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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3075

Chair Kroph,

1. I oppose HB 3075-1. These are the facts:

- a. Dr. Daniels Cited 2005 Connecticut laws that reduced gun violence. Connecticut gun control laws are one of the toughest laws in the Nation. In 2012 the Sandy Hook shootings took place in Connecticut. The elephant in the room is mental health not gun permits and gun control.
- b. The Oregon Legislature closed Dammasch State Hospital in 1995 due to cutbacks in mental health funding. There needs to be more focus on mental health not gun control.
- c. Mental health patients that need medicine (bio-chemical treatment) sometimes stop taking their medicine. Some will commit crimes and end up in the county jail. Some county jails do not have the resources or a psych team to treat and some will be put back on the streets.
- d. The legislature needs to empower law enforcement to put a 48hr. psychiatric hold on those posing a danger to themselves and beds to back this option up (This option was taken away by legislation).

2. Firearm deaths in Oregon have shown some fluctuations over the years. For example:

In 2021 (during the lock-down) there were 670 firearm-related deaths, which was higher than the numbers recorded in 2022 (COVID lock-down) (656 deaths) and 2023 (641 deaths). This indicates a slight downward trend in recent years. Looking further back, the average annual firearm deaths in Oregon from 2010 to 2014 were around 456 per year, significantly lower than the more recent figures.

3. There have been more overdose deaths in Oregon:

- a. Overdose deaths after 2019 (280 deaths- source Oregon Health Authority (OHA). 2022 - overdose deaths 956 -source OHA. National average up 241%.
- b. In 2023 Oregon recorded 1,833 overdose deaths. An increase of 450 people from the previous year. The uptick is fueled by a combination of synthetic opioids (fentanyl). Source OPB. <https://www.obp/article/2024/12>.

4. HB 3075 is just another back door method to usurp the Second Amendment, never been a gun owner, and is a method to shut down gun dealers in Oregon.

Thank you,

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by year overdose deaths in oregon from 2016 to 2023

Here's a summary of overdose deaths in Oregon from 2016 to 2023:

2016: Around 500 deaths were reported.

2017: A slight increase to 520 deaths.

2018: Numbers remained steady at approximately 530 deaths.

2019: A small rise to 550 deaths.

2020: A significant jump to 824 deaths, likely influenced by the pandemic and increased fentanyl presence.