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I strongly oppose Senate Bill 243-1 due to its infringement on Second Amendment rights and impractical approach to public safety. The 72-hour waiting period (Section 1) adds unnecessary delays to an already robust background check system, potentially endangering individuals—like domestic violence victims—needing immediate self-defense, with little evidence it reduces violence. The criminalization of "rapid fire activators" (Section 2) is overly broad, punishing law-abiding hobbyists without clear enforcement standards, while the age restriction increase to 21 (Sections 3-6) arbitrarily limits responsible young adults—many of whom hunt or serve in the military—based on inconsistent firearm classifications. These provisions burden lawful citizens without addressing root causes like mental health or illegal trafficking.

Furthermore, the expansion of public area restrictions (Sections 7-10) undermines Oregon's concealed carry system by creating a patchwork of "gun-free zones," despite concealed carry holders' proven responsibility and the vulnerability such zones create, as seen in past tragedies. SB 243-1's symbolic measures—set to take effect just 91 days after the 2025 session—offer little time for compliance and fail to enhance security or target actual criminal behavior. I urge the Committee to reject this bill and focus on practical solutions that respect constitutional rights while addressing crime's underlying issues, such as mental health resources and law enforcement support. Thank you for considering this testimony.

Sincerely,
Jeremy