

Dear Committee members,

As a non-gun owner, while I commend you for wanting to ensure the safety of Oregonians, this bill is not the best option.

Creating another layer of government with rules and regulations, will cost more money for not only the consumer, but also for the county agencies who are responsible for the oversight.

Currently all transfers of gun ownership at a gun show must go through a background check.

As for private transfers, most people are aware who they know that are felons and are not to own a gun and are not going to violate that law, if the gun owner is a law abiding citizen.

If a person is intent on committing a crime with gun, they will obtain one - they don't care about the laws in place.

In addition, there are other provisions in this proposed bill that do not make sense. For example, I held my nephew's new rifle he received as a gift, under this bill, it is possible that both of us could be charged with breaking the law, because I did not go through a background check first.

Finally, this bill creates a state government interference with my 2nd Amendment Rights, to own firearms. Technically speaking, all background check laws do that as well.

When each of you took your oath of office, you swore to defend and uphold the U.S., Constitution. That implies as it is written, not as you would like to idealize it.

A final thought:

I understand Washington State passed a similar law, would it not be prudent to see how their law works first to see what types of issues they have had to deal with?

Legal gun ownership has never been the problem.

Please do not pass this bill out of committee. It violates your oath of office and the rights given to US Citizens in The U.S. Constitution

Thank you for your time,

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