

Submitter: Brennan OBrien
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3075
Date: March 19, 2025
To: Oregon House Judiciary Committee
From: Brennan O'Brien,
Re: Comments Related to HB 3075 in Opposition

Chair Kropf, Vice-Chairs Chotzen and Wallan, and members of the committee:
My name is Brennan O'Brien. I am a life-long Democrat, law-abiding citizen, and gun owner. Unfortunately, I was unable to testify in person at the hearing earlier this week, so I hope you will accept my written testimony.

I am writing to you to express my concerns with this bill on a number of fronts. I support practical and effective gun laws. I value responsible firearms ownership and support legislation to reduce gun violence, so long as these solutions are not overly burdensome. Unfortunately, as a revision to Measure 114, HB 3075 contains provisions which are overly burdensome, inequitable, and unlikely to meaningfully address the root causes of gun violence. There are no provisions as part of this bill to address the primary cause of gun violence -- suicide. Instead, this bill increases the burden to acquire a gun on law-abiding citizens, and criminalizes lawful decisions in the past made by gun owners in the acquisition of firearms and magazines and transfers the burden of higher costs on lawful gun owners. Finally, while it may be a bit of hyperbole, further stripping gun rights away from citizens at this particular point in American history seems highly ill-advised given the trends we are seeing in Washington, D.C.

I urge you to place on pause while the effects of Measure 114 are evaluated. If the goals of that voter approved legislation are ultimately found to be constitutional, no further efforts seem necessary on the face of things.

Thank you,
Brennan O'Brien
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