

I respectfully ask you to seriously consider voting in favor of SB 243.

After reading much of what has already been submitted as testimony, I find myself wondering----

Are we not smart of enough to do 2 things at the same time?

- have laws and law enforcement which can catch and prosecute and punish criminals and ALSO
- have responsible non-criminal citizens who see the good to be gained by legislation which would
  - add 3 years to the age for purchasing an assault weapon, or
  - add a few more hours to the waiting period before taking possession of a weapon, or
  - have some areas of the community designated as Gun-Free Zones like our schools and public playgrounds and places of worship, and
  - make it wrong to convert an existing weapon into a weapon of massive destruction.

We are not smart enough to see the advantage?

The legislation in SB243 (waiting period and minimum age) truly could prevent some suicides which is such an issue for our state.

The legislation in SB243 will likely prevent a school shooting or assault at a movie theater or at a parade or a music festival, and could likely prevent a very sad accident from happening in your own home or a neighbor's home or at the grocery store. *Statistics often do not tell us the good that is happening.*

Please support all parts of SB243

Respectfully, Judy Tannehill, Salem, OR