

As a born and bred Oregonian, who has lived in Oregon all my life, with numerous friends and family in Oregon, I whole heartedly oppose this atrocious bill that seeks to infringe on my 2nd Amendment rights that are confirmed in the US Constitution. As a single woman, who works odd hours and is not infrequently alone in an office building until late evening, being able to protect myself at home and at work is important. Average response time for Law Enforcement, when they are able to be notified in a crisis situation, is usually way too long for the person in the crisis. That assumes that a call can be even made to Law Enforcement in the middle of the crisis, as that is not always possible, either through lack of means or from lack of time or other numerous reasons. Being able to arm and protect myself is the fastest and most sure way to ensure my own safety, especially for someone height challenged like myself, such that someone taller and/or stronger would far more easily be able to physically overpower me without some other way to even the odds. As a former caseworker at DHS, I never felt that it was right that someone in that dangerous job should only have a clipboard as their only means of protection when interacting with people with dangerous backgrounds that posed a safety threat to themselves and/or others. If you can manage to protect yourself from an attacker with that sole weapon, more power to you, but most, including myself, can't. Should this ridiculous attempt at infringing on the rights of the citizens of this state somehow pass, you are setting yourselves up for many lawsuits against the state, and possibly against any supporters of this legislation personally, for violating the US Constitution. This is not the way knowledgeable lawmakers in a Constitutional Republic should be engaging with or for the people of this State and Country. Please review the US Constitution and how this is a direct violation of the primary governing document of this Country before you show yourselves to be uniformed and selfish in continuing this push to attempt to deny me, and the rest of the citizens of this state, of our legal rights to keep and bear arms.