

RE: Opposition to HB 2510 as introduced

To: House Committee on Health & Safety

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Hello,

I would like to express my opposition to HB 2510 and list a few of the reasons why I believe HB 2510 as introduced should not make it out of committee in its present form. I will also make suggestions and propose wording changes for your consideration.

My positions:

- **The bill infringes on my 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights “...the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.”** HB 2510 infringes on this right, among others.
- **The proposed bill infringes on my personal freedoms and invades the privacy of my home.** *You have no right legislating what I do in my home.* Many people live in areas where there is limited public emergency services or significant response times for those services. Having firearms available and ready for use is part of the rural lifestyle. Whether ready for personal protection of life and property, or ready to respond to threats to livestock or domestic animals. This is part of my family’s everyday life. The requirements of this bill are not realistic for those who live in rural areas. Firearms are another tool in use. Potentially hazardous, yes, but not in the hands of a responsible owner. Common sense need not be legislated, but I would be un-opposed to a bill that required basic gun safety classes and within those classes having safe gun use and storage addressed. Such classes to be pre-requisite to any firearm ownership. **My wife and I raised three children in such an environment & to stress the importance of gun safety, I attended gun safety classes with my children.**
- **I object to Section 7 leaving an approved gun container undefined in this bill. Personally, my locking “gun safe” dates to the 1980’s.** It has worked well for me and I would not want a new definition adopted that requires me to needlessly spend hundreds of dollars to meet a new definition/specification. **A grandfather clause here would be helpful to many legal gun owners who are gun safe.**
- **I also object to the “one band-aid application”, ie; trigger & cable locks being the only solution. For many firearms, particularly long guns or rifles, the bolt (which houses the firing pin) can easily be removed from the rifle thereby rendering it “safe”. A bolt separated from the rifle renders the rifle in-operable. Many semi-auto rifles and handguns can similarly be made safe by removing the magazine from the firearm and running a zip tie up through the action and making the gun “safe”. These are much more economical solutions as well.**
- **HB 2510 proposes to make gun owners criminals if their guns are stolen, really???** The criminal should be liable for the outcome of any theft, regardless of the status of the firearm at the time it is stolen.

To a better written bill:

- 1) **Lose the emergency clause.** Its been 8+ years since the incident referenced in this bill, so in my opinion there is no emergency. It would also be prudent to allow a period of time for gun owners to obtain the required devices. Given the shortage of many items and delays in manufacturing in the Covid era, a 12 month to 2 year window from the date of enactment is reasonable, especially given the recent surge in new gun owners in Oregon.
- 2) **Remove all references to “assault weapon/rifle”.** You are referencing a semi-automatic rifle with a high capacity magazine capability. Speak knowledgeably.
- 3) **All statistics used in the pre-amble for the act should be fully referenced and verified, and preferably from independent 3<sup>rd</sup> party studies.** They are stated as fact and the ones I tried to verify were not in any database I could find. Stats from either Anti or Pro gun sites are not independent.
- 4) **Interestingly the bill contradicts itself.** Page 2 lines 10 & 11 fly in the face of the penalties outlined in Sections 3, 4, & 5

5) Define "... or under the control of the person.." page 3 line one.

This bill smarts of out of state gun control money (Bloomberg-Brown connection) trying to influence small state politics. It is clear to me that HB 2510 was written by those with an anti-gun agenda, and **as such this bill should not make it out of committee.**

Thank you for your time & attention,

Timothy Shiel