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Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary
Measure: SB348

This bill, SB384, as you are well aware of, is in large part a duplicate of the now infamous 2022 - Measure 114. Many of my fellow residents find it appalling and despicable that the chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, a committee entrusted with overseeing the laws of this state, is attempting to circumvent the judicial process by overcoming measure 114's judicial problems with his sponsorship of this bloated 64 page "Amendment".

This effort sends a clear message to the citizenry, that this Committee does not either understand the judicial process or does not want to allow the beleaguered measure 114 to work its way through the judicial process, where it will be found unconstitutional. Even the chief petitioner for measure 114, sees SB 384 for what it is (gross government overreach) and has entered an opposition testimony for this bill.

An additional insult to injury is that, in making parts of this bill retroactive to Dec 8th 2022, it will turn thousands of law abiding Oregonians into "instant" criminals. All of this while the real threats to society are released from our prisons to wreak havoc and mayhem on the populace - whose fundamental right to self-defense has been infringed upon.

With dates for enactment of portions of this bill dating into 2026, this does not warrant an Emergency Clause - What is an emergency is the lack of willingness to enforce the gun laws we already have, and place those that pose a real threat to the citizenry behind bars.

None of these efforts, if passed, will make citizens safer. Instead, they will affect the dis-enfranchised that you claim to be helping; minorities, underprivileged, and those that cannot afford the price you are now placing on fundamental rights. For a fee you can now defend yourself - a fundamental right guaranteed by the Constitution and affirmed by SCOTUS.

All of measure 114 and these amendments will be found unconstitutional with recent SCOTUS and lower court rulings. So save the effort and enforce laws that will help make this a safer Oregon.

I strongly urge you to re-consider this bill. Myself and many others vehemently oppose it