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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB243

1. I am in opposition to SB243 -1. I am in opposition because of the trickery, underhanded, and unscrupulous behavior by Sen Prozanski to amend this bill a little over 24 hrs for public testimony. The trickery usurps Oregonians right to participate in a hearing with timely notice as a result; this bill should die in committee. (It was obvious that special interest had advance notice of the amendments). Chair Prozanski gave the Senators more time for testimony instead of taking more public testimony with the remaining 15 minute of the hearing. Seven more citizens could have testified in those remaining 15 minutes.

2. More than 50,000 Americans died from drug overdoses last year — the most ever (more than guns) The disastrous tally has been pushed to new heights by soaring abuse of heroin and prescription painkillers, a class of drugs known as opioids. Heroin deaths rose 23 percent in one year, to 12,989, slightly higher than the number of gun homicides, according to government data released. Deaths from synthetic opioids, including illicit fentanyl, rose 73 percent to 9,580. and prescription painkillers took the highest toll, but posted the smallest increase. Abuse of drugs like Oxycontin and Vicodin killed 17,536, an increase of 4 percent.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/drug-overdose-deaths-heroin-opioid-prescription-painkillers-more-than-guns/>

3. This bill is an attack on the Second Amendment. It requires law abiding citizens to jump through numerous hoops and costs to purchase a weapon. A lot of Oregonians collect firearms as a hobby and some purchase for personal protection. Criminals do not go through a background check, wait 72 hours,, and purchase a permit., All this bill does is serve notice on Oregonians that this state has become a NANNY state, chasing away law abiding Oregonians, as well as a state that is hard to conduct business in.

4. The amended bill reads in legalize verbiage and it is doubtful that it is written at an eight grade level. Again this bill should die in committee.

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