

Oregon Firearms Federation



No Compromise

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This testimony was provided after the Senate Judiciary Committee staff informed me that I would not be allowed to testify at the 1pm hearing on March 27th. I was informed of this change at 8.21 am on March 27th.

I had registered to testify on March 16th and received an acknowledgment along with information to connect to the committee and the required access codes. This testimony was prepared with the expectation that persons who had signed up well in advance of the hearing would be allowed to testify.

It's interesting that the media, which had an almost obsessive interest in Mz 114, has shown virtually no interest in this bill.

So for those who did not have the opportunity to analyze a 64 page draft in a very short amount of time, I would like to point out a few “features.”

The dates in the bill are designed to undermine current court cases, demonstrating how little the state regards its own judges.

The bill drastically increases the fees for the “permit,” which should be of interest to people in low income, high crime areas where the police simply cannot keep up.

But at least they will also be required to wait twice as long for those same police to approve their permits, in the extremely unlikely event they can find and pay for the required classes, which nobody gives.

We call this “equity.”

The bill will seek to prosecute the many people who bought and sold standard magazines since December of *last* year, an excellent use of law enforcement resources at a time when we are releasing violent criminals and hemorrhaging public defenders.

While the bill allows young adults to acquire a *few* firearms, none of which are really ideal for self and home defense, it also takes that exemption away in 2026, leaving young adults in dangerous places with the option

to acquire NOTHING legally. I am sure 20 year old single moms in Portland are down with that idea.

Of course, the thugs who are currently terrorizing Portland, killing people and shooting up homes and business, will continue to have access to a steady supply of firearms while the peaceful people will be left to hide in their homes and dodge gunfire. Because, rumor has it, those folks ain't big on asking for permission from the police.

Violence will rule, good people will die....

And the goals of the sponsors of 114 will have been met.

Thank you