

Date: March 17th, 2025
To: House Judiciary Committee
From: Paul Kemp, President and co-founding member of Gun Owners for Responsible
Ownership
Re: Comments Related to HB 3075

Chair Kropf, Vice-Chairs Chotzen and Wallan, and members of the committee:

My name is Paul Kemp. I'm a gun-owning resident of Clackamas County and a Democrat who supports HB 3075. The majority of voters in Oregon passed ballot Measure 114 and now it has become law. The passage of HB 3075 will smooth the transition and implementation of Measure 114.

Other states have passed permit to purchase laws, that when passed have shown to reduce acts of gun violence. We have also seen news stories where providing time for a completed background check would have prevented a prohibited gun buyer from receiving a firearm. Such was the case in the AME Church shooting in Charleston, South Carolina.

I endorsed Measure 114 when it was on the ballot and urged voters to support it. Also, the Oregon Court of Appeals has ruled that Measure 114 policies and regulations regarding permit to purchase and high-capacity magazines do meet the test of the Oregon Constitution.

From my perspective as a gun owner, I believe these regulations are reasonable. This approach will not prohibit responsible gun owners from purchasing and owning firearms so they can hunt, target shoot, collect and if necessary, under extreme circumstances use their firearm for home defense or personal protection.

I grew up with a hunting tradition and have passed that onto to my son. I am also a gun owner like many Oregonians, but I am also a parent and active member of my community, and I want our children, students, teachers, law enforcement officers to be safe from acts of gun violence.

I urge you all to vote in support HB 3075 as the majority of Oregonians have asked for gun violence prevention Measure 114 to become law.

Sincerely,

Paul Kemp
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