

To whom it may concern:

My name is Jeremy Merritt, I am a life long Oregonian, a second amendment supporter, an extremely safety conscious and responsible gun owner, and a parent.

As a parent I agree with taking steps to keep firearms out of the reach of those who should not access them, HOWEVER, this bill is careless and excessive.

A trigger lock or cable are two very easily defeated items, and a trigger lock if used improperly is a huge safety issue. To require that not only the firearm be in a locked container, but also contain one of those locking devices is excessive and ridiculous.

A locked container would be sufficient enough. Anything more presents a safety risk if it is a misinstalled or misused trigger lock, or would endanger the live of those in the home, should it need to be used for lawful home defense.

The bill is also excessive in its wording regarding liability if the firearm is stolen and that theft isn't reported within a certain time period. It has clauses regarding if you can prove you didn't notice it within that time period, but given our states current climate, I doubt success for anyone in that.

Also our state also has passed laws regarding sales being conducted at a local FFL, which is understandable, but to then also have clauses again about the transfer having to be conducted with a lock on the firearm. and clauses about misuse liabilities after the transfer occurred is wrong. In the way it is written, if Joe sells a gun to Steve at the local FFL, and it was conducted with the lock. But then it is misused by Steve, Steve can then try to say that it never had a lock on it when it was transferred, thus passing the liability for damages from his misuse back to Joe, when Joe was never any part of it of the misuse..

Again, I support responsible storage, but the doubled up requirement of a lock, in a lock box is excessive, and there are far too many open ended liabilities in this bill.

And then on top of that, to once again, have it with a state of emergency clause for passage should be criminal.

HB4005 should not be allowed to pass.

Thank you for your time,
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