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As a lawful gun owner I feel that this bill is very much aimed to discriminate towards me and towards others who may want to get together and lawfully shoot and practice marksmanship.

Since the pandemic I've seen unlawful actions by many groups in Portland who don't fall under the category of "paramilitary" , I don't see this bill addressing those actions or groups. Even with what those groups did I see no need for this bill. There are already laws in place that make it illegal to threaten or seek to cause harm.

I feel this bill is nothing but a waste of time and resources.

I can't help but wonder if this bill passes will it be used to target minorities? If several people of a specific skin color are found to have weapons on them or in the same vicinity will they be charged as a "paramilitary group?" Will Oregon's justice system look out for them or will this just be another set of charges that will be added to the list?

Is this really what Oregonians need right now? With everything going on? Is this the most important thing our law makers can come up with?

This is just seeking to cause more division and to target people who live outside of Portland, Eugene, Salem, and Corvallis.

Please, let's all work together to find a way to become more United as people of Oregon.

No more of this tit for tat politics. Please.

Respectfully pleading,

John Barlow.