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I'm in strong opposition to HB 4005. I worked for the Oregon youth authority for 20yrs. In that time I worked with thousands of young offenders. The offenders that had gun charges had stolen, traded drugs for or bought one illegally.

Your proposal would not stop a single crime. Cable locks are easily cut or lock smashed. Trigger locks can be broke with a screwdriver or the key lock can be drilled out. Storage containers are easily broke into, either with tools in the home or the ones the criminal used to gain entry into the home. All of these locking methods does not stop the firearm from being carried off and breached, in another location.. It does not stop a child from finding the key to the locks.

The only thing this bill does is criminalize law abiding citizens. It places families life's at risk of harm or death in not being able to protect themselves.

Example:

My youngest daughter (12) was home alone sick and she heard a knock on the door. There was a strange man outside so she did not answer the door. Moments later she saw an arm reaching over our 6.5 ft gate. She was able to lock herself in my room and had access to a firearm she is familiar with and can shoot proficiently. Once in my room she heard voices in our backyard. There was time to call the police and myself. I arrived home first. My gate was open(a gate you only can open from inside the yard) the yard was secured and checked on my daughter. I then was able to call 911 (11 minutes after the the initial call) to let them know this was no longer an emergency. We never saw a police officer. After having our very secure area being violated she is now scared to stay home alone.

Your proposal violates my parenting rights by disallowing me to provide my daughter's the protection of a firearm. Your proposal violates my children's rights to protect themselves in a time where police even in the city of Salem won't be able respond in 12 minutes. 12 minutes is enough time for rape/ abduction or murder.

Your proposal would make law abiding citizen potential victims while fumbling to access their firearm (in the dark lets say) in an emergency.

Your storage bill also infringes on CHL holders ability to carry. By disallowing a firearm to be secured in the vehical. If they went to the court house or a fed building.

If Oregon wants to encourag safe storage then why not start with gun safe rebates to ensure everyone can afford a \$1200 safe.

Oregon needs to strengthen gun laws in connection to crimes. It's painfully clear that Oregon's laws relating to unlawful posesion are not a deterrent. Portland has had over 50 shooting this yr. 2020. Just on the news at the beginning of February in Portland during a routine traffic stop the patrolman noticed a firearm sticking out of the passenger seat. The driver who was alone in the vehicle as a felon and cannot possess a firearm. Apparently having a unlawful firearm out ways the consequences.

Other states with gun controls have had a flood of guns from acrossstate lines..

You bill will do nothing from prohibiting the gangs and drug dealers from selling or buying firearms.. 80% if not more of the shootings in Portland are at the hand of a felon..

You guys need to focus on the criminals not criminalizing law abiding citizens.

I have empathy for those who testified for this bill that has lost family. I had two accidental shootings my senior year and one suicide all with rifles. After reading testimony none of this gun control bill will stop anyone's loss. By middle school age your purposed bill is reduced ineffective as they are circumvented easily. A child with a cell phone and access to the internet can and will if desired get any info.

I remember in Salem bikes were being stolen by getting cables cut. So, the biking community bought a U lock that could not be cut with bolt cutters. So the the theives started using compressed gas to freeze the lock and simply break it like ice..

If you've read this fare I'm impressed. I will leave this with one last thought. When Cain smashed Able his brothers head with a rock. God did not blame the rock he blamed Cain.

Thank you for your time.