

House Committee on Rules:

I am writing in opposition to Senate Bill 941 and submitting my objections for the record.

Senate Bill 941 will be effective in denying honest, law-abiding citizens of Oregon their constitutionally granted Second Amendment rights. I cannot believe that the legislature of Oregon could rationally support such an abrogation of the citizens' liberties.

None of you can cite any statistical evidence which shows that similar legislation in other states has resulted in reducing crimes committed with guns. However, you are willing to bow to those who ignore the reality that criminals will not be impacted in any way by this proposed law. To assume a criminal would abide by this law is irrational—by definition, those who commit crimes do not follow laws!

As a result, the primary effect of this bill would be additional barriers to lawful gun ownership. The only Oregonians who would be impacted (and disadvantaged)—both in time and money—will be honest citizens. Senate Bill 941 will not be effective in reducing guns available to criminals—they simply will not take themselves to a gun store to complete a background check. You would do well to inform yourself about the research into gun violence conducted by economist John Lott, Ph.D., before considering any anti-Second Amendment legislation.

Just because Democrats currently have a super majority in the state of Oregon, don't think for a moment that the citizens of this state are not watching as the Democrats railroad bills through the legislature. Your actions are being observed closely by Oregonians who value both their freedoms and their Second Amendment rights.

So far in this legislative session, Democrats have proven they are not interested in working together with Republicans to improve our state. They are openly repaying their donors with legislation which will cost law-abiding Oregon citizens both their money and their freedoms. If this bill is voted into law, those who pass it do so at the risk of their legislative positions.

Most sincerely,

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