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On Behalf Of: The people of Oregon
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure: HB2572

In respect to HB2572 -1 as amended

First question, why did you muddy this bill to amend other ORS codes that have nothing to do with the subject? This should not be allowed in the legislature. One bill, one subject should be the rule.

The -1 amendment to the original text of this bill effectively replaces the entire bill. This law does not adhere to the Oregon Constitution.

Oregon Constitution - Article I, Sections 1, 27 and 26 of the Oregon Constitution. (27) The people SHALL have (and do inherently have per Sec 1) the right to bear arms for the defense of themselves and the State. (26) NO LAW SHALL BE PASSED restraining any of the inhabitants of the State from assembling together in a peaceable manner to consult for their common good.

It does not say we cannot assemble if we plan to train with our firearms. Consulting for their common good is most assuredly the case when the majority of people train with their firearms. You are writing this bill to punish everyone and not just the few that would cause harm when utilizing such training.

Your definition of a "Private Paramilitary Organization" is "ANY GROUP OF THREE OR MORE PERSONS ASSOCIATING UNDER A COMMAND STRUCTURE FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNCTIONING IN PUBLIC, OR TRAINING TO FUNCTION IN PUBLIC, AS A COMBAT, COMBAT SUPPORT, LAW ENFORCEMENT OR SECURITY SERVICES UNIT". This legislation interferes with the right of every Oregonian to assemble and the right to bear arms as GUARANTEED in both the Oregon and the Federal Constitutions

Why have you excluded "Civil Disorder" in this amendment? To protect Antifa, BLM and the like? They cause more violence, property damage and even death than those law-abiding citizens who choose to get their training with a group.

We have the absolute right to self defense and the defense of our families and our state. We would rather know more than less about how to handle our firearms in any given situation but if we happen to train with a group that you might construe, by definition in this -1 amendment, to be "Paramilitary" then you say we are criminals and our Constitutional rights have just been violated. We have the absolute right to train with whomever we so choose and to gain as much knowledge as we can.

In the Memorandum of the National Police Association as Amicus Curiae on the question of the request by the state for the court to issue a Writ of Mandamus overturning Judge Raschio's decisions thus far on Measure 114 the National Police Association states the following:

"The National Police Association believes that the only thing that stops an evildoer with a gun intending on massacring others is a good man or woman with a gun and the will to use it. That it cannot be, and is not always, a police officer."

Yet with this bill you seek to hamper our ability to defend ourselves and others which may include aiding at natural or other disaster scenes – which in turn aids the police. It is not the responsibility of the police or anyone else to defend us. We must take that responsibility on ourselves. This bill makes it near impossible to responsibly train in any other fashion than mere target shooting.

Check your agenda at the door and vote NO on HB 2572-1 as amended.