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I am opposed to SB 1503. If you are so concerned about suicide, why does Oregon offer assisted suicide? A cynic would wonder if this is actually a means of subsidy for the Oregon Assisted Suicide Industry. Or is this just another backdoor attack on people's second amendment rights? Past history of this legislative body would indicate its the later.

A study group to investigate why individuals feel that suicide is their only out and what resources could be available to offer help to those in this degree of distress may be warranted. However, you belie your professed good intention when you focus solely on firearms. To limit your study to suicide by gun only is very disingenuous. It speaks to the fact that this sort of study cares not one wit about helping individuals in enough pain to end their lives but instead pushing an anti-gun agenda through any means necessary. How callous.

If this bill progresses, as far as researching death and suicide by firearms, I would hope that you listen to all sides. Last session you had a well renown and highly respected economist and researcher, John Lott, from Crime Prevention Research Institute come to testify. If I remember correctly, he had driven from Montana to give his expert testimony but was dismissed summarily as his information did not fit into your predetermined prejudicial narrative.

This bill is a thinly veiled attack on the second amendment rights of Oregonians. Don't waste your time or our money on this ridiculous notion. There are a number of countries that have nearly no firearm access to the civilian population with higher suicide rates than the U. S.

By the way, in case you've forgotten, the short session was designed to do housekeeping such as tweak budgets not pass new legislation. .