

Senate Committee on Judiciary
SB 348
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Senate Committee and Committee Chair, thank you for this opportunity to give my testimony today, regarding SB 348.

I am Candy Yow, the Oregon Director of DC Project, Women for Gun Rights. The DC Project is women across the Country who are willing to stand up for our rights to be our own first responder. So many of us have been victims to crime, assault, rape and even death, we have made a stand to conquer our God Given 2nd Amendment Rights to protect ourselves and our families. With the Defund the Police movement and criminals having no accountability our world has become more violent quickly. Women are targeted daily, especially young women, and it is time to teach them the skills they need to protect themselves.

I am also the owner/founder of Ladies Hunting Camp & Youth Hunting Camp; we teach the skills they need to be safe and successful in the Outdoors and Shooting. We teach hundreds of them each year, and love to watch their success. I am an NRA Certified instructor as well as all our instructors. These skills are not just for shooting, but learning to use a compass, processing your own meat, being safe while in the outdoors.

I am opposed to SB 348 for numerous reasons:

COST:

Prices have increased significantly on permit to purchase from \$65-\$150, renewal as well, from \$50-\$110. This is quite an increase for those starting out in life or living on minimum wage, or living in a domestic violence scenario

TIME:

Increased time in receiving permit and or firearm, wait time for permit from 30-60 days, if all goes well. In a domestic violence scenario, 30 days is too long. 60 is only asking for more violence and or death.

You are required a class to be taken, and must be approved by law enforcement agency, this is not organized and or in place, here again the time that it would take to get all of this is putting innocent people in danger.

Creates 72 hour waiting period to take possession of a firearm from a dealer. After you have gone through the process of getting a "permit" A process that doesn't exist.

Each time we put these "processes "into action, that don't exist it takes time. Time is a dangerous thing for those living in bad situations.

AGE:

Forbids anyone 21 and under from even applying for a permit to purchase.

Our young adults are the most vulnerable of all, we need to do everything we can to teach them how to be aware of their surroundings, protect themselves etc. By taking even more of those rights away you are putting them in great risk.

By voting yes on this bill you are creating victims, whether it is domestic violence, robbery, rape, destroying property, or homicide, each of these will open the door to more violence. Like putting a sign on a school, Gun Free Zone, what criminal wouldn't see that as a candy store? If we have armed citizens, teachers, etc. they would think twice before even attempting that.

Education Not Legislation: No loving parent would wake up the day of their child's 16th birthday and go purchase them a car and hand them the keys without teaching them how to drive it safely, it is no different with a firearm. We need to bring back more firearm safety such as Eddie Eagle, Kids Safe, Hunter Education, Faster saves lives, Gun Owners Care, etc.

Our young Adults, our women in domestic violence, our youth in Gun Free Zones, we are not protecting them with this, we are putting them in harm's way.

How many of you have been brutally attacked, forced to the ground but someone larger, faster and stronger than you? The feeling of utter helplessness is overwhelming. Do we want our youth, young adults and those trapped in domestic violence to lose any hope of protecting themselves and submit to living in dangerous circumstances? Is this what we are wanting to do with this, you can't tell them to call the police because they are de-funded, and criminals will not be held accountable, what can I tell these people you will do for them?? Having been a victim of more than 1 brutal attack in life, I have made the choice to defend myself and my family, I will no longer be a victim. Please allow these young people the same rights.

Thank you for your time and for listening to my testimony

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We Believe in Education not Legislation