

Submitter: Jerod Broadfoot  
On Behalf Of: Myself as a Member  
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB5006

Chair & Co-Chairs, for the record my name is Jerod Broadfoot. I am an 18 year member of AFSCME and on our locals bargaining team at the state agency I work at. I want to express my support for funding our collective bargaining pot of money that was \$350 million but is now at \$300 million due to cuts already made.

I urge you to oppose SB 243 & 1015, HB 3075 & 3076 as they are radical attacks on our Second Amendment rights and will take tens-of-millions if not hundreds of millions away from the General Fund and away from public employees. If you pass these bills you are sending a loud and clear message to all public employees that spending millions to take our gun rights away is more important than funding our COLA's, STEP increases and benefits. Over the last decade Oregon Public Employees have been forced to accept unpaid furloughs, wage & hiring freezes, attacks on our retirement, benefits and have received COLA's that are well below the rate of inflation in that same time.

There simply isn't enough money to go around and this committee needs to make the decision between funding these terrible anti-gun bills or funding critical programs and the public employees that administer them. If these anti-gun bills are passed they will take money out of the General Fund and away from us. The fiscal impact from just SB 243 for the 25-27 biennium is \$15 million and that's inaccurately low. Senator Prozanski admitted this in his Committee prior to passing the bill out of his committee.

If these bills are passed we could lose up to \$28 million in Pittman-Robertson funds and possibly millions more in Dingell-Johnson act funds which come to us from the federal tax on sales of firearms, ammunition, fishing gear and more via the US Fish & Wildlife Service. That will impacts public employees in a major way. My question to the Committee is are you going to allow a few radical anti-gun members of the Majority party to prioritize the agenda of out of state special interest groups or will you stand up and support public employees?

I urge you to let these bills die and fully fund public employees. I urge you to stop these unrelenting attacks against our Constitutional rights and get back to the business of funding critical state programs and the public employees that run them.