

Regarding HB 4005

To House Committee Judiciary Committee,

HB 4005 is rather vague and a poorly conceived bill. It is an emotional, feel good kind of law (for some) but is not rational. It is ludicrous. It makes criminals out of law-abiding citizens not to mention puts us in danger.

HB 4005 flies in the face of the Second Amendment which I am sure you are aware. The Supreme Court decision of *Heller vs DC* states *“The requirement that any lawful firearm in the home be disassembled or bound by a trigger lock makes it impossible for citizens to use arms for the core lawful purpose of self-defense and is hence unconstitutional.”*

This abhorrent bill also contradicts the Oregon Constitution which says Article 1 Section 27: *“Right to bear arms; military subordinate to civil power. The people shall have the right to bear arms for the defence(sic) of themselves, and the State, but the Military shall be kept in strict subordination to the civil power(.)”*

You have taken an oath to uphold the United States and the Oregon Constitutions This bill does anything but. If you vote for this, you are violating your oath.

Not only is this bill based on ignorance it is punitive to law abiding citizens.

A person taking their life is tragic. However, there is no logic to your rationale. Suicide can be accomplished through using many tools as is proven by countries with more restrictive gun laws than the U.S. Japan comes to mind.

Also, it bewilders me why you are passing this type of law during the short session. In 2010 Ballot Measure 71 said that odd number years are for larger bills, even number years is a short session of 35 days for housekeeping and adjustments. Thirty-five days is a very short time to adequately consider the creation of important laws. Passing a bill like this is beyond the scope of purpose of the short session. It does not allow enough time to deliberate. This has the appearance of ramming though tyrannical laws aimed at diminishing the ability of the citizenry to adequately respond to your efforts. This is an abuse of power.

While we are on the subject of abuse of power let's talk about your abuse of the emergency clause. As you know it was created to use in times of an emergency such as a natural disaster. However, in 2016, the Emergency Clause was used in 67% of the legislation. I don't recall any natural disasters that year. The

Emergency Clause has created 'fake emergencies' which deprive Oregon voters of the opportunity to overturn bad laws.

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