

I am asking that all lawmakers oppose SB978.

It would appear that some malevolent legislators hid the content of this bill until it was too late to read it all and respond. As I live in Joseph, OR, about 8 hours travel from Salem, I can't magically appear in Salem to testify every time a politician wants to gut the 2nd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. We already have dozens if not hundreds of gun laws that are not enforced and that criminals don't obey. If they don't obey laws against assault and murder, why should they care about laws like gun-free zones or felons in possession?

One of the red herrings used by these gun grabbing proponents is statistics showing "gun deaths" which include suicides and gang shootings. Many of the people pushing this anti-gun legislation are proponents of Legalized Suicide but those same people want to promote suicide while calling gun suicides "gun violence". You can't have it both ways, is killing yourself with a pill compassionate while killing yourself with a gun a violent act against society?

These same politicians refuse to take the harsh measures required to combat gang violence. It is much easier to blame and disarm the law abiding gun owner than arrest and disarm the violent gang members.

Here are some points about what I am told is in the bill.

Storage requirements that would make it impossible to use the firearm for self defense.

Expanding "gun free zones" which are really just "free fire zones" for criminals and the insane.

Illegally restricting access for minors to the shooting sports.

Increasing fees for Concealed Handgun holders.

Make it impossible to carry for self defense while near any of several locations which can harbor dangerous attackers, like streets around hospitals, neighborhoods with schools and airport parking lots.

Please oppose this bill.

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