

HB3075
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Dear House Committee members,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB 3075, (as well as measure 114). While I understand the desire to promote public safety, this bill imposes excessive restrictions and unnecessary burdens on law-abiding gun owners while failing to address the root causes of gun violence.

The politics of gun safety is extremely polarized, and the talking points often hyperbolic. However, through the pandemic, and the rise of Republican control of government on a national level, many younger liberals are beginning to understand the value of the Second Amendment and the use of firearms for self-defense. There is an emergent common ground with gun rights developing. I urge legislators to oppose this bill.

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Speaking to the bill, the permit processing time causes an unnecessary delay and places an undue burden on responsible citizens exercising their Second Amendment rights. Extending the wait time could lead to situations where individuals seeking firearms for self-defense are left vulnerable due to bureaucratic inefficiencies and technological failures.

Additionally, the permit fees disproportionately impacts lower-income Oregonians. The right to self-defense should not be limited to those who can afford these extra fees and time commitments. This effectively creates a financial barrier to firearm ownership, unfairly penalizing responsible gun owners, while doing next to nothing to curb criminal use of firearms.

HB 3075 also creates concerning privacy issues by maintaining a government database of permit holders. Although the bill exempts this information from public records requests, any centralized government registry of lawful gun owners raises serious constitutional and security concerns. Oregon citizens should not have to fear that their private information will be misused or exposed.

Furthermore, the bill modifies the affirmative defense provisions for "large-capacity" magazines, which in most cases are simply standard capacity. This potentially criminalizes responsible gun owners on public property who have lawfully possessed such items before the passage of previous laws. More importantly, many firearms in "common use" today—including most handguns—come standard with magazines with

capacities of over 10 rounds (typically 12-17 rounds). This means that the majority of firearms currently owned by Oregon citizens would be found unlawful when removed from private property, thus creating even more financial burden, due to the need to purchase new firearms for self-defense outside of the home context.

Again, I urge you to prioritize common-sense gun legislation that is actually common sense. Something that moves towards addressing the root causes of criminal gun use and suicide, rather than promoting legislation that basically just adds financial hoops for the law-abiding voters of the state.

Thank you for your time,

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