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On Behalf Of:
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Measure: SB348

Good morning Senators,

I am submitting written testimony in opposition to proposed SB 348. This new proposed bill is far too complex, convoluted, poorly written, and contradictory to explain in depth to the average citizen.

Some of its many flaws are: It will increase the costs of a "permit to purchase" from \$65.00 to \$150.00 and will also increase the cost of a renewal from \$50.00 to \$110.00. This greatly impacts minority communities in low income, high crime areas. It will increase the wait time to get a permit after application from 30 days to 60 days. Once again, people whose safety is at risk and live in places where the police cannot respond in a timely manner, will result in increased crime and potential loss of life, leaving these individuals without the means to protect themselves and their families.

The amendments still require that you complete a class that includes an, "in-person demonstration of the applicant's ability to lock, load, unload, fire and store a firearm before an instructor "approved" by a law enforcement agency." It does not however provide a definition for what is meant by "lock."

It creates a 72 hour waiting period to take possession of a gun from a dealer AFTER you have already gone through the process of getting a "permit." A process that does not, of course, exist. It requires the State Police to create a "report" which "shall additionally specify, for each county, racial and gender information concerning each applicant within the total number of permits granted..." though it's not clear what "gender" actually means since that is now open to interpretation.

It forbids citizens between the ages of 18-20 year from even applying for permits to purchase. Although 18-20 year olds are still free to vote, get married, enter into legal contracts, and serve in the military, but not legally purchase firearms under this proposed bill.

I am asking all Senators who serve on the Judiciary committee strongly oppose this bill and protect the rights of all Oregon's law-abiding citizens.

Thank you for your service to our great state and your time.

Sincerely,
James Homolka