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Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary
Measure: SB348

Dear Honorable Legislators,

I am presenting testimony against SB 348, and to brief, for the following:

*Disenfranchised minorities will be affected particularly those who live in areas of poverty and high crime with costs, fear of constant police harassment, and the high price they may pay being wounded or at risk of death by those who own guns for criminal intent.

*During the Civil Rights Movement, guns of any/every capacity helped minorities step up and state their case. Even Martin Luther King, Jr. carried a pistol for defense and in defense of his constitutional right as an American. SB 348 comes perilously close to the Dred Scott law.

*Requiring background checks to the tune of the likely 32 pages required by the police puts everyone in the crosshairs of the police or again, the legislature.

*Requiring a permit from the sheriff/city police chief is in direct conflict with the second amendment of the constitution as well as the 14th amendment, which specifically addressed freed slaves after the Civil War: "All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

*Most counties do not have enough time, money, or staff to make certain these changes to our state constitution are met, meaning steps will be skipped. The gun laws of 1968 when followed by all agencies, already address the majority of these concerns as well as the Brady law.

*The changes of Oregon's constitution with SB 348 also violates the constitution for everyone who purchases a gun and whose names and addresses become public in the 4th amendment. "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized."

These state constitutional laws deprive individuals from owning a gun with any capacity to care for livestock. The ranchers next door have lost lambs and kids (goats, not people) to dogs and cougars.

*Requiring classes of competency tethers an individual from learning at their pace at their training of choice. Most people train on their own at ranges.

By including racial and gender statistics in reports, it is another form of privacy

concerns.

These changes to the constitution are out of the bounds of the federal constitution and will end up in costly legal battles over and over.

Thank you

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