

Dear Committee Members,

I come before you in strong opposition of HB 2510.

Every year the Democrats try to pass legislation to unconstitutionally prevent me from my right to protect myself, my family, and others.

This overreaching bill would render my firearms utterly useless. I am already a responsible gun owner and do not need the state imposing criminal penalties against me for exercising my rights under the 2ns amendment. I know when my firearms need to be securely stored, and when they do not, and so do the vast majority of other gun owners.

Do you think criminals will follow this law? You know they wont! In the meantime would you have us unable to defend ourselves like defenseless sheep? Not me.

I also ask that you explain how this is supposed to become law upon passage, due to the widely abused emergency clause, when the definition of the means of securing a weapon are not yet determined and may not be for a year. Are the good folks at the Health Department really the ones who should be making a decision like this? I think not.

On top of the ridiculous requirements of the lockup section of this bill, the liability to be imposed on past owners of firearms is absolutely ludicrous!

I will not be liable for an inanimate object in the hands of another person after the fact. Period. This is completely asinine and I'd challenge the legality of this section as well.

Any vote in favor of this bill is a vote for tyranny. Do your jobs and take care of the real issues affecting Oregonians and throw these self gratifying, unconstitutional ant--gun bills in the trash where they belong. Please vote no and stop this bill now.

As a side note: When I submit written testimony, I must choose "for" or "against" or "neutral" before submitting my statement. In the interest of full transparency, I suggest those categories be shown individually when the testimony is made public.

Thank you.

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