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SB2572 is on its face, repugnant to both the United States and Oregon Constitutions protections of right to free association and assembly and 2nd Amendment liberty's, recognition of and requirement for citizen participation and response in aid, safety and security of themselves, others, their communities, the State, and Country, and the natural rights of the individual enumerated in those documents.

It creates a criminal class of law abiding citizens whose skills and expertise in protective and emergency response have demonstrably, historically and recently, rendered invaluable aid in the safety and security of all, as witnessed during the last several years of violent unrest, and other emergency need scenarios. Training and the skillsets to respond to any and all scenarios is absolutely necessary to ensure adequate response to a natural, civil, or medial emergency, or defense of self and others. As such, removing or restricting availability of knowledge and experience to all is beyond the scope of legitimate legislative mandate, speaks loudly of a fearful political agenda equally repugnant to those freedoms seeking to remove the very protections that ensure political compliance to those protections, and actually would serve to protect, foster and encourage civil chaos by others and political malfeasance in its structure and intent. As such, it would be rendered Nullified in its inception by the People.

Reference Oregon Constitution, Article one, Sections 1, 26 and 27 to whit: Article 1: "We declare that all men, when they form a social compact, are equal in right; that free governments are founded on their authority, and instituted for their peace, safety and happiness; and they have at all times a right to alter, reform, or abolish the government in such a manner as they see fit."

Article 26: "No law shall be passed restraining any of the inhabitants of the state from assembling together in a peaceable manner to consult for their common good..." Article 27: 'The people shall have the right to bear arms for the defence of themselves, and the State, but the military shall be kept in strict subordination to the civil power."

Put less formally, both the intent, language and structure of this bill are fatally flawed, are antithetical to ethical motive and position of true representation of the People, and would cause far more harm than good in application.

