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On Behalf Of: Home Owner
Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary
Measure: SB348

Hello,

Unless, the bill starts with "Enforce all existing gun laws to the fullest extent possible", I oppose the bill.

I would support efforts to require gun safety training, since I believe that many people who own weapons, do not understand the responsibility that they have taken on and do not have proper training or understanding of the laws. However, gun laws are not enforced. Criminals are caught and released, even if they have weapons. When was the last time a felon was sentenced and served prison time for being in possession of a weapon or attempting to purchase a weapon? I am aware of many news stories about felons caught with weapons and released the next day. If Oregon State's Legislature would focus on the major problem of criminals using weapons instead of whatever this bill is supposed to accomplish, then you could have a huge impact on preventing gun violence.

Once the existing laws are being enforced and criminals are prosecuted, then I may trust the State to set up mandatory training and safety programs for law abiding citizens. Right now, I only see a bill that will only impact law abiding citizens and will have absolutely no impact on the criminals.

If the Legislature is truly interested in reducing gun violence, this bill is not an effective use of your time. However, if the Legislature is more interested in virtue signaling and harassing law-abiding citizens, then this is what this bill does.

I appeal to the Legislature to focus on having the existing laws enforced and criminals incarcerated. Ensure criminals serve time, instead of the current catch and release policies. Protect the law-abiding citizens instead of harassing us.

Sincerely,
James Pistor