

Please submit this as testimony in opposition of SB 719. Thank you for your time and trouble.

To the members of the Committee

I am writing this in opposition of the proposed Amendments to Senate Bill 719, specifically SB 719-4.

Yesterday the people had the opportunity to speak out on SB 764, SB 797, SB 868 in testimony to your committee. Things were cordial and between the two groups were not adversarial between the groups. Although, actions later on in the day make this suspect, due to these bills not be carried over later in the day by the Chair.

Now today you have met in the proposed SB 719 with amendments. To me this is even a more dangerous bill and the last minute introduction is suspect.

Despite the language in the measure, this bill is just a way to give anti-gun judges a much easier way order law enforcement to basically take guns on a case by case basis. Essentially this bill is down to its stated purpose labeling anyone who owns a firearm as dangerous individual and give the power to take away their firearms by court order.

The term "Gun Violence" is being used to craft legislation like this to slowly make firearm ownership to become illegal or so inconvenient to be able to own a firearm by the legislature. This last minute bill with amendments is proof of that. Murder is illegal in this state, yet it still happens. Drug use is illegal in this state, yet we have virtually epidemic of it.

But This bill is pointing to curb a problem, we must concentrate on gun ownership and make it so people can not own a firearm to stop gun ownership. Despite Constitutional protections of that right to own one under the 2nd Amendment of the US Constitution and Article 1, Section 27 of the Oregon State Constitution.

We are told by certain members of the committee that gun ownership is not subject to regulation. This is true.. and we have numerous examples of this. At the federal level there is the National Firearms Act of 1934, Federal Firearms Act of 1938, Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, Gun Control Act of 1968, Firearms Owners Protection Act of 1986, Undetectable Firearms Act of 1988, Gun-Free Zones Act of 1990, Brady Handgun Violence Protection Act of 1993, Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act of 2005.

Do you think that gun owners have no controls placed on them? Then at the state level we are subjected to a constant barrage of continuing gun bills that limit beyond the scope of the federal laws. It is almost like the State Legislature is declaring many of the Federal laws as a Loophole and attempts to close gun ownership under the United States Federal law at the state level in Oregon.

I know there are some people in the legislature that feel that it's their duty to continue to control the ability for Oregonians to own a firearm. Assuming that if they control that, it would stop further crime. But halting gun ownership will not stop all crime. Legal gun owners are not all criminals, they should not have laws created to make them seem to be the criminal after a crime is committed by other individuals.

I urge a NO vote on SB 719 as amended.

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