

Here is my testimony against the bill:

I have lived in Oregon for the 32 years, I strongly disagree with making criminals out of law abiding citizens by disenfranchising a portion of the state citizenry, and send a message to those who are law abiding firearm owners that you are not welcome here. That is obvious in the fact that there are 5 other bills going through the state legislature.

This bill makes it extremely difficult in the protection of ones own self and his/her family. Instead of having 1 set of rules for the whole state, you could have upwards to 100's of new laws, rules, ordinances and policies from many various actors making it illegal to possess a firearm, regardless of the type of firearm that it is.

With a sweep and swoop of a pen, you instantly have criminalized thousands of Oregon citizens, and those who come from out of state that posses an Oregon conceal carry permit holder. It will make it impossible to keep up with the amount of new information about laws, who does and doesn't allow CHL holders. It will be IMPOSSIBLE to keep up. Unless your truest intentions are to disarm Oregon citizens by infringing upon their 2nd Amendment right by creating laws that are meant to strip people of it.

There is another side of this, the law of unforeseen consequences, it absolutely does nothing to address a greater issue. It does not address mentally ill or criminally insane individuals who are the ones who commit horrific acts. We have a failure of law enforcement in dealing with these types of people from the federal level down to the state, county and city. We have seen countless times that these people were overlooked, someone fell asleep at the wheel of ensuring those that have mental issues do not have access to firearms. Many of the mass shootings have been by individuals who, by the very term, have been overlooked by many people who should have raised red flags to have stopped a person before having committed a horrific act.

This bill does something else, and considering the defunding campaign against law enforcement, you want to tax law enforcement to a greater degree, putting them at greater risk of confrontation, putting more lives in harms way.

Every bill I have seen the past few years does absolutely nothing about stopping criminals from obtaining firearms of all types, and does everything to criminalize the citizens.

If you really wanted to stop the problem, use the current tools to their maximum potential. Give those that do background checks the needed resources to perform thorough background checks. The state is back logged for months on performing background checks, the failure of federal systems that provide the additional information that is necessary for thorough and complete backgrounds on individuals.

Most of all, and this truly goes to the heart of it all... This bill, and many others, defies the State and Federal Constitutions. It spits in the face of our Bill of Rights that are guaranteed in the 2nd Amendment. You have taken an oath to support and DEFEND - emphasis here - the Constitution, and yet you are the very people who continue to break your oaths of office by submitting bills that are in direct contrast to those 2 important documents.

The impact of these bills on over a million firearm owners, in the sweep and swoop of a pen, will be turned into criminal in a matter of moments.

I implore you to oppose a bill that will make it impossible to abide by, impossible for law enforcement to enforce, and criminalizes over 1 million Oregonians.

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