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Testimony on HB 2006  
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PLEASE NOTE. This testimony was prepared to be presented to the House Judiciary when OFF was invited to be part of a 3 member panel. At the time, the panel was given a total of 40 minutes to address 3 bills. HB 2005, 2006 and 2007.

That meant each organization was granted a total of 4.4 minutes per bill, which was not much given the complexity of the bills.

HB 2006 outlaws possession of modern firearms by thousands of people who currently legally own them.

There is no grandfather clause, so young adults who have lawfully possessed and used firearms for years will become criminals as soon as it's passed.

There is no way for most to comply since a person who is in illegal possession of a firearm may not lawfully transfer it. They'll instantly be guilty of class a misdemeanor which will deprive them of their rights to own a firearm.

While Circuits are split on this issue, our own 9th Circuit in *Jones v Bonta* has already declared laws limiting firearms ownership to young adults to be unconstitutional as has the US District Court For The Northern District of Texas in *FPC vs Steven McCraw*.

Historically, the militias described in the 2nd Amendment included 17 year olds who were required to provide their own arms.

The bill also clearly creates an unlawful taking.

But putting aside the constitutional issues, the practical ramifications of the bill are staggering.

Thousands of law abiding young Oregonians will be turned into criminals and denied their rights and property, property they acquired *legally*.

Many of those thousands will no longer be allowed to compete in sanctioned firearms competitions without facing prison time, in spite of having done nothing wrong.

I see no way a person under 21 will be allowed to hunt.

I should point out that this ban is already de facto, "in effect", since I know of no dealer who has received an approval for the sale of a firearm to anyone under 21 for several months. I know of no statutory authority of the State Police to simply ignore background checks on lawful sales.

The OSP are required by law to respond to a background check within 30 minutes. They are simply ignoring this law and refusing to respond to inquiries about why.

Oddly this bill continues to allow the possession of shotguns with “revolving actions,” which the Clinton administration declared to be restricted “destructive devices,” and rifles with “straight pull” actions, which while uncommon, are designed to fire multiple rounds far more quickly than bolt action rifles.

This bill is an unjustified and pointless attack on young Oregonians who can be drafted, marry, and vote and have done nothing to harm anyone else at the same time we are refusing to prosecute dangerous criminals and releasing them from jail.

It’s hard to understand why you would want to attack 20 year olds who you believe cannot safely do what they have done for hundreds of years but believe 16 year olds should pick our next president.

I think we need to adjust our priorities.