if accessed and ingested by a minor? What about motor vehicles?
 - Are you going to send law enforcement agents into peoples' homes to see if they are complying by these new laws?
 - Do you have factual data that shows the proposed storage laws will have any positive impact on society?
- Penalizes with threat of incarceration a person who has a firearm stolen and doesn't report it in a "timely manner"
 - What happens if a person doesn't know the firearm was stolen? They might have a safe in a vacation home.
- makes a person liable for crimes committed with a stolen firearm.
 - if a person has their motor vehicle stolen is the owner liable for property damage or loss of life that once the vehicle is no longer under their possession?

I'm not even going to look any more at this Bill. It is a demonization of gun owners in Oregon. It is further forced division of the citizens of this state and country. It is not based on facts, trends or anything substantial. It is basically the reverse of what is happening to cannabis in this state and the country. Something that was demonized by the government despite the facts. How can such hypocritical things even be considered by the State?

Here's an alternative. Give funding for firearm safety education. Give funding for mental health care for all Oregon residents. Work with the residents of the State, show us we are all united and looking out for each other.

Sincerely
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