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SB243

I oppose SB 243!

This bill & the sweeping amendments are an attack on my constitutional rights to keep & bear arms!

First of all 77% of firearm related deaths were suicides between 2019-2023. Oregon has a record high rate of mental illness. So maybe we should be addressing mental illness & not punish the law abiding citizen! Start addressing the root causes & quit imposing more restrictions that will do little to stop crime or reduce suicides.

I am very concerned about the abuse of power, since only one day before the hearing on SB 243 a 23 page amendment with sweeping new gun control measures was dropped - replacing the original half page study bill. Seems somewhat strange & possibly illegal!

SB 243 would:

- \* Strips the rights of 18-20 year olds of their constitutional right to buy firearms. Bans them from handguns entirely. Leaves young adults defenseless & shattering rural traditions.
- \* Imposes a punitive 3 day waiting period on firearm purchases, stalling law abiding citizens right for protection. Especially victims of abuse or stalking - while piling pointless delays on those already vetted by Oregon's strict background checks.
- \* Turns law abiding gun owners into criminal overnight

This bill does nothing to address the real issues driving gun deaths-mental health and violent crime.