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Enclosed please find my testimony in opposition to SB 764, 797 and 868. I request this testimony be added to the record.

SB 764 has morphed from a one paragraph bogus "place holder" bill to a 30 page monstrosity with one goal, to make concealed handgun licenses impossible to get.

Under the amended SB 764, concealed handgun classes would not only require live fire (something becoming more difficult every day as our ranges disappear due to lawsuits) but it would also forbid online training (something even the Oregon Sheriffs Association offers) and require that the class include *"training in the safe loading, unloading, storage and carrying of handguns and training in the current laws governing the lawful use of a firearm, including self-defense, the use of force, including deadly force, and the transportation and concealment of handguns."*

So, in addition to needing a range, you will need an instructor who is a legal expert. The problem is, of course, NRA instructors are *firearms* instructors. They get no training in the laws of different states by the NRA and, in fact, are discouraged from teaching the law in their classes. So who will provide "legal" training for these classes, who will certify them and who will determine the curriculum?

Rest assured, even if you can find an instructor who can meet all these requirements, the cost of a CHL class will skyrocket and the number of places and instructors that can provide this (as of yet undefined) service will dwindle to almost zero.

Make no mistake, this bill has one goal; to eliminate concealed carry and pay off anti-gun New York billionaires who are bankrolling anti-gun legislators.

SB797 which would allow the Oregon State Police to delay a firearms transfer forever. This is the bill Governor Brown was pushing soon after her election. Right now if the State Police delay you, you may lawfully take possession of a firearm after three business days have transpired. This bill would eliminate that safeguard.

Keep in mind, the OSP ID unit has any abysmal track record of fairly conducting background checks. If a citizen is delayed, their default position is "No" and typically only a call from a pro-gun legislator will make the process tolerable. This bill could essentially end gun transfers for anyone the OSP chooses to target with a faulty background check.

SB 868, which was created to allow a court to take away firearms based on allegations from household members or police, now has amendments to expand it to allow a court to take away *"Any instrument, article or substance specifically designed for and presently capable of causing death or serious physical injury."*

When you think about it, that could be *anything*. The new amended version also allows you to have your possessions seized because you were convicted of a DUI and allows the police to search your home to find and seize anything they want to call a "deadly weapon." It does not require that you have committed a crime, it does not require that you have been convicted of a crime, and one of the indicators that you are "dangerous" is that you have purchased or attempted to purchase a firearm or ammunition in the last 180 days. Using the act of purchasing ammunition as a pretext for firearms confiscation is ludicrous.

It appears to this writer that these 3 bills all have the same unstated and subversive intent: to effectively deny citizens the right to keep and bear arms guaranteed under the Second Amendment to our Constitution and I urge that all 3 bills be rejected.

Sincerely,

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