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Testimony on HB2005

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The Oregon Hunters Association, with 26 chapters statewide and over 10,000 members, is strongly opposed to HB-2005.

It is already a crime to remove the serial number from a manufactured firearm. It is already a crime to use a firearm while committing crimes such as robbery, rape, assault or murder, but many of these crimes go unpunished or with reduced sentences. Making more gun related crimes such as HB2005 will do nothing to reduce gun violence.

It is legal under federal law to make firearms from kits or components. Hunters can buy a kit to make a "homemade" muzzleloader on the internet without going through a FFL and build it at home for personal use. HB2005 would make this a crime, although we are unaware of anyone using a muzzleloader to commit robbery or mass murder.

Likewise, other firearm parts can be legally acquired under strict federal firearms laws for hobby gun owners to build for their own personal use. It is against federal law to sell or transfer these home built firearms. So HB2005 is unnecessary.

Hunters and gun owners have been building their own firearms since the early days of this country. There were no serial numbers. Mass production of firearms didn't begin until sometime in the 1800's, long after the 2nd amendment was adopted.

People with the proper skills can build and customize firearms under federal law so long as they are not offered for sale or transfer. It is a hobby that many enjoy. These are not the "ghost guns" that criminals steal and remove the serial numbers from.

OHA is opposed to HB2005 as another unnecessary infringement on our 2nd amendment right to keep and bear arms. As we've seen, BM 114 was a huge disaster. Let's not continue to pile on with more disasters like HB2005 which is another unconstitutional poke in the eye at lawful gun owners that will end up in the courts, costing the state countless dollars that could be put to better use.

Get serious about prosecuting gangs and criminals who use firearms, hire more police officers and mental health professionals and leave honest law abiding citizens alone.