

Chairman and committee: I am totally opposed to the measures & requirements in HB 2510. I am also 100% against the most recent effort to add "emergency clause legislative trickery" as a thinly veiled suppression effort to assure controversial bills cannot be subjected to a vote of the people. Something is seriously amiss when such tactics are blatantly allowed to be added into bills.

I am a veteran, an independent voter, and a highly concerned citizen regarding the focus of the current government, state legislature, and courts erosion of their sworn duty to protect the Constitution, laws of the land, from all enemies, DOMESTIC, or Foreign. This, & several other pending, bills in the Oregon legislature are illegal & unconstitutional. It will do nothing to enhance & enable the prosecution of illegal gun violence that is going on in the streets of the state. It illegally focuses on restricting the Rights & freedoms of private citizens and is a deliberate attempt to work around, and avoid the safeguards built into the deliberate separation of powers designed to prevent these abuses and protect the rights and freedoms of the citizens. OUR RIGHT TO KEEP & BEAR arms is GOD GIVEN and is guaranteed by our Constitution & our Bill of Rights. Your efforts are politically motivated. Your focus should be on the investigation, arrest, and harsh enforcement of the existing laws designed to deter & punish the criminals perpetrating violence, injury, and illegal acts against the citizens of this state.

The second amendment not only protects our right to keep and bear arms, it is a guarantee that government cannot remove or suppress those rights. That is the intent. It is clear, it is law and efforts such as those afoot by this legislature, and in these bills, are deliberate attempts to work around the checks and balances built into the Constitution and Bill of Rights, to protect against overzealous government efforts to curtail these GOD GIVEN freedoms and rights of the citizens. You are sworn to honor, follow, obey and protect these freedoms and fundamental rights. The impending legislation that threatens our freedoms of speech, right to keep & Bear arms, and attempts to limit and remove these freedoms & guaranteed rights of our law abiding citizens must be defeated. It is your sworn duty to follow the existing laws of the land and not to attempt to work around the checks and balances guaranteed by our Constitution, Bill of Rights, and the current laws and regulations of our state. Do your sworn duties. We really do not care what your personal beliefs, prejudices, or grievances may be.

There are remedies and pathways to accomplish change to existing laws should that be the goal. Just because they are deliberately difficult and place the burden of proof on the parties wanting change, does not remove your duty to defend and protect against abuses. The existing laws adequately convey the will of the citizens. You seem to have forgotten our republic is government by the people for the people. It deliberately was not established as a democracy. So fulfill your sworn duties. Cancel these bills and spend as much time on doing what is best for the State, than you do trying to destroy, work around, and remove God given rights, and the will of law abiding citizens. Focus your efforts on the criminals. Don't make criminals out of law abiding citizens by trying to remove or modify our God given freedoms & rights.