

House Committee on Judiciary
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RE: HB 4145

We already know that HB 114 violates both the state and federal constitutions.

HB 4145 does *not* make Ballot Measure 114 (HB 114) constitutional because a legislature cannot “fix” a constitutional defect simply by rewriting or delaying parts of a law.

The first amendment doesn’t mention, needing a permit to speak freely, or a special class one must take, that nobody is offering to get said permit. Further, it does not limit the amount one can speak.

The second amendment, that was written by the same very wise people who wrote the first amendment says, “***the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.***” I don’t believe it could be any more succinct than that.

INFRINGE: to encroach upon in a way that violates law or the rights of another.

To halt, delay or otherwise impede a law-abiding citizen’s right / ability to purchase and own a firearm, would be an encroachment.

“Arms” means anything that can be used for hunting or self-protection.

The second amendment doesn’t say how many arrows one can have in their quiver, or how long or short the arrows must be. The second amendment does not say how many rounds of ammunition one is allowed to have in their magazine. The second amendment does not say, one must take a class that is not readily offered, to get a permit (which is also not mentioned in the second amendment), before one can purchase a firearm. The second amendment does not say how many “arms” one can own.

The poorly written and judicially rejected on multiple occasions HB 114 and subsequent HB 4145, are clearly attempts to nullify the People’s God given and United States Constitutionally guaranteed right to bear arms.

There is no doubt that if implemented, not only would gun ownership be crippled, it would make criminals out of law-abiding citizens. Moreover, gun shops, and independent lawful firearm sales would cease to exist and put many Oregonians out of work.

What HB 114 and subsequent HB 4145 ***will not do*** is curb murder and suicide, or make anyone safer. If anything, it will make life in Oregon more dangerous. Nothing stops a bad guy with a gun, better than a good guy with a gun. Bad guys with guns are less likely to commit crimes if there’s a chance there is a good guy with a gun nearby. But if a bad guy is fairly certain he’s the only one with a gun, he is much more likely to use it to get what he wants. When seconds count, the cops are only minutes away.

Implementing a law that skirts the very meaning of a Constitutionally guaranteed right of the people is wrong.

When purchasing / owning firearms becomes a crime, then only criminals will have firearms.

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