

Testimony HB 3329 21 Years Old-Firearms/Ammunition

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Please accept this as my formal comments and **Testimony on House Bill #3329**. I will address my personal resume, background and experience at the end of this testimony.

Dear Committee Members,

House Bill #3329, Summary:

“Relating to minimum age restrictions in places of public accommodation.

Allows gun dealer or person transferring firearms, firearm accessories, firearm components, ammunition or ammunition components for purchase at gun show, or business engaged in repairing or servicing firearms to establish minimum age of 21 years for such purchases, repairs or services.

Creates exemption from antidiscrimination statute for enforcement of policies that impose age-based restrictions on purchase of firearms, firearm accessories, firearm components, ammunition or ammunition components or on repairing or servicing of firearms in place of public accommodation.”

A seller, dealer, etc. should not be able to limit firearms or ammunition sales beyond any restriction set forth in ORS or in Federal Laws. This is in effect a form of age discrimination. It is also a solution looking for a problem where none exists. We can send a 18 year old off to war, serving in the military but they can't buy shotgun shells, seek maintenance or repairs to a firearm or purchase a hunting rifle ? A teen can drive a 4,000 pound car at 16, buy one if they can, seek vehicle repairs, purchase all kinds of power tools, gasoline, other potentially dangerous items but cannot buy a gun, ammo or accessory if legal to do so by State Law ? Age discrimination is what this is. Leave the statutes as they are. Businesses should not be in the position of making these age determinations in providing the services as outlined in this bill.

There are already hundreds of State regulations regarding firearms and thousands at the Federal level. We do NOT need any more regulations. It is ironic that the State Legislature is considering changing the voting age to 16 years of age, believing that teens have the maturity to understand complex laws, political matters and decisions when voting, BUT; has raised the smoking age to 21, the drinking age is 21 and now....this Bill (age of 21).

As a former Law Enforcement Officer, if you really want to make our communities safer; instead of attacking honest gun owners with unconstitutional laws and more restrictions of their rights,

your efforts would be better spent: Enhancing penalties for crimes involving the use of firearms, enhanced sentencing for assaults/injures/deaths involving firearms, gang reduction (high illegal gun usage), drug use and trafficking (high illegal gun usage) and going after criminal black market gun sales. HONEST GUN OWNERS ARE NOT THE PROBLEM ! CRIMINALS ARE !

Respectfully submitted,
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