

OREGON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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RE: Testimony in opposition to HB 3075 and 3076

Chair Kropf, Vice-Chairs Wallan, and Chotzen, and members of the House Committee on Judiciary,

I write to oppose both House Bill 3075 and 3076. Oregon already has some of the strictest gun laws in the nation. This Legislature should focus on enforcing those laws instead of passing new ones.

Opposition to HB 3075

HB 3075 seeks to implement and alter provisions of Ballot Measure 114, which is still under legal challenge. This measure has been widely criticized for its potential unconstitutionality and impact on law-abiding citizens. The changes proposed by HB 3075, such as increasing the permit application fee from \$65 to \$150 and extending the waiting period from 30 to 60 days, disproportionately affect low-income individuals who wish to acquire firearms for lawful purposes.

These measures do nothing to prevent criminals from obtaining firearms but instead, create barriers for those who follow the law. Furthermore, HB 3075 does not ensure the availability of required safety classes, rendering prior safety training for concealed handgun licenses worthless unless completed within the past five years. This is particularly concerning for many Oregonians who have responsibly used firearms throughout their lives.

Implementing these changes while the measure's constitutionality remains under legal challenge creates uncertainty and potential legal conflicts.

Opposition to HB 3076

Materials distributed by the advocates of this bill detail alarming crime statistics to justify extraordinary regulation of legal firearm dealers, with no details on how these new regulations would make any impact on gun violence. Instead, it would impose additional regulatory burdens on small businesses, which are already heavily regulated under federal law. Such regulations would drive these businesses toward closure, reducing the number of legally processed firearm transfers and pushing Oregonians toward unregulated financial options.

Firearm transactions are already subject to stringent guidelines and regulations, including secure transaction records and safe storage of firearms. Additional regulations would not enhance public safety but would instead harm small businesses and limit the rights of lawful gun owners. Instead of increasing regulations, we should focus on enforcing existing firearm laws and ensuring that law enforcement agencies have the resources to prosecute offenders effectively.

These bills do nothing to address crime in our state and only place further burdens on law-abiding gun owners and businesses. Instead of imposing more regulations, we should focus on enforcing existing laws

and ensuring that law enforcement agencies have the resources they need to prosecute offenders effectively.

I urge you to oppose HB 3075 and HB 3076. Let us work towards solutions that hold criminals accountable and protect the rights of Oregonians rather than perpetuating ineffective and burdensome regulations.

Respectfully submitted into the House record,

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