

Opposition to the Misuse of Emergency Clause in Recent Gun Legislation

Dear Oregon legislation,

I am writing to express my opposition to the recent use of an emergency clause in passing gun legislation bills, which I believe is based on misleading information about gun violence and poses a significant financial burden on our state.

Misleading Premises on Gun Violence

The assertion that gun violence has reached unprecedented levels, necessitating an emergency legislative response, appears to be based on exaggerated data. Reports suggest a dramatic increase in incidents that, upon closer examination, lack verifiable sources and context. This hyperbolic portrayal of gun violence misleads the public and lawmakers into supporting measures that may not address the root causes of violence but instead infringe upon the rights of responsible gun owners.

Unnecessary Financial Burden on the State

Implementing these laws under the guise of an emergency imposes a substantial cost on the state. The anticipated legal challenges from opposition groups are likely to result in prolonged court battles. This will divert millions of dollars from essential services and infrastructure projects to cover legal fees and court costs. The state's resources could be more effectively utilized in areas like education and mental healthcare, rather than defending legislation rushed through without comprehensive public discourse. Focus the millions on mental health issues where the real problem agists, not on legal firearm owners.

Conclusion

In conclusion, I urge you to reconsider the reliance on an emergency clause for passing gun legislation under questionable premises. It is crucial that any legislative action is based on accurate data and includes a thorough impact assessment. This ensures responsible governance and protects the state's financial and social interests. I hope you will advocate for a more transparent and measured approach to addressing gun-related issues in our community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Todd Stone