OREGON MEDICAL ASSOCIATION



MEMORANDUM

- To: Representative Jason Kropf, Chair House Committee on Judiciary Representative Willy Chotzen, Vice Chair, House Committee on Judiciary Representative Kim Wallan, Vice Chair, House Committee on Judiciary Members of the House Committee on Judiciary
- From: Courtni Dresser, Vice President of Government Relations
- Date: March 18, 2025
- Re: OMA Comments on HB 3076

The **Oregon Medical Association (OMA)** represents and advocates for more than 7,000 physicians, physician associates, and medical and PA students across Oregon. Our mission is to support our members in their efforts to practice medicine effectively, improve the health of Oregonians, and provide the highest quality patient care.

We are writing in strong support of HB 3076. The bill would ask some dealers of guns to be licensed to sell in the state of Oregon.

We know that gun dealer licensing works. States that have implemented these laws have seen a **70% reduction in gun trafficking** and a **36% decrease in gun homicides**. These are not just statistics; they represent lives saved, families spared from tragedy, and safer communities for all Oregonians.

The Oregon Medical Association (OMA) has long advocated for **evidence-based policies to reduce firearm-related harm**, recognizing gun violence as a serious public health issue. You can review OMA's principles on firearm injury prevention <u>here</u>.

I urge you to pass HB 3076 to ensure that firearm dealers are held to basic business standards, helping to keep illegal guns off our streets and out of the hands of those who should not have them. Thank you for your time and consideration.

The Oregon Medical Association (OMA) is the state's largest professional organization engaging in advocacy, policy, community-building, and networking opportunities for Oregon's physicians, physician associates medical students, and physician associate students. The OMA's members speak with one voice as they advocate for policies that improve access to quality patient care, reduce administrative burdens on medical professionals, and improve the health of all Oregonians. Additional information can be found at www.theOMA.org.