

Chair Bynum and members of the committee

For the record my name is Nicole Chaisson from the Dalles, Oregon

As a victim of domestic violence, I ask that you oppose HB 2543 to save Oregonians from becoming victims

According to the women of color network domestic violence is a race and class issue African American Women experience intimate partner violence at a rate 35% higher than white females, Asian pacific islanders report that 60% experience physical or sexual domestic violence during their lifetime

37.5 % of native American women have been victimized by domestic violence in a lifetime.

This goes along with 1/3 of Oregon Women reported experiencing domestic violence total.

1 in 10 transgendered people are physically attacked 47% are sexually assaulted in their lifetime 54% experience violence from an intimate partner.

in 2014 there were 131,050 calls for help in Oregon and 12, 017 requests for shelter could not be met in 2014.

We are moving towards Equity and past gun laws have been deemed racist to the people of color community. We might have had Martin Luther King for longer if he was not declined a Concealed Handgun License. There are no less than 6 gun bills being proposed that affect our low income and people of color availability to defend themselves.

I am sure these stats are worse not better with the lockdown and the focus on other issues by the legislature such as climate, taxes, and banning bacon in rest homes. You are failing women especially those of color, LGBTQ, and all Oregonians by focusing on laws to slow down our availability to defend ourselves.

The police are being defunded and a response time for a 911 call in Portland has gone up to over 30 minutes from 18 minutes. I live in a rural area and it is even longer. I had my neck fractured and an illegally owned gun held to my head by an intimate partner and I lived right next door to a Sheriffs department. 911 is no help when you phone is smashed. He only received probation. I was stalked for years after when I moved across the country and had 3 restraining orders in multiple states. I was at a constant threat of being killed. I would have been in my right to shoot my attacker and not suffer constant stress and threats of violence which a restraining order did not stop. I am also taking a chance by doing testimony today as this is a matter of public record and my attacker does not know where I live for once.

I am hearing right now people without a Concealed Handguns License are waiting 3 weeks and more not over problems with their background but because they left an initial out in their name.

This is clearly a problem within the government not something that will keep guns out of criminal's hands. The Charleston Murderer which keeps coming up in testimony had to wait 5 days to get his gun, he did not do the church shooting until June 17<sup>th</sup> which was 2 months after he had his gun in his hand. 3 days, 3 weeks or 6 months would not have prevented this travesty. To the people that bring up their loved ones committing suicide did they buy a gun and commit suicide within the 3 days of receiving the

gun? Can it be proved that not having access to a gun in 10 days or 3 weeks would make a difference? Suicide is a private matter and using somebody's self decision to end their life is not a reason to punish lawful citizens.

The 3-day maximum wait is Oregon's current law many senators in the US from both sides of the aisle supported lowering the wait time as part of Manchin Toomey amendment to 1 day since we have improvements in technology. We should be talking about lowering limits not raising them. The Oregon State Police backlog is a departmental problem, just like Oregon's EDD we need to fix what is broke not punish law abiding citizens with a wait.

Gun Dealers have the right to refuse the transfer as well if they are so inclined, they are the last people that want to sell a gun to somebody that may commit a crime.

1. If the problem is to stop criminal use of firearms – then legislation should be introduced to increase penalties to hold criminals accountable for their actions. Infringing upon law-abiding citizens will not solve the problem of criminal use of firearms.

2. If the problem is that background checks are not being completed on time, as per the laws passed by this legislature – then legislation should be tendered and approved to afford the state authorities the resources (\$, staffing, correction of current process, ...) to complete the current requirement. Infringing upon law abiding citizens will not solve the problem state authorities to complete their required tasks.

HB2543 does NOT serve to address the real problem of criminal use of firearms and will only impact law-abiding citizens by infringing upon their 2nd amendment rights. As a mother that demands action for protecting our rights to defend ourselves. Please vote to oppose HB2543 and uphold the current laws by demanding that the OSP add more manpower to complete these transactions. Indefinitely is not the answer

Thank You for time,

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