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I OPPOSE this bill, in part, as follows:

HB2005 bans privately made firearms, which are perfectly legal under current Oregon and Federal law. There are NO grandfather provisions in the bill. If you possess a firearm you legally made, that does not have a serial number engraved by a manufacturer or gunsmith, you will be a criminal - for no logical reason. Illegal gun violence is perpetrated by criminals with criminal intent. Please focus on criminals with criminal intent. There is no substantial tie between this bill's effect and reduction of criminal's use of firearms with criminal intent.

There is no lawful way to add a serial number to any firearm you have already made. While a licensed gunsmith can take possession of a home made firearm to put a serial number on it, the owner of the gun may not lawfully deliver it. This is either a glaring oversight or another dim-witted and unconstitutional attempt to criminalize perfectly legal behavior. It makes it impossible to bring a firearm into compliance. Why would a person willing to bring a firearm into compliance be criminalized by merely attempting to bring it into compliance?

What is the ultimate purpose of a universal gun registry (or similar)? Please be honest in your intentions to disarm Oregonians - come right out with it. Don't cloak your intentions behind ill conceived, complicated, unworkable and draconian bills like HB2005, HB2006, and HB2007.