

I oppose SB978, and the -1 amendment, also the -2 and -3 which was added later. The underhanded way this bill was proposed with added amendments, and then changed again after the hearing is terrible. It is obvious you have no respect for the citizens of Oregon. I will never support anyone involved with the passing of this bill.

This bill started out as an OSP study and now last minute it is a bill turning law obeying gun owners in to criminals for someone else's criminal activity, allows age discrimination, more gun free zones and addresses supposed "ghosts guns".

I take issue with the idea that anyone has the right to determine the constitutional rights of a citizen of the United States. Businesses do have the right to sell any legal product they want, but they do not have the right to discriminate any sale based upon race, ethnicity, or **AGE!** Look at the inconsistencies from Democrats who simultaneously want to raise the age for gun ownership, because young people are too immature to make sound decisions, yet want to lower the voting age to 16, because the voice of our youth must be heard.

In order to use a firearm for self defense, or defense of family or property it must be unlocked. Requiring that opening devices such as keys and tools be stored elsewhere means a situation of a home invasion, predatory animals or simple rodents you must run to fetch the opening device then, open the lock before actually using the firearm. This adds seconds or minutes to a situation that people might not have have. More lives (human and animal) will be saved by violating these proposed laws than by adhering to them. Requiring a cable lock or a trigger lock will victimize citizens and merely inconvenience attackers. Someone determined to harm others will always find a way.

An unknown CHL fee to the FBI for a fingerprint search is unbelievable. We already have OSP conducting a fingerprint search, adding an FBI search is a waste of time and money. If the FBI search is truly more thorough, then don't do the OSP search. I have a problem with adding this into law without a defined price.

Most mass shootings happen in gun free zones. There is no reason to keep someone who has a legally carried firearm out of any area.

The liability part of this bill to a gun owner if their gun is stolen or taken is ridiculous. This is written so open ended and leaves many gray areas. It would be a huge burden on the gun owner to prove they followed all the restrictions, so they would not be responsible for what a criminal would do with stolen property. It would be the gun owner being guilty and having to prove their innocence.

There are a large portion of firearms that were manufactured before serial numbers were required by law. There is no clear definition for an "unfinished receiver" in this bill.

This is nothing more than an emergency clause that turns law abiding Oregonians into criminals. This should be **VOTED** on by the citizens of Oregon.

We have mental health issues that are not addressed in this bill. The issues of our society won't be changed by adopting these laws.

Thanks,
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