

We are opposed to SB 941. The biggest reason we are opposed is because it creates restrictions on, and is a clear infringement of our Constitutional Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms. The U.S. Constitution is the supreme law of the land. It can only be changed by process of amendments. There is no law, no statute, no Supreme Court ruling that can override the U.S. Constitution. Therefore if SB 941 is passed by this State Legislature it would be unconstitutional, and as such, is not law.

U.S. Constitution - Article 6 Members of the State Legislatures "shall be bound by Oath or Affirmation, to support this Constitution". Please do so.

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As a retired law enforcement officer I was appalled to hear the testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee this morning by the Lake Oswego Police Chief in support of this bill.

Why? Because this bill places restrictions on an individuals Constitutional right to keep and bear arms. It requires an individual to meet certain qualifications before he can obtain a firearm.

The Second Amendment clearly states this right shall not be infringed.

The definition of infringed is to restrict. I have 31 years of experience in reading and interpreting laws and statutes and the Second Amendment is clear - no one can restrict an individuals right to keep and bear arms. Not a legislative assembly, not law, no statute, no Supreme Court ruling, not any firearms regulation can override the U.S.

Constitution. Only the amendment process can change the Constitution. It is the supreme law of the land.

If this law is passed by this legislature, it is unconstitutional law, and therefore is no law at all. For a law enforcement officer to state he supports SB 941 says a lot about his willingness to violate the Constitutional rights of the citizens of this state.

Do I want to keep firearms out of the hands of felons? Of course I do.

But not at the expense of infringing on our liberties. Legislators need to look at other avenues such as tougher sentencing for possessing or using a firearm during the commission of a crime against persons.

Nothing in this senate bill will keep a firearm out of the hands of a criminal. It will make 'criminals' of law abiding citizens who will refuse to comply.

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