

I am asking you to oppose HB2510, Mandating gun locks can have unintended consequences, such laws have made it more difficult for people to successfully defend themselves and their families.

According to the Lott Whitley study on Safe Storage Gun Laws: Accidental Deaths, Suicides, and Crime
https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=228534

"The only consistent impact of safe-storage laws is to raise rape, robbery, and burglary rates, and the effects are very large. Conservative estimates show that safe-storage laws resulted in 3,738 more rapes, 21,000 more robberies, and 49,733 more burglaries annually in just the 15 states with these laws. More realistic estimates indicate across-the-board increases in violent and property crimes. During the 5 full years after the passage of the safe-storage laws, the 15 states faced an annual average increase of 309 more murders, 3,860 more rapes, 24,650 more robberies, and over 25,000 more aggravated assaults.

The impact of safe-storage laws is consistent with existing research indicating that the guns that are most likely to be used in an accidental shooting are owned by the least law-abiding citizens and thus are least likely to be locked up after the passage of the law. The safe-storage laws thus manage to produce no significant change in accidental deaths or suicides and yet still raise crime rates because households with low accidental death risks are now the ones most likely to obey the law."

According to the CDC

7/10 medically treated firearms injuries are from firearms related assaults

Also up to 2.5 million defensible gun interactions happen every year this will go down with mandatory lock up laws as it will impede the ability for people to defend themselves

2015-2017 OHA firearms stats

16% of firearm interactions are homicide which mandatory lock up would statistically cause to go up since access will be difficult
2.2% due to legal intervention which would go down with mandatory lock up laws as it will impede the ability for people to defend themselves in Oregon

1.2% are unintentional firearm injuries, unfortunately the data does not show if a mandatory lock up would make a difference.

Firearm homicide rates are highest among adults 15-34 years of age and among Black, Native American, and Hispanic populations with mandatory lock up this will go up as lawful gun owners will not have quick access to defend themselves. This is not equity for our people of color.

Falls, overdose, and transportation are the top three causes of injury in Oregon, I do not see a call to emergency to make changes on those statistics in fact illegal drug use has been decriminalized in Oregon thus overdoses will rise.

When listening to SB 554 testimony National Gun Owners for Safety stated that if you are entering a gun free zone you should leave your gun in your car. This is coming from a national resource for gun safety and they are speaking to legislatures across the country giving that advice? Well guess what

Oregon Car Theft Rates in 2019

15,120

If you can break into a car and steal it then how is a firearms lock going to deter a robber?

Another thing that you need to think about is our economically disadvantaged and our houseless. You are expecting them to invest in safes and locking devices when they do not have the means or the place to secure their firearm. It is no secret that more and more houseless in these economic times held jobs at one time but have hit rough times. Having a firearm to defend yourself and your family is not a privilege it is a right. Taking away the ability for people to defend themselves is white privilege as our most disadvantaged have no say.

I ask on behalf of the people that do not have a voice that you oppose HB2510 as there is no emergency in Oregon. In fact you become complicit if you pass this

Thank You