

I oppose enactment of HB 4145 Article 1, section 27 under House Judiciary Committee hearing today. This expansion of firearms control is way too broad. I was afraid this might happen and, sure enough, the the definition of "Family Household Members" is to be expanded well beyond reasonable. "Boyfriend Loophole" they call it. (Why not "girlfriend loophole" or "anyone you want" loophole. So, any vindictive person can file for a restraining order and how would you ever prove or disprove the parties have been in an intimate sexual relationship? Still further, if you contest the order, and it is upheld, you lose gun rights under Federal law. So the propensity is not to contest irrespective of innocence. Oregon is one thing, but Federal is another. This expansion is stunningly broad, and makes one wonder what's next. The constitution is well defined and has been tested by the Supreme Court. Federal law is also well defined. Oregon decides they know better? It boils down to firearms confiscation based on a misguided notion that a major problem exists.

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