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Please OPPOSE SB243 as written.

Similar to a permit to purchase, the idea of a mandatory wait period of 3-days produces a hardship for lawful purchases. Prosecute the illegal purchasers and sellers and quit penalizing the others. A wait period does not impact persons who do not follow all the myriad of other laws currently on the books - all enacted to 'save/protect' us. As for suicidal folks - that is a mental health issue, one that families and professionals need to get behind and provide support for those effected. Quit hiding behind that reality.

Age restrictions: this negatively affects youth and young adults interested in entering hunting and sport shooting. Restricting possession of semi-automatic rifles and shotguns fails to take into account the standard uses of semi-automatic shotguns in waterfowl, upland bird, and turkey hunting, as well as being a primary firearm of high school and collegiate sport shooting teams.

Transfer: language stipulating that a firearm could only be transferred to a minor from a parent or guardian, firearms training and educational courses, such as the shotgun skills courses presented by Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, would limit and provide hardship for providing temporary firearms to students under 21.

The overall affect of all this restrictive language in SB 243 creates numerous barriers to entry in hunting and sport shooting.

Please educate yourselves on these important impacts as well as firearm design, safety and use in our country and state before implementing overreaching rules and regulations without knowing all impacts and fully understanding all the angles of the issue.

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