

Michael C. Smith

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To: Senate Judiciary Committee
From: Michael C. Smith
Re: Opposition to SB 429

Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary,

My name is Michael Smith. For purposes of identification, I am a gun owning Democrat. While I serve many roles in the Democratic Parties of Oregon and Multnomah County, I'm providing this testimony today in a personal capacity.

I have examined SB 429, and I am **opposed** to this bill.

As a gun-owning Democrat, I support evidence-based policies to reduce the harm that firearms can cause. In Oregon, the primary harm is suicide, so I support policies that reduce firearm-related suicides, as well as homicides of all kinds.

To put it simply, **a 72 hour waiting period is redundant if we have permit-to-purchase in place.** As currently written, the permit-to-purchase law allows up to 30 days for the issuance of a permit. If HB 3075 passes then this would be as long as 60 days. This constitutes a de-facto waiting period of 60 days for the initial purchase of a firearm. The best research that we have available[1] is that the efficacy of an additional 72 hour waiting period when permit-to-purchase is in place is unclear at best.

I ask the Committee to set aside this bill and focus on gun policies that are better founded.

Sincerely,

Michael C. Smith

[1 - Morral, Andrew, and Smart, Rosanna. *Gun Policy in America - The Effects of Waiting Periods*, Rand Corporation, 24 July 2024,
www.rand.org/research/gun-policy/analysis/waiting-periods.html.]