

Submitter: Christopher Welch
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3075

I have been a legal gun owner in this state for nearly 40 years. I have had my Oregon CHL for more than 30 years. I am a huge advocate for gun safety and proper gun training but I strongly oppose measure 114 and HB 3075. I have never and would never even think about harming anyone with my guns. What this does is allows the criminals, who are already planning on breaking the law, to arm themselves with weapons and magazines that they will still obtain illegally to have a serious advantage over the people who abide by the law. How can anyone defend themselves or their family when they are literally outgunned? It is a direct infringement on any law abiding individual to protect themselves and their family. The way this measure 114 was worded on the ballot was very misleading to the voters and I have spoken to many people who voted in favor of it based off of the first few sentences of the measure. Not knowing what they were truly voting for. All of those folks are now regretting their votes. I don't feel that anyone who has gone through the training and classes to obtain their concealed carry permit should be penalized by having to do it all over again to purchase another gun when they want to. For new gun owners, it is highly recommended that they receive the proper gun training and background checks to obtain any firearm. But do we make people retake their drivers license test every time it come up for renewal? NO! The bottom line is bad people will continue to do bad things. Whether it is with a gun, knife, hammer, car or anything they decide to hurt someone with. Guns are not the problem. The legal system and criminals are the problem. Make the punishment fit the crime and reinstate the death penalty, then our crime rates will go down drastically. Stop punishing innocent people!