

OREGON STATE SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

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To: Chair, Representative Prusak

Vice Chair, Representative Hayden

Vice Chair, Representative Salinas

Members of the House Committee on Health Care

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Subject: OPPOSITION to HB 2510

Members of the Committee on Health Care, I urge you to vote against this bill. This bill is vague, oppressive and violates both the Oregon constitution and the 2nd Amendment. Oregon Firearm owners deserve the right to own and possess loaded firearms within their home for defense of their families, guests, and themselves.

I am the Legislative Director for the Oregon State Shooting Association, a life member of the National Rifle Association, Chief Instructor for the Estacada Rod & Gun Club and the NRA, a Front Lines Activist Leader for the NRA-ILA. As a board member for the Oregon State Shooting Association, we represent approximately 15,000 voting members in our association and member clubs here in Oregon. Additionally, we provide information to well over 150,000 Oregon hunters and thousands of Oregon firearm enthusiasts. We are strong believers in the 2nd Amendment and the Oregon Constitution and the rights and responsibilities of responsible firearm owners to enjoy safe, family-oriented shooting sports here in Oregon.

HB2510 Requires owner or possessor of firearm to secure firearm with trigger or cable lock, in locked container or in gun room except in specified circumstances. Unfortunately, it is impossible comply with this poorly written legislation and provide for home defense. Example, window or door is left unlocked to the house, one is in violation. Also, the definition of gun room needs to be reworked as it excludes one's ability to use a room in most houses.

HB2510 Analysis and Comments:

- The Oregon State Shooting Association supports and is active today in safety training, shooting sports program development of our diverse citizens within Oregon to exercise their responsible use of firearms.
- HB2510's intent is to control unauthorized access of firearms by minors and unauthorized persons through defined and practiced control of the firearms. Persons who do not control firearms are subject to Class C violations and if the firearms are involved in harm of others or property, within 2 years of the lack of control event, are liable for damages.
- HB2510 requires firearms to be cable locked, stored in a locked container, or in a gun room when the person is not in control of the firearm. Note that the definition of a gunroom is incomplete and requires slight amendment (noted below) that still supports the central intent of the original HB2510.
- HB2510 effectively makes the storage of firearms without locking devices, locking containers, or in a gun room, including those for personal defense, unlawful if friends or minors enter the home.
- The Right to Keep and Bear Arms question arises in the time delay in opening such locks in the event of a home/personal defense situation. Firearms owners who wish to store their firearms in their home for personal or home defense would have to acquire devices for locking that meet HB2510 requirements, their requirements for timely deployment, and their ability to afford the costs. Quick open containers are available in today's market, at a cost.
- SECTION 2. (3)(b) requires that if the cable locks, containers, or gun room solutions are not deployed that doors and windows of the building must be locked. This is to restrict unauthorized access to firearms by minors and any other unauthorized persons (friends, family, visitors, ...) that happen to visit the home.
- Minors are restricted within HB2510. For a minor to possess or transport a firearm, without an accountable adult present, they must be the owner of the firearm. This excludes handguns since minors cannot own handguns by federal law. As a result, minors who are competitive shooters who wish to independently travel to ranges for training or competitions must officially own their firearms.

Please consider my discussion and vote against this bill. Thank You