

I'm writing to express my opposition to House Bill 4005 as it's presently written. The bill requires gun owners to secure their firearms by July 1st with gun locks meeting standards that may not be defined by the Oregon Health Authority until July 1st. This leaves gun owners potentially facing the impossible task of immediately securing their firearms the moment the gun lock specifications are adopted. Additionally, while most Oregon gun owners already have locks for their guns, there is nothing in this legislation that guarantees that any commercially available firearms locks will meet the lock specifications eventually adopted.

As written, the legislation provides the Oregon Health Authority with the option of rendering all Oregon gun owners criminals with no prior notice should it arbitrarily choose to do so.

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Relevant sections of HB4005:

Sections 2 to 6 and 8 of this 2020 Act become operative on July 1, 2020.(2) ...

No later than July 1, 2020, the Oregon Health Authority, in consultation with the Department of State Police and after considering any relevant standards in the Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 2051 et seq.), shall adopt rules establishing the minimum specifications for trigger locks, cable locks and containers equipped with tamper-resistant locks required by sections 3 and 4 of this 2020 Act.