



OREGON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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RE: Testimony opposing House Bills 2005, 2006, and 2007

Chair Kropf, Vice Chairs Andersen and Wallan, and members of the House Committee on Judiciary,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in opposition to House Bills 2005, 2006, and 2007.

HB 2005

It is currently legal under Oregon and Federal law for a person to make an unserialized firearm themselves for their own use as long as they do not sell or otherwise transfer it. This bill would instantly criminalize thousands of Oregonians who possess these firearms.

At a time when the previous administration let a record number of violent criminals out of prison, criminalizing Oregonians for possessing firearms they use to protect themselves should not be a policy or priority of this committee or this body.

HB 2006

This body needs to decide who is an adult in the state of Oregon. This bill would ban 18, 19, and 20-year-olds from possessing a rifle, but in this session, bills have been introduced to:

- allow 16-year-olds to vote
- promote “gender-affirming care” to 15-year-olds without parental consent
- allow 12-year-olds to receive abortions without parental consent
- ban flavored tobacco to all ages because minors are unable to make informed health decisions

We should not be deciding who gets to exercise their constitutional rights, like the 2nd Amendment, and who doesn't.

HB 2007

This expansion of SB 554 would effectively render useless a concealed handgun license across Oregon. SB 554 banned all firearms from the State Capitol. We are privileged enough to have full-time police presence and contracted security personnel and technology at every entry point. Schools, cities, and other local government buildings do not have that luxury. Everyone should be able to protect themselves, even if they don't have the State Police protecting them.

The bill could also extend carry prohibitions to "adjacent ground." This dangerously vague language could give local governments complete control over Oregonian's Second Amendment rights and private property while rendering CHLs useless when they might need it.

In a time of rising crime, law-abiding citizens need the right to defend themselves more than ever.

Over the past 24 hours after I sent out an alert, I have received 251 comments from Oregonians extremely concerned about these bills and what it means for their and their families' safety. For their sake, I ask the committee not to move forward with these bills and allow Oregonians to keep their 2nd Amendment rights.

Respectfully submitted into the House record,

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