

Opposition to HB 2505

Dear House Committee on Judiciary Chair, Vice-Chairs, and Members,

At the opening of the 2019 legislative session several anti-gun bills were introduced that will severely burden law abiding citizens both financially and in the exercise of their right to bear arms. I am writing you to urge you to oppose any such restrictions and to honor your oath to Oregon Constitution and the Constitution of the United States. From the Oregon Constitution Article I Section 27: "Right to bear arms; military subordinate to civil power. The people shall have the right to bear arms for the defence [sic] of themselves, and the State, but the Military shall be kept in strict subordination to the civil power[.]" HB2505 is in conflict with the right to bear arms for selfdefense and I would encourage you to vote no on advancing this bill.

Firearms secured with trigger locks or in a safe. This has been ruled unconstitutional in the Supreme Court Case *DC v Heller* and would put citizens lives in danger if they need access to a firearm to defend themselves at a moment's notice. This section has in mind keeping guns away from children, which I have none, and puts a burden on me for a danger that does not exist in my household. This secure lock-up section also rules that if a criminal breaks into my home, steals my firearm and Four years later commits a crime that injures someone with said firearm that I would be "strictly liable" for the criminals actions UNLESS I could prove that I reported the crime in 24 hours AND I could prove that the gun had a lock on it or was in a locked container. This is victim blaming and unjustly puts the victim responsible for a criminal's actions. This bill also states the same strict liability if a person were to sell a gun through an FFL transfer at a store and both the seller and buyer pass background checks. The seller would be responsible for whatever nefarious actions the buyer does for the next four years unless the seller can prove the gun was locked with a trigger lock at the time of transfer.

Further, if this bill were to be enacted, it would be entirely unenforceable and would only be used to add fines and potential jail time to otherwise law-abiding citizens and put the burden of proof on victims of crime. This proposed Bill will do nothing to make Oregonians safer and will instead create a "feel-good" law that will burden law-abiding Oregonians wishing to exercise their constitutional rights and will effectively chip away at their ability to defend themselves in a way they see fit.

Thank you for your time,

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