

Michael C. Smith

Date: 19 March 2025
To: House Judiciary Committee
From: Michael C. Smith
Re: Regarding the HB 3076 Amendment 1 and Economic Harm to Gun Sellers

Chair Kropf, Vice-Chairs Chotzen and Wallan, and Honorable Members of the House Committee on Judiciary,

My name is Michael Smith. For purposes of identification, I am a gun owning Democrat, and I serve many roles in the Democratic Parties of Oregon and Multnomah County.

I have examined Amendment 1 of HB 3076, and I am opposed to this Amendment in its current form.

The intention of this Amendment is to introduce measures to prevent straw purchases. Most of these measures are good and well-intended, including mandatory yearly education for FFL staff, mandatory inspections, daily inventories, and revocations of state permits under certain conditions. All these measures should serve the purpose of ensuring ethical behavior by FFLs and reducing straw purchases, which I believe is the overall intention of this bill.

I take issue with Section 6, the entirety of which **sounds** like it's intended to prevent theft. **In fact, the requirements of Section 6 are so arduous that I can only surmise they are actually intended to put most gun sellers out of business, and to discourage big box stores from selling firearms.**

As such, I believe this legislation, in its current form, would **encourage** straw purchases and the black market, by making legal access to firearms next to impossible in most communities.

This bill can still be easily salvaged. Section 6 should be stricken from this Amendment before it moves forward.

Sincerely,

Michael C. Smith