

Please enter the following testimony into the record.

I would like you all to consider some facts surrounding SB 941. Please do not dismiss any of this out of hand in favor of an agenda. We have elected our representatives to represent ALL Oregonians not just those with which they are ideologically aligned.

That said here are some facts I would like you to seriously consider:

1. The 2nd Amendment of the United States Constitution states that the “.the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.” SB 941 is an infringement on my rights.
2. SB 941 is de facto gun registration.
3. The Sheriffs from Grant, Yamhill, Douglas, Crook, Washington, Linn and Columbia counties have voiced their opposition to this bill. In addition to these Sheriffs, numerous localities have gone on record in defense of the Second Amendment including Baker County, Clackamas County, Coos County, Crook County, Curry County, Douglas County, Grant County, Jackson County, Jefferson County, Josephine County, Klamath County, Lake County, Linn County, Malheur County, Marion County, Polk County, Sherman County, Tillamook County, Union County, Wallowa County, Wasco County, Wheeler County, Yamhill County, and the city of Myrtle Point.
4. The current background check system is seriously flawed and does not function very well and expanding it will only serve to make it worse.
5. Criminals do not care about more laws and rules. SB 941 will not keep guns out of the hands of criminals who intend to do harm. They will acquire them through whatever means suits them.
6. SB 941 has the potential to make criminals out of law abiding Oregonians.
7. SB 941 contains an emergency clause the reason for which has not been proven or even explained. The only conceivable reason for it is to keep your constituents from utilizing the referendum / initiative process.
8. SB 941, if it becomes law, will be unenforceable. At least one Sheriff has already stated he will not even attempt to enforce it. Is the end game to declare this unworkable a year from now and institute full blown registration and eventually confiscation?
9. The proponents of SB 941 have not even proven that there is a problem that this bill is supposed to solve. This bill is a solution in search of a problem.

Senator Kim Thatcher proposed a reasonable and workable alternative that was not even considered by the Senate Committee. What’s “reasonable” about that? Representative Bill Post has also offered a common sense alternative. It’s outrageous that these ideas are being dismissed without discussion. That tells me that the “agenda” is more important than common sense. You know the current system is not stopping criminals. This bill CREATES criminals. Vote NO on SB 941!

Respectfully,

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