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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure: HB2572

Oppose HB 2572 2023

“To preserve liberty, it is essential that the whole body of the people always possess arms, and be taught alike, especially when young, how to use them...”

- Richard Henry Lee, Declaration of Independence Signer.

The Bill Of Rights

Amendment I Congress shall make no law that sets up any religion, or interferes with any religious practice. Congress may not make any law that diminishes the freedom of speech, or the freedom of press, or the people to assemble peacefully, or the right of the people to petition the Government to make things right if it has caused them harm.

Amendment II The people have the right to own and carry firearms, and it may not be violated because of a well - equipped Militia is necessary for a State to remain secure and free.

OPPOSE HD 2572 it is intending to:

-1 Repeals ORS 166.660 in its entirety and creates new crime of unlawful paramilitary activity; seeks to clarify definition of "private paramilitary organization;" seeks to clarify elements of crime of unlawful paramilitary activity and provides five ways in which the crime may be committed; seeks to clarify lawful activity that does not constitute unlawful paramilitary activity; provides authority for the Attorney General to seek injunctive relief upon reasonable belief that a person or group of persons has engaged in, or is about to engage in, unlawful paramilitary activity; provides investigative authority to Attorney General if it appears to the Attorney General that a person has possession, custody, or control of any material relevant to an investigation of unlawful paramilitary activity; clarifies that irrespective of any criminal prosecution, any person injured as a result of unlawful paramilitary activity may bring a civil action; amends ORS 131.602, 161.005 and 166.385 to reflect repeal of ORS 166.660 and codification of new crime of unlawful paramilitary activity.

HD 2572 paints to board a brush.

Retain ORS 166.660, ORS 131.602, 161.005 and 166.385.

HD 2572 modified definitions creating confusion. Law abiding people will be targeted, unprotected and potential actions, whether unintended or not will proceed.

