

Senators of the Judiciary Committee,

It has been brought to my attention that an Amendment has been attached to SB 978, which is an otherwise benign but useless study resolution, regarding strict gun control proposals.

The language of the amendment is quite familiar, the proposals having been introduced many times in past years or weeks, under many other Bill numbers. Those bills all met with strong opposition. To restructure them and reintroduce them in such guise must lead me to believe that the members in support of such Amendment were trying to avoid the public opposition to their legislation. This behavior, while not wholly surprising from politicians, remains underhanded and objectionable.

The purpose of this testimony is to register my objection to SB978 and Amendment -1. This legislation would do nothing to improve actual safety for Oregonians, and would only erect barriers against legal owners and honest citizens engaging in legal activities. Impeding citizens in their pursuit of wholly legal actions is never something to be proud of and always something that should be resisted by honest people.

Sincerely,

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