

Testimony on HB-2543

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There is a terrible gun problem in Oregon. It's called Portland. Gun violence in Portland is out of control. If the Oregon Legislature wants to do something constructive to control gun violence and senseless deaths and injuries, it should figure out an answer to that one. Hint: more police.

HB-2543 does nothing to address that problem. Does anybody believe that the gangs and hoodlums using guns in Portland are going through background checks?

Will denying law abiding citizens the ability to complete a background check in a timely fashion help with Portland's out of control gun violence? No.

Bad people don't worry about bills like HB-2543 because they don't give a f..k about no gun laws. Bills like this only harass law abiding folks trying to protect themselves.

Law abiding sportsmen and women use a variety of firearms for hunting, target shooting and personal protection. We are adamantly opposed to HB-2543, which is a completely unacceptable infringement on our Second Amendment rights.

Constitutional rights delayed are Constitutional Rights Denied!

Under our American and Oregonian systems of government, the burden of proof is on the State to demonstrate through due process that an individual's constitutional right has been lost. If the State cannot timely do its job, then it needs to address that duty within itself by allocating sufficient resources to timely perform its function, not impose its failing upon the individual.

It is tyranny for the legislative and executive branches of Government to presume that an individual has lost his/her constitutional right until Government satisfies itself otherwise.

The current statutes requiring a completed background check are already onerous enough. The proposed changes under HB-2543 are absolutely beyond reason. If anything, the law should be revised to abolish the current background check for any person who possesses a current concealed handgun license. That license is higher proof that the person has already been vetted by the government.

HB-2543 is a bad bill. I strongly recommend a NO vote. Deal with real problems like Portland.

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