

Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

The subject "amendment" to the subject bill is one of the worst attacks I have ever seen (outside of my Cold War experience in Europe) and contains both illegal and unconstitutional actions but numerous attacks on the god-given rights that have been the foundation of Western Law since before the time of the Justinian Code of the 5th Century. They are: the right of any man to defend himself and the right of any man to protect his property. Some comments on what I know of the specifics of the Dash 1 Amendment:

Requiring that self-defense guns be locked up. Of what use in self-protection are guns that are locked up. This is insanity. And, to further this trip into unreality, this bill would prosecute a good faith securing of a firearm if a thief could find the mechanical means to defeat a cable lock. OF COURSE, cable locks - and vaults, and safes can be defeated given the right tools and adequate time. But if a good faith effort has been made, holding a gun owner responsible for the defeat of his security is like holding a bank manager responsible for his bank being robbed by professional safe crackers.

How does one prove that a gun they legally transfer had a trigger or cable lock? Photo, video, specification on a bill of sale? None of these are proof positive yet you are making a felony of a transaction for which there is no specified proof.

Hold gun owners responsible for crimes committed with guns stolen from them? Like holding a car owner responsible for his car being hot-wired and stolen? Or holding a renter legally liable for a meth lab being operated without his knowledge in a rental of his? This is a totally unrealistic approach to gun ownership and I think will be defeated in a court of law..

Banning of CHL holders from public buildings whether the banners own the property or not or can show specific cause for a ban exceeding their ownership. This is a gross overstep by anti-gun forces and is not supported by police statistics. Again, this is wide open to litigation and for good reason.

Ditto on the ban of CHL holders from parking lots and other property adjacent to airports.

I am a former army officer, published author of numerous books on American history, one-time holder of the NATO Top Secret/Cosmic security clearance, property owner and long-time Oregon resident, shooter, CHL owner and owner of an Oregon State Wildlife Habitat - developed at my own expense. What I see in this attack on legal gun rights is a mean spirited attempt to disarm American gun owners and make most of us "felons by legislation."

My rights predate the Constitution and are simple, as I indicated earlier. I am a good citizen and have taken an oath as an officer to protect this country from enemies foreign and domestic. I take this proposed SB 978 and the Dash 1 "amendment" as a gross overstep by anti-gun bureaucrats who cannot show that we legal gun owners are anything but an asset to our state and country.

If you legislate my friends and me into felons, I suggest that you look down the calendar and into the future. I did not get on my knees for the Warsaw Pact and I do not plan to kneel to the efforts of legislators and the actions of SWAT teams who care nothing about the rule of law, e.g. Ruby Ridge, Waco and the daily police/SWAT shootings reported from coast to coast.

Please do not vote for this dangerous nonsense.

Thank you,

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