

TESTIMONY FOR HB 2505 – Relating to firearm safety requirements; declaring an emergency

TO: House Committee On Judiciary

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FROM: Greg Black

Please accept this letter as my formal testimony for HB 2505.

While I understand some of the rationale behind this proposal, there are issues within this bill that I oppose.

I am still saddened, appalled and angered by the events of December 11, 2012, when Cindy Ann Yuille and Steven Forsyth were shot and killed in the Clackamas Town Center by a deranged gunman with a stolen weapon, I am also opposed to punishing victims of firearms theft and making them responsible for any injuries incurred by the thief, especially for up to four years after a theft may have occurred. It's the thief who should be prosecuted and duly punished.

I have lost friends to suicide who used firearms to take their own lives. Due to their mental state and depression, trigger or cable locks would not have dissuaded them. Having had someone to talk to in their time of crises may have saved their lives, but rules and regulations did not.

The SCOTUS ruled in DC v Heller that government mandated use of trigger or cable locks, or requiring that firearms be stored in an inoperable state, is a violation of the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution. Trigger or cable locks can be defeated as can many so-called security boxes, often by the use of simple tools.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Respectfully,

Greg Black