

Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Members,

HB 2510 should be immediately removed from the agenda. The premise of this bill is certainly not an emergency.

Requiring Oregonians to lock up their guns, rendering them ineffective predisposes the population to violent crime since criminals know that, in addition to having the element of surprise, their prospective target(s) are now potentially disarmed. This is wrong.

Salem legislators know this argument, yet constantly ignore the self-preservation rationale. Salem legislators also know the ongoing yarn about "law-abiding citizens" vs "criminals who violate the law". Juxtapose this with "When seconds count, the police are minutes away", the common sense of it demands practical respect.

However, session after session, Salem legislators (especially the democrats, and specifically the sponsors of such bills) constantly ignore, yea, even forge ahead with greater determination to disarm Oregonians.

The conclusion is frightening. There are SIX (6) gun control bills just this session and three of them have been pushed into their respective committees in just a few short weeks.

To the sponsors of this bill and those who support it: If you truly believe this will reduce the supposed violence outlined in this or any bill you are being used. If you support such bills with the end game to end private ownership of firearms, you are wrong and in violation of the Constitution as well as natural law.

End this onslaught and remove every gun control bill, and start drafting legislation to stiffen the punishment of criminals who are inclined to 'capitalize' on the innocent and defenseless.

THIS is the real emergency...

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