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

I oppose SB 348

I would like to address the addendum that surreptitiously slipped into this bill on Friday, March 24, making the entirety of this bill unconstitutional.

The Second Amendment of the US Constitution states - "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

The Fourth Amendment of the US Constitution states - "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."

Article I (Bill of Rights) of Oregon:

9- 'No law shall violate the right of the people to be secure in their persons, house, papers, and effects, against unreasonable search, or seizure; and no warrant shall issue but upon probable cause, supported by oath, or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the person or thing to be seized.'

27- 'The people shall have the right to bear arms for the defense of themselves, and the state, but the Military shall be kept in strict subordination to the civil power.'

The US constitution is the law of the land. The Oregon Constitution is the law of our state. Governing bodies do not have the right or authority to create legislation to subvert these laws. Not only would this bill encroach upon our right to bear arms but would also inhibit Oregonians from being secure in their safety. It is no surprise that Oregon is listed as a top ten state in 2023, with the highest violent crime rates at 5,610 per 100,000 people. (source: <https://worldpopulationreview.com/state-rankings/crime-rate-by-state>)

Releasing criminals from jail before their sentences were finished, softly prosecuting crime in our cities, defunding our police agencies, allowing Oregonians the right to have personal amounts of illegal drugs, rampant unaddressed homelessness, increasing taxes on the people, and increased inflation all, no doubt, contribute to the escalating crime wave we have here in Oregon. Rather than address these issues, our legislators answer: infringe on the constitutional rights of law abiding citizens with

this bill addendum.

Encroaching or "infringing" on our 2nd amendment, like this amendment to this bill, would most likely not ensure safety for the people, but rather disables the lawful by slowly removing their protections. Perhaps tackling the inexhaustible list I've noted above would be a better solution. Until then, the rights of Oregonians SHALL NOT be encroached upon, infringed upon, or subverted.

This bill infringes and violates the 2nd Amendment, violates the 4th amendment of the US Constitution, and is in direct violation of Oregon's Constitution.

"Firearms stand next in importance to the Constitution itself. They are the American people's liberty teeth and keystone under independence." - George Washington

"Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety." - Benjamin Franklin

"No free man shall ever be debarred the use of arms." - Thomas Jefferson.

Vote NO.

Respectfully,

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