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Chair Kropf, Vice-Chairs Chotzen and Wallan, and Members of the House
Committee On Judiciary

Subject: Opposition to 2025 HB 3075

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony. I was born and raised in Oregon. I am a citizen of the USA. I oppose this bill. I encourage you to kill it in Committee.

Why? "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." That is the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. It should not be necessary to say more, but apparently it is.

HB 3075 would infringe. Bigly. So does Oregon Ballot Measure 114 (2022), the Initiative that passed by the narrowest of margins. It has been reported that the amount of spending in support of Measure 114 was roughly 18 times the amount of spending in opposition (See Reference 1). The passage of Measure 114 was essentially purchased using dollars donated by out-of-state meddlers like Connie Ballmer, the National Education Association, and Michael Bloomberg's Everytown for Gun Safety organization (Reference 1).

I recall in-person testimony given before a legislative Committee regarding other proposed anti-gun legislation. This was prior to 2025. The man giving testimony was obviously a member of minority group. He was very articulate. He expressed that he had a right given to him by God to possess weaponry necessary to protect his family and himself... a moral right that no human can rightfully deny. As I listened, I thought, "Bravo!". He was right. As I see it- if you help this bill become law, you will be helping to turn a great number of otherwise peaceful and law-abiding people in to criminals... merely by their choice to continue to possess property that virtually nobody even knew they had before the new law took effect. And, you will effectively be denying people a means to protect their families, themselves, and their communities.

There are bill supporters who urge passage- arguing that making firearms less

available will reduce tragedies like suicide by self-inflicted gunshot wound. In reality, criminalizing people may lead to MORE tragedies. I'm afraid that this common euphemism applies: "This is the hill that people will die on." Almost literally. If passed, I suspect that many people will choose NOT to comply. I suspect that any efforts to enforce by draconian means would be met with great resistance.

As others have said, I could talk until I am blue in the face. I'll just stop here. Again-please kill this bill in Committee.

Thank you.

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References

1. Ballotpedia, "Oregon Measure 114, Changes to Firearm Ownership and Purchase Requirements Initiative (2022)", accessed at [https://ballotpedia.org/Oregon_Measure_114,_Changes_to_Firearm_Ownership_and_Purchase_Requirements_Initiative_\(2022\)](https://ballotpedia.org/Oregon_Measure_114,_Changes_to_Firearm_Ownership_and_Purchase_Requirements_Initiative_(2022)) on March 19, 2025.