

My name is Frank Martin, I was born in Hermiston OR and now live in Gresham OR. I will openly quote two statements before I continue with my testimony.

“A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed. - 2nd Amendment to the US Constitution”

“The people shall have the right to bear arms for the defence [sic] of themselves, and the State, but the Military shall be kept in strict subordination to the civil power[.] - Article 1, Section 27 of the Oregon Constitution”

The present Amendment to Senate Bill 978 is touted as a Gun Storage bill. But reading this document some glaring things have been presented or insinuated .

Requiring firearms to be locked away with a disabling device. Which sounds harmless unless you consider that in this amendment the punishments are listed as severe. In the language, lets say a person has their guns stored under the law. But an individual breaks into the home and manages to steal the firearm. That criminal defeats the device and uses the firarm in a crime. Under this scenario in this bill the Firearm owner is not only a victim of a crime or Robbery or Burglary under Oregon Revised Statutes, but is criminally indicted as a co-conspirator to the crime committed by the person who robbed him of his property.

In other words boiling down this amendment.. it places the gun owners as a criminal, of owning a firearm. Even though both in the Constitution of the United States and the Oregon State Constitution, the right to own a firearm is confirmed to any citizen.

Conceald License Holders under this amendment are to be denied to carry their arms not only in the terminal of airports, but the parking lots and the throughways such as pickup points.

Also, cities, counties, metropolitan service districts, airports, schools, colleges and universities can declard CHL holders to be banned from public areas. Not only in their areas of control, but in public areas outside of their respective jurisdictions. Any official can with this ruling declare a CHL holder from carrying under the law for any reason under this portion.

The law thing under the amendment is raising the CHL fees. What is the point of doing that? The bill practically nullifys the Conceald License Holder program through decree if not legislation. CHL Holders are NOT the ones committing crimes of gun violence, but you can not prove it by the provisions under this bill.

There is much more to this amendment. But to boil it all down, reading this document, the bill turns gun owners into criminals. Their crime is owning a firearm. Every year we have new gun bills introduced into this body as gun control bills. Each year we are being told these laws will make us safer. But the whole time it punishes gun owners. I resent the implications brought forth by this bill. I resent being touted as an problem in crimes of Gun Violence in this country when I have not comitted any crime under the law. If that is the case.. bring forth the charges and PROVE me guilty.

I urge this body to reject this bill

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