

TO: Senate Judiciary Committee
Chair Prozanski
Vice Chair Thatcher
Senator Geiser Blouin
Senator Linthicum
Senator Manning Jr.

27 March 2023

SUBJECT: Oppose to SB 348 with 1-Amendment

I am opposed to this amended piece of legislation. I am also ashamed that the sponsors of this amendment would sink so low as to submit it on Friday at 7 pm with a hearing scheduled for Monday at 5 pm. The intent is obvious to try and sneak it past as many of the concerned citizens of Oregon as possible. Most people will not even know this was done until after the fact. It concerns me that this is now how business in Salem is conducted.

This 64 page amendment sidesteps the courts that are currently scheduling time to hear Ballot Measure 114 and takes the judicial process away and turns a research bill into a controversial anti-gun focused legislation. This is hardly a fix it bill, this is a new legislation that will further restrict firearm ownership in Oregon. By simply making it too expensive for the average citizen to purchase a firearm. By raising the cost of a permit to \$150, granted this is a fix to the law enforcement shortfall that \$65 dollars for a permit. The State Police estimate that on average Oregonians would buy 300,000 firearms annually. At \$65 per permit that would bring in approx. 19.5M in revenue to administer the program. Which we know was insufficient. But \$150 per permit would generate approximately \$45M which is the estimated cost to run the permit program.

This increased cost will limit low to moderate incomes ability to not only buy a permit but also to buy a firearm. Page 6 of the amendment states that the program will be administered "consistent and equitable administration of the permitting process.

This amendment regulated the high capacity magazine ban with an effective date of 8 Dec 2022. Which would make anyone who purchased a high capacity magazine after that date based on the delays of BM 114 a criminal.

This amendment changes the age to purchase a firearm to 21 years, yet at 18 years of age a person can vote, join the military, enter into contracts and raise a family, but not own a firearm. Were talking about maturity, yet there is a bill to lower the voting age to 16 years old.

It updates or changes the training requirement taking it out of the control of the local law enforcement by providing a multitude of training options to show your firearm certification at a greatly reduced or no cost option.

Respectively Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Coufal". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Rick Coufal
Colonel, US Army (Ret)
Retired Oregon Law Enforcement
NRA-ILA Frontlines Activist Leader for Oregon