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I submit my testimony in COMPLETE OPPOSITION of this bill. First, the gut and stuff protocol being used to "amend" a 2- paragraph bill with 64 pages of unconstitutional actions must stop. This is not how government was intended to work, using a subversive tactic to push political agendas. It is not really hard to comprehend why the public at large no longer trusts our legislature to do the right thing when obtuse actions like "gut and stuff" are used to promote legislation that otherwise would face intense opposition from the beginning.

My opposition sits firmly on 2 points. Article 1, section 27 of the Oregon Constitution and the 2nd Amendment of the United States Constitution. SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED is a clearly defined statement of your directive. The efforts proposed in this bill clearly violate this directive, and does not address the economic disaster that this creates for the firearms industry. This is a taking of property for which article 1, section 18 in the Oregon Constitution clearly addresses. Does the legislature intend to compensate the firearm industry and dealers in Oregon for the taking of their livelihoods? How about the firearms that currently exist in the possession of the people that do not meet the proposed standards? Shall they be deemed felons just because or again does this go against both constitutions and creates an ex-post facto law? These are some of the legal questions that are unanswered, that the court process for M114 would address. It seems that this legislature is dead set on subverting not only the constitutions, but the judicial process as well. I encourage you to kill this bill, letting the legal process already underway determine the validity of these tyrannical efforts to strip Oregonians of their ability to defend themselves from all threats, both foreign and from Salem.